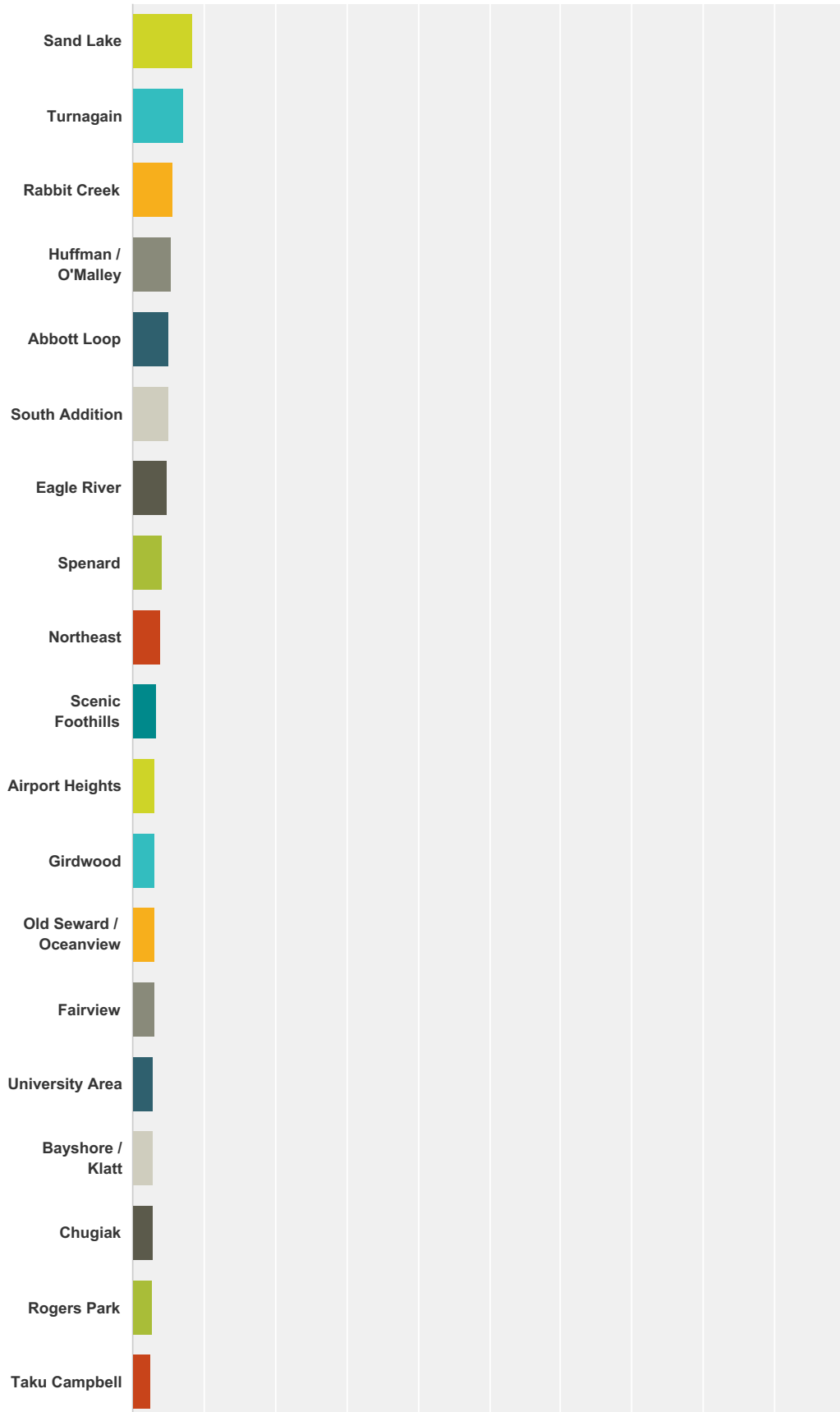
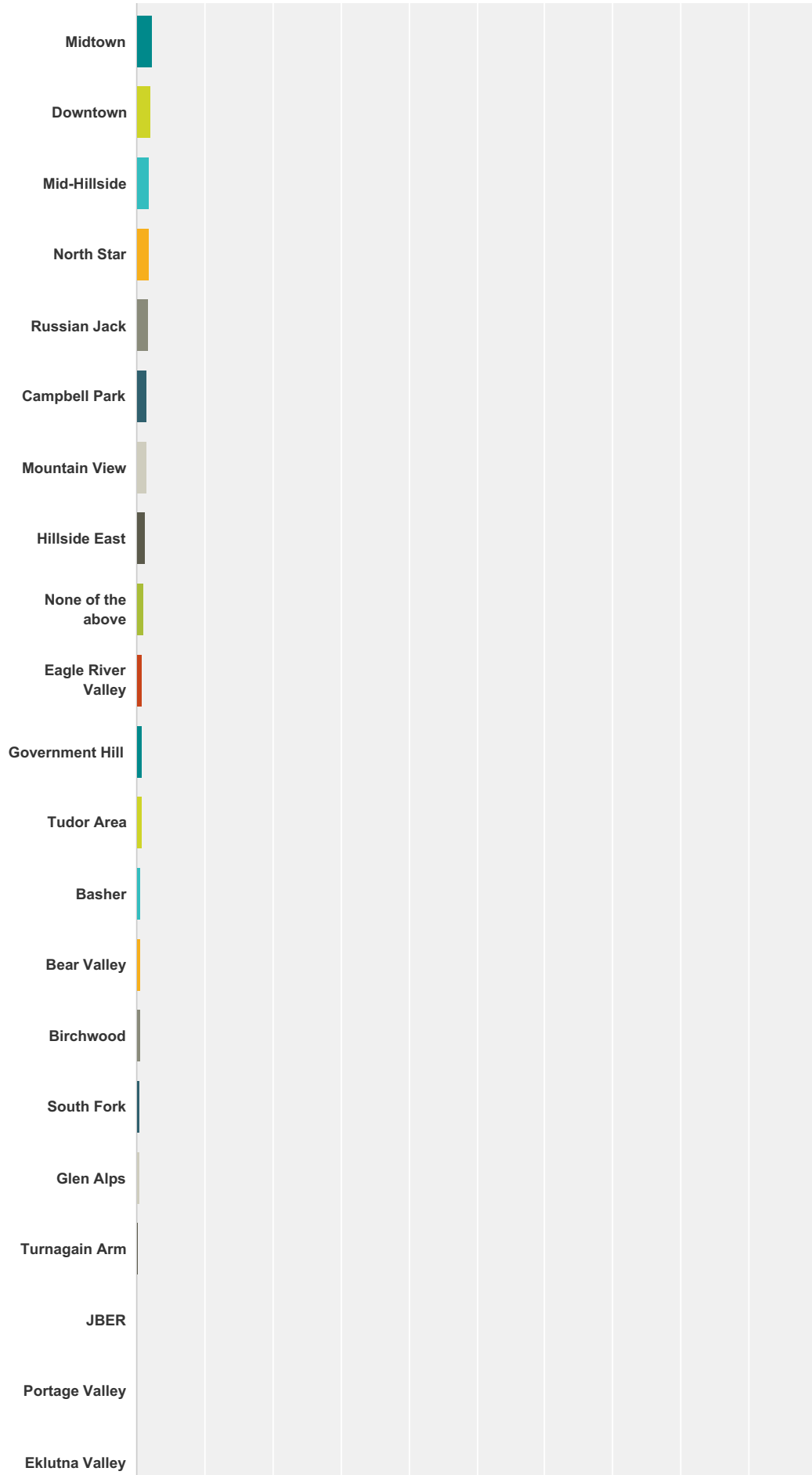
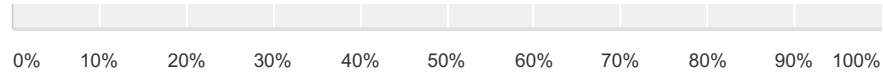


### Q1 In which community do you reside?

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Answer Choices	Responses	
Sand Lake	8.42%	101
Turnagain	7.08%	85
Rabbit Creek	5.58%	67
Huffman / O'Malley	5.42%	65
Abbott Loop	5.00%	60
South Addition	4.92%	59
Eagle River	4.75%	57
Spenard	4.25%	51
Northeast	3.92%	47
Scenic Foothills	3.33%	40
Airport Heights	3.17%	38
Girdwood	3.17%	38
Old Seward / Oceanview	3.17%	38
Fairview	3.08%	37
University Area	3.00%	36
Bayshore / Klatt	2.83%	34
Chugiak	2.83%	34
Rogers Park	2.67%	32
Taku Campbell	2.58%	31
Midtown	2.33%	28
Downtown	2.08%	25
Mid-Hillside	1.92%	23
North Star	1.92%	23
Russian Jack	1.67%	20
Campbell Park	1.50%	18
Mountain View	1.50%	18
Hillside East	1.25%	15
None of the above	1.00%	12
Eagle River Valley	0.92%	11
Government Hill	0.92%	11
Tudor Area	0.75%	9

Basher	0.67%	8
Bear Valley	0.67%	8
Birchwood	0.58%	7
South Fork	0.50%	6
Glen Alps	0.33%	4
Turnagain Arm	0.17%	2
JBER	0.08%	1
Portage Valley	0.08%	1
Eklutna Valley	0.00%	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,200</b>

## Q2 In your opinion, what makes Anchorage's economy strong?

Answered: 1,163 Skipped: 37

#	Responses	Date
1	Despite dealing with significant impact of declining oil production and price, Anchorage has become much more diversified. Anchorage is 15 minutes from Alaska; our natural environment and scenery and access to recreation is attractive. While oil prices are down, Anchorage serves as a hub for responsible resource extraction, and airport and military are important basic industries related to our geographic position. Our native and regional corps, while invested elsewhere, are committed to Anchorage. We are a strong medical hub for the state, and should be a stronger university hub.	3/16/2017 3:59 PM
2	High oil prices and reasonable taxes on producers.	3/1/2017 9:19 AM
3	healthcare, government, fishing	3/1/2017 8:16 AM
4	idk	3/1/2017 8:14 AM
5	Strong leadership in business	3/1/2017 8:12 AM
6	diversity of air crossroads, hub for Alaska businesses, military and government, and tourism.	3/1/2017 8:08 AM
7	Our long history of overcoming adversity.	3/1/2017 8:07 AM
8	To be honest I don't think there's much right now. We're one of the weakest economies in the U.S. besides the poorest southern states.	3/1/2017 8:04 AM
9	PFID. At least now adays there's more than one industry propping up the economy. There should be more through.	3/1/2017 8:01 AM
10	It's so different from anywhere else in the US.	3/1/2017 7:58 AM
11	The resilience of Alaskans is our biggest asset.	3/1/2017 7:56 AM
12	nothing at the moiment	3/1/2017 7:54 AM
13	That people are willing to come here when the economy is good.	3/1/2017 7:52 AM
14	N/A	3/1/2017 7:50 AM
15	High minimum wage, jobs for those looking and willing to work, infrastructure functions (public transportation, roads, schools)	2/28/2017 11:25 PM
16	Diversity. It has everything that a big city in the lower 48 has, but it also the uniqueness of being isolated from the lower 48, therefore making it a great place for small businesses.	2/28/2017 10:26 PM
17	Diversity of the population. Diverse businesses	2/28/2017 7:39 PM
18	The economy is based on unstable economies. Need a high tech community to develop with a symbiotic existence.	2/28/2017 7:27 PM

19	The diversity of the residential and business communities.	2/28/2017 5:20 PM
20	Expertise in fields such as engineering and environmental science, developed over decades of playing host to a strong petroleum industry, is the backbone for high-paying jobs in Anchorage. Bringing great minds together is the key to a strong local economy and Anchorage has done so in these fields. Because Anchorage is the economic and transportation hub for all of Alaska, people come here for health care and financial services, so those industries are relatively strong as well.	2/28/2017 5:01 PM
21	local "originals" you can't find anywhere else	2/28/2017 3:06 PM
22	There are many reasons why Anchorage has a strong economy. We have an incredible tourism industry, we have many Federal and state jobs that will not be cut or disappear, we have the growing craft beer industry, we have the new pot industry and we have a constant stream of new businesses that create their own ecosphere(think of the REI shopping mall.)	2/28/2017 1:54 PM
23	Robustness of transportation and healthcare industries	2/28/2017 1:45 PM
24	Low unemployment, higher minimum wage	2/28/2017 1:23 PM
25	Diversity of industries - healthcare, tourism, education, government, transportation, resource extraction, military. Headquarters of many statewide corporations/operations. Support for a diversity of individuals and cultural communities and their unique contributions to our city.	2/28/2017 1:13 PM
26	Tourism, and geographic factors that make Anchorage and south central AK intrinsically a desirable place to live/work.	2/28/2017 12:46 PM
27	Businesses commitment to supporting each other and communities commitment to supporting locally-owned businesses.	2/28/2017 12:44 PM
28	Good, not temporary, jobs for those who want to work.	2/28/2017 12:19 PM
29	Diversity of needs and services provided on many different levels as well as a wide variety of people who participate in the economy either through employment, services provided or purchasing.	2/28/2017 11:43 AM
30	A diverse population moving into the Municipality because of the amenities we have that contribute to high quality of life standards. For example, our fabulous trail system, parks, proximity to Chugach State Park, performing arts, restaurants, farmer's markets, local businesses.	2/28/2017 11:27 AM
31	Oil and gas Medical Military Recreation ANCSA Corporations	2/28/2017 10:36 AM
32	A variety of jobs including high tech opportunities, the presence of UAA and tourism.	2/28/2017 9:40 AM
33	Diversity - relying on fossil fuels is not going to work anymore.	2/28/2017 9:39 AM
34	Diverse population, people of many cultures and ethnicities contributing to the diversity of businesses, employing many residents, encouraging growth in cultural awareness, valuable to all Anchorage residents, as well as thousands of tourists. Development and maintenance of many trails and parks, open spaces.	2/28/2017 8:36 AM
35	Local businesses.	2/27/2017 10:32 PM
36	Nothing...we cannot seem to MOVE beyond being an 'EXTRACTION' state no matter what year it is...	2/27/2017 10:14 PM
37	Driven people, buy local mentality, healthy entrepreneurial climate	2/27/2017 9:41 PM
38	Oil, tourism, support industries, small businesses, UAA. The strong work ethic of Alaskans.	2/27/2017 8:49 PM
39	Job opportunities that provide livable wages and equal access to quality education.	2/27/2017 5:58 PM
40	Hub location of the State.	2/27/2017 3:43 PM
41	People who choose to live here.	2/27/2017 2:37 PM
42	Tourism, localized business support companies (because of our distance from possible out of state services)	2/27/2017 1:58 PM
43	Tourism	2/27/2017 1:16 PM
44	Diversity, lots of activity, strong demand for skilled workers	2/27/2017 12:50 PM
45	High incomes, educated populace, good quality of life	2/27/2017 12:40 PM
46	Job security and variety in business options.	2/27/2017 11:35 AM
47	It is the hub, or business center, of the state. Most everything in and out of Alaska passes thru, which results in lots of diversification of goods and services.	2/27/2017 10:58 AM
48	A variety of small & large businesses, and cultural communities that work together.	2/27/2017 10:30 AM

49	The continuous flow of military personnel and the fact that Anchorage is the gateway to the rest of Alaska and is an international airport hub.	2/27/2017 10:03 AM
50	Diversity of people and interests Non profit sector provides a ton of support and cultural value Wildlife and recreation opportunities keep people engaged Maturing population is stabilizing us	2/27/2017 9:44 AM
51	Diversity, retail center of the state, the University of Alaska Anchorage, nonprofit sector, strong K-12 education--in most areas.	2/27/2017 9:30 AM
52	Diverse business community, tourism, business tourism, Gov't jobs, center of AK economic activity.	2/26/2017 9:05 PM
53	Numbers of people in diverse employment	2/26/2017 8:52 PM
54	Small local business and local farmers	2/26/2017 7:53 PM
55	cultural diversity; entrepreneurship; government investment	2/26/2017 1:07 PM
56	Population, transport links	2/26/2017 12:33 PM
57	Being the largest city in Alaska, and the hub for import/export of goods headed to Anchorage and the rest of the state lends Anchorage more retail business than it's population would suggest. We are also fortunate to host many tourists and their vacation dollars. Federal dollars for JBER, federal employees and social security recipients also contribute. State offices located here help as well.	2/26/2017 11:21 AM
58	Historically oil - also military	2/26/2017 9:31 AM
59	Natural resources and tourism	2/25/2017 7:16 PM
60	Health care centers. Locally owned businesses. Chain stores. Federal, state & city government. Service industries. Tourism. Personal recreation (arts, theater, music, sports). Ability to tax ourselves and large number of visitors & out of state workers.	2/25/2017 4:54 PM
61	It is the biggest city in the state so it will have most resources that a state would provide. It has military bases, a reasonably vibrant downtown area, and communities that have some identity.	2/25/2017 12:30 PM
62	A complex mix, but mostly health, education, safety and fair-waged jobs. Safety relies heavily on opportunities for job availability and education also.	2/25/2017 12:10 PM
63	It's a mystery. is it strong?	2/25/2017 10:12 AM
64	Diversity of our people. Stable healthcare business, food supply businesses. Tourism. The petroleum industry (offices based here) including the engineers, legal staff, and all the support industries. Government employment (local, state and federal).	2/25/2017 10:11 AM
65	Tourism	2/24/2017 7:33 PM
66	Diversity	2/24/2017 7:22 PM
67	Federal and state and government jobs filled by highly educated employees who put down roots and stay in Alaska to raise families and to retire here.	2/24/2017 6:07 PM
68	That it is the HQ city for AK industry: oil and gas, transportation, healthcare, banking, etc.	2/24/2017 4:38 PM
69	Creative, talented labor pool	2/24/2017 3:03 PM
70	Being the largest city in the state and the focal point for so many activities.	2/24/2017 1:19 PM
71	Tourism, selling natural resources	2/24/2017 12:41 PM
72	Alaskans are proud people and love to invest in local businesses, which really strengthens the local economy.	2/24/2017 12:26 PM
73	Travel industry, conventions, hub for rural communities, public safety, bike safety, community events.	2/24/2017 10:24 AM
74	Energy and commitment to the community - sense of cohesion and commitment. Natural resources, oil and gas, and global position.	2/24/2017 9:38 AM
75	High employment numbers...good paying jobs	2/24/2017 9:32 AM
76	tourism, health & social services; clean air and water and a beautiful location.	2/24/2017 9:22 AM
77	Opening up opportunities to ALL businesses and continuing to attract visitors to the Anchorage area. Working to maintain and increase tourism in the Anchorage area.	2/24/2017 9:17 AM
78	A good employee work force, knowledgeable and well trained for their jobs. Increased access to local businesses.	2/24/2017 8:59 AM
79	Diversified sources of income so that we are not wholly dependent on the outcome of one.	2/24/2017 8:54 AM

80	Oil, Transportation, and services to the Bush.	2/24/2017 8:53 AM
81	The idea of shopping local	2/24/2017 8:48 AM
82	I think the abundance and success of small businesses is a great boost for the economy, especially during the summer months when tourism peaks. I think having such an active port helps moves the economy as well.	2/24/2017 8:38 AM
83	Tourism benefits. Parks and trail systems.	2/24/2017 8:34 AM
84	The variety of cultures and ages that are willing and active in the community.	2/24/2017 8:29 AM
85	Military, oil and support of both	2/24/2017 8:22 AM
86	Diversity, local businesses, tourism.	2/23/2017 7:54 PM
87	Tourism; Health Care Facilities; and the simple fact that it is a hub for a large portion of the state.	2/23/2017 5:36 PM
88	Economic center of Alaska	2/23/2017 5:11 PM
89	Localism. The majority of Alaskans fervently support Alaskan businesses.	2/23/2017 4:53 PM
90	A community of people who care about each other's well being.	2/23/2017 4:27 PM
91	Diversity and Anchorage serves as a central business and social hub for the entire State.	2/23/2017 4:13 PM
92	Low unemployment, influx of money to drive economy	2/23/2017 4:05 PM
93	Oil/Gas development; tourism; smart government decisions (MOA/SOA).	2/23/2017 3:38 PM
94	Tenacity of our businesses.	2/23/2017 3:35 PM
95	Currently, resource industries, engineering and healthcare.	2/23/2017 3:15 PM
96	Anchorage is the travel hub for all of Alaska. It is the Pacific Rim hub of the nation. All flights, cargo, people and resources move through Anchorage. Most of the states health care is done in Anchorage. Two major bases, many federal agencies all located in Anchorage and the city and state don't seem to understand the value/benefits to the state of federal government contracting and the small business administration. The state needs to protect the small business and 8(a) contracting program.	2/23/2017 1:26 PM
97	Population, convenient location, airport proximity, status as the economic 'hub' of Alaska	2/23/2017 1:17 PM
98	Diversity and Balance! Cultural and ethnic diversity combined with a balance of types of businesses; service industry, medical, governmental, industrial, retail and domestic and international aviation.	2/23/2017 12:42 PM
99	price of oil	2/23/2017 11:16 AM
100	oil, government spending and tourism	2/23/2017 10:47 AM
101	Natural gas & tourism	2/23/2017 10:39 AM
102	The human resources at its disposal - the strong workforce of diverse skills and backgrounds that allow for innovative economic development.	2/23/2017 10:22 AM
103	A diversified economy including state, federal and private employers.	2/23/2017 10:15 AM
104	The oil industry and tourism	2/23/2017 6:51 AM
105	A healthy mix of small, locally based businesses & larger corporate investments. Diversity in resident lifestyles including college, military, tourism, multi unit & single unit housing etc. Residents can make major lifestyle changes in one area of their life while staying rooted in others.	2/22/2017 11:56 PM
106	Real estate market. Federal government employment and revenue.	2/22/2017 10:58 PM
107	Local businesses	2/22/2017 8:34 PM
108	The presence of natural resources and tourism.	2/22/2017 7:32 PM
109	Diversity of businesses and opportunities.	2/22/2017 6:58 PM
110	Tourism and an emerging farm to table dining world.	2/22/2017 5:36 PM
111	Not sure that it is strong at all. However, there are some very courageous, healthy, vibrant and active people living in this State that make a huge difference/ contribution through the businesses they run, skills they contribute, their recreational pursuits and there for civic involvement.	2/22/2017 5:18 PM
112	Oil & Gas, exploration of the same, construction, fishing & tourism.	2/22/2017 4:36 PM
113	Oil industry	2/22/2017 4:34 PM

114	Government jobs and Oil/Gas jobs	2/22/2017 4:11 PM
115	Recreation and the feeling of a great place to visit and live. A strong university has helped over the years and its sad to see that going in the wrong direction. However the strength comes from jobs and a vibrant, diverse economy. Small businesses need to be helped by angel investors.	2/22/2017 2:58 PM
116	Opportunities in the tourism sector as well as fish and game.	2/22/2017 1:31 PM
117	An educated, motivated and well trained workforce. And Anchorage provides an exceptional quality of life.	2/22/2017 1:11 PM
118	It's impossible to think of Anchorage's economic strength without mentioning the oil industry employing many people. However, I think a more important part is that Anchorage is an interesting and beautiful place to live. That keeps people here and makes people in the Lower 48 dream of living here.	2/22/2017 10:00 AM
119	diversity	2/21/2017 11:41 PM
120	Diversification. Small business. Thriving job markets.	2/21/2017 11:28 PM
121	the diversity of people and commitment to our parks and recreational tourism.	2/21/2017 10:05 PM
122	Direct and indirect DoD related jobs.	2/21/2017 8:56 PM
123	Retail growth and options, military, state hub, healthcare, stable housing prices. Growing entrepreneur sector.	2/21/2017 8:41 PM
124	Oil money but we need to diversify to tourism and sustainable income.	2/21/2017 8:31 PM
125	Produce goods and services, not only unique to Alaska, but what people who live here need and want for a healthy, active lifestyle. the military installations. We have two specific groups of people, the people who live and work in Alaska and tourists. With so many having left the State because of the oil prices dropping, many of them upper tiered, there has been a drop in Alaska's economy. The focus needs to be on attracting younger people back to the state to work and raise their families, also encouraging entrepreneurial opportunities and activity. Depending less on chains and box stores to fill a niche, and helping Alaskans to create businesses that help use local and regional goods, services and products (and talent!). " Anchorage is the state's primary transportation, communications, trade, service and finance center." The four major sectors that drive Anchorage's economy are oil and gas, the military, transportation, and the convention and tourism industry"	2/21/2017 7:11 PM
126	oil money	2/21/2017 6:57 PM
127	Size and position in the state	2/21/2017 4:40 PM
128	Dependance on military and oil.	2/21/2017 4:23 PM
129	Lots of independent entrepreneurs	2/21/2017 3:36 PM
130	high quality of life - desirable living conditions and community opportunity. Value added life styles (high level of civic engagement and interaction opportunities) Educated workforce and ease for entrepreneurs to start and sustain businesses. Thriving small business community and local economy.	2/21/2017 3:29 PM
131	Diversity and success of businesses and employment opportunities. The tenacity of the individuals in the economy.	2/21/2017 3:20 PM
132	Private large and small businesses.	2/21/2017 3:14 PM
133	The entrepreneurial drive for new businesses as well as supporting local everything.	2/21/2017 3:13 PM
134	Its location primarily that drives jobs and industry such as the Anchorage Airport, The Health Care Industry, Anchorage Port, and UAA.	2/21/2017 2:57 PM
135	In the past the economy has been strong thanks to oil and gas.	2/21/2017 1:19 PM
136	Our diversity, our access to wilderness, our creativity	2/21/2017 1:10 PM
137	Oil companies	2/21/2017 12:10 PM
138	Diversity in high paying jobs.	2/21/2017 11:41 AM
139	Our pro-business community	2/21/2017 11:03 AM
140	The military bases and military retirees; the many small, locally owned businesses that contribute to the city's unique personality; the availability of goods and services found nowhere else in state and the fact that many Alaskans (but non-muni residents) come to Anch to shop / dine / seek entertainment.	2/21/2017 10:49 AM
141	Being the hub of Alaska	2/21/2017 10:44 AM
142	A relatively large population with a diversified tax base	2/21/2017 10:10 AM
143	Diversification	2/21/2017 9:36 AM



144	Nothing.	2/21/2017 9:16 AM
145	Diversity, ability to access wilderness/backcountry quickly. Anchorage parks and trails, particularly Point Worenzof and the Coastal trail and access to Chugach State Park. These are quality of life assets that helps bring more professionals to work and build Anchorage's economy.	2/21/2017 8:22 AM
146	Local small businesses	2/20/2017 8:27 PM
147	Federal government and Oil industry, air hub	2/20/2017 8:20 PM
148	Diversity with job opportunities and access to affordable housing. It is appealing to have access to amenities such as local produced food, shopping, entertainment, arts, trails, skiing, etc. Having community infrastructure such as recreation centers, good roads, public schools with quality education, hospitals, libraries, universities, and social supports for the poor/ homeless.	2/20/2017 7:49 PM
149	Keeping business dollars within our borders	2/20/2017 5:51 PM
150	Individuals and Businesses that support each other. Individuals and businesses that spend their money locally. That could be an oil company, a federal worker or a local small business as long as they are spending the majority of their income, overhead and profits in Anchorage. Tourism is great for the local economy, it brings in money that would not normally be present in our economy. Good fishing opportunities bring in great tourists.	2/20/2017 5:08 PM
151	Federal/State/Local Government spending, vibrant oil, mining, visitor industries and permanent fund earnings.	2/20/2017 4:53 PM
152	The oil industry, tourism and our strong commitment to the arts and a vibrant downtown arts/foodies atmosphere.	2/20/2017 3:16 PM
153	Same as #4, good environment, clean air, positive atmosphere	2/20/2017 1:02 PM
154	Diversity of people and jobs.	2/20/2017 12:18 PM
155	Economic diversity between small, medium and large businesses, equitable tax policy with largest income earners paying commensurate with earnings (and/or holdings), tax loopholes eliminated for so-called "churches", less reliance on state-municipal revenue sharing, development of local public revenue sources, spending for maintenance of local infrastructure, investment of tourism infrastructure for independent traveller, to benefit small tourism businesses, continued investment in education	2/20/2017 11:50 AM
156	I think the tourism industry and government are really the two that are propping the state up at this time	2/20/2017 8:38 AM
157	Diversity	2/20/2017 7:26 AM
158	A sales tax. Legal marijuana. Fair trade and small business loan opportunities. No income tax. Exploration of energy sources, mining- maximize the use of our resources and land to grow our economy.	2/20/2017 7:16 AM
159	oil, tourism, trails, outdoor opportunities, the port	2/20/2017 7:09 AM
160	Employment	2/20/2017 3:06 AM
161	Really don't think it's that strong	2/19/2017 11:56 PM
162	The schools	2/19/2017 9:12 PM
163	I think Anchorage's diversity, location and recreational opportunities makes it strong. Not only are there a lot of folks from different cultures and backgrounds but there are a lot of recreational opportunities - both outdoor and the arts as well. Businesses operate to serve all types of cultures and and social/recreational needs of our residents. Both tourism and the military plays a big part and is mostly stable.	2/19/2017 7:50 PM
164	Diversity in both providers of goods and services - and in demographics. The overall attractiveness of Anchorage brings visitors, conventions and retains its residents.	2/19/2017 7:35 PM
165	Federal dollars, oil industry	2/19/2017 6:24 PM
166	Service hub to Alaska at large, including oil services, food distribution, etc.	2/19/2017 4:15 PM
167	Reasonable tax rate, petroleum industry, tourism, shipping and being the hub of Alaska.	2/19/2017 3:55 PM
168	The military, oil industry jobs, native corporations, travel and tourism, construction	2/19/2017 3:50 PM
169	High wages, geographic separation (strong local movements), low tax burden, Pfd's, access to amenities	2/19/2017 1:18 PM
170	Oil	2/19/2017 1:15 PM
171	A combination of private and government jobs.	2/19/2017 10:40 AM
172	Strong Healthcare industry, retail and business industry.	2/19/2017 10:27 AM
173	Many different businesses, a varied base.	2/19/2017 8:27 AM

174	The people	2/19/2017 8:22 AM
175	Community events, concerts, visitors. Fund raisers for specific needs.	2/19/2017 4:24 AM
176	Tourism and oil companies	2/19/2017 3:06 AM
177	The draw of bringing in people from outlying communities for supplies and retail goods.	2/18/2017 9:47 PM
178	I don't think we have a strong economy. I think we are very vulnerable since most of our best Jobs are in Healthcare and resource extraction, which are both unstable	2/18/2017 4:36 PM
179	Diversity of employers and industry. We can no longer rely on the oil and industry. A vibrant downtown. A welcoming community to all Alaskans. Improvements to Spenard Area. Encouraging locally grown businesses.	2/18/2017 4:12 PM
180	The military bases, and oil&gas industry. I fear what our economy would be without them.	2/18/2017 2:31 PM
181	The petroleum industry, tourism, and fisheries revenues.	2/18/2017 1:27 PM
182	Her diversity of economic engines, some more dominant than others: tourism, transportation, freight hub, education, military support, and government services.	2/18/2017 1:05 PM
183	Oil and gas, tourism, healthcare	2/18/2017 11:20 AM
184	Tourism,unique geography and oil...	2/18/2017 11:00 AM
185	The vast amounts of federal money that pours in every year. The vast amounts of money that the oil companies invest in Alaska	2/18/2017 10:52 AM
186	Supporting local business	2/18/2017 8:17 AM
187	A city that cares about its appearances, from clean roadways to shoveled sidewalks to gorgeous summer flowers.	2/18/2017 6:24 AM
188	Oil and tourism	2/18/2017 5:38 AM
189	Businesses working cooperatively	2/18/2017 2:56 AM
190	Buying local	2/17/2017 9:42 PM
191	Jobs in the petroleum industry, a local government that is actively working to develop new opportunities. Working to improve the port of Anchorage	2/17/2017 9:04 PM
192	tourists, high Summer prices, fishing, hunting. Always having something to do in the city.	2/17/2017 7:40 PM
193	It's colorful history and settlers along with the setting in the bay are a great tourist attraction. The port of Anchorage and it's future have an unmeasurable potential and will greatly contribute to the success this city will see.	2/17/2017 7:38 PM
194	The people	2/17/2017 7:14 PM
195	Local jobs for local people	2/17/2017 7:13 PM
196	People from the state that comes to shop and have a good time and use the medical services. Tourists.	2/17/2017 5:36 PM
197	Tourism	2/17/2017 5:36 PM
198	Job opportunities. Business growth.	2/17/2017 5:29 PM
199	Tourism, access to healthcare and being the hub to all villages	2/17/2017 5:14 PM
200	Access - you need a car to go from neighborhood to neighborhood	2/17/2017 5:11 PM
201	Jobs, permanent fund	2/17/2017 4:55 PM
202	Diversity of sources of revenue.	2/17/2017 4:25 PM
203	diversity of people and ethnicity; physically active residents	2/17/2017 4:09 PM
204	Transportation hub for most of the state. Center for various services, esp health care. Military presence. International shipping hub.	2/17/2017 3:56 PM
205	Fair	2/17/2017 3:54 PM
206	Diversity of the population, parks and recreational opportunities, making our winter city livable with plowing streets and walking/bicycle paths, support of our public education, having two sizable universities, supporting an arts community,	2/17/2017 3:48 PM
207	the diversity in the types of businesses	2/17/2017 3:34 PM
208	Diversity, tourism, buying local	2/17/2017 3:22 PM
209	local businesses and community involvement	2/17/2017 3:21 PM

210	Tourism	2/17/2017 3:14 PM
211	Transportation hub, state business hub, population	2/17/2017 3:04 PM
212	A lot of government jobs, Anchorage is headquarters for many business including native corporations Anchorage is a very livable city and attracts tourists and new residents. Mix of business opportunities	2/17/2017 2:08 PM
213	The middle class families who work	2/17/2017 2:07 PM
214	Jobs.	2/17/2017 2:04 PM
215	oil industry and tourism	2/17/2017 1:58 PM
216	Medical, Aviation, visitors, construction	2/17/2017 1:55 PM
217	Diverse population, oil industry.	2/17/2017 1:43 PM
218	Sustainable activities like tourism and subsistence.	2/17/2017 1:40 PM
219	Oil, transportation, outdoor recreation, natural resources	2/17/2017 1:38 PM
220	Oil & tourism	2/17/2017 1:36 PM
221	Tourism, Oil&Gas, ANC, and the economic hub of the Arctic.	2/17/2017 1:33 PM
222	Our tourism industry	2/17/2017 1:32 PM
223	Native corporate spending	2/17/2017 1:29 PM
224	PFDs lots more to spend when it's not cut	2/17/2017 1:15 PM
225	Tourist industry, nature and outdoors conscious, flexibility	2/17/2017 12:54 PM
226	Oil, fish, healthcare, tourism	2/17/2017 12:36 PM
227	Diversity and being the hub for the rest of the state	2/17/2017 12:13 PM
228	Vibrant local businesses selling to residents and tourists. A diversity of options and businesses. The largest population center in the state. The lack of sales tax also helps, encouraging spending in Anchorage rather than elsewhere.	2/17/2017 12:05 PM
229	Diverse educated population, entrepreneur supportive	2/17/2017 11:51 AM
230	The oil industry and the native corporations	2/17/2017 11:07 AM
231	Small business, tourism, safety, diversity, enjoyable environment and recreation that draws people here.	2/17/2017 10:50 AM
232	tourism	2/17/2017 10:47 AM
233	Mix of corporate, and small business	2/17/2017 10:41 AM
234	Employment of residents in variety of jobs and in businesses.	2/17/2017 10:20 AM
235	A diversified economy. Air cargo, military, increasing senior population, government employment, oil & gas services, tourism are some of the many sectors present.	2/17/2017 10:14 AM
236	Low tax structure	2/17/2017 10:04 AM
237	supportive businesses such as food, home repair, and seasonal jobs sch as the Salmon industry	2/17/2017 10:02 AM
238	Anchorage's unique outdoorsiness and the ability of its residents to daily do Alaskan adventures while having a job in a city is what makes Anchorage's economy strong. We and most of our friends choose to live here because of the great outdoor opportunities in the city, especially Kincaid, Westchester Lagoon, the Coastal Trail, Chugach Park (especially Glenn Alps trailhead), that make it possible to have a career while skiing after work, hiking late into the evening in the summer, and quickly getting to dipnetting and camping on the Kenai. That 4-season quality of life is unique to Alaska and not easily found in other cities. Even outdoorsy cities like Boulder and Portland don't have much ability to ski after work in the winter, and great winter towns like Lake Placid, New York and Aspen, CO don't have career-type jobs or easy access to city amenities like Anchorage does. Also, Anchorage's incredible diversity and inclusiveness of ethnic and economic minorities makes it strong.	2/17/2017 9:59 AM
239	Strong base founded on high wages of oil industry and central hub drawing income from residents around the state for shopping, entertainment, and travel	2/17/2017 9:21 AM
240	The people who live here and make Anchorage their home.	2/17/2017 9:13 AM
241	Locally owned stores and restaurants.	2/17/2017 9:12 AM

242	Our innovative residents are our strongest asset. Our backgrounds, passions, and talents have allowed us to be innovative and progressive as a city. Certainly other bastion businesses like the airport, human resources sectors, etc., matter but our people are what set us apart.	2/17/2017 8:55 AM
243	New Business ventures. that are diversified and flexible to adjust to the changing market needs in Alaska. some companies just by their local influence and knowledge create other services. Like a carpet wholesale's willing to invest in inventory will spin off many installing company's if the installer has to wait on product he will go out of business as most purchases are spontaneous	2/17/2017 8:53 AM
244	Tourism, and transportation.	2/17/2017 8:51 AM
245	A large population of Alaskans living in a small area. This gives Anchorage the labor force needed for new businesses.	2/17/2017 8:48 AM
246	SWAT analyses are best accomplished through brainstorming sessions. Please consider attending the many strong community council meetings around Anchorage.	2/17/2017 8:47 AM
247	I feel being the economic center of Alaska provides us with a bit of a buffer over other communities. With that comes most of the top tier jobs of the companies doing business here.	2/17/2017 8:47 AM
248	An educated population	2/17/2017 8:31 AM
249	Year round services (doesn't shut down once the tourists leave), focuses on basics (health care, grocery, construction trades, education).	2/17/2017 5:04 AM
250	Resilient people. Diverse economic makeup even though energy is a strong driver.	2/16/2017 8:10 PM
251	Good jobs, diverse job sectors.	2/16/2017 7:37 PM
252	Federal government employment, diverse private sector jobs	2/16/2017 6:47 PM
253	Oil	2/16/2017 5:15 PM
254	Location for tourism and transportation hub	2/16/2017 2:11 PM
255	Moving to making jobs from natural resource companies and creating them.	2/16/2017 2:07 PM
256	Diverse industries (banking, retail, hospitality, construction, oil & gas)	2/16/2017 1:48 PM
257	Oil Industry	2/16/2017 11:43 AM
258	Diversity of people and economy	2/16/2017 10:40 AM
259	Petroleum, military, airport.	2/16/2017 9:54 AM
260	Diversity; attitude; activism	2/16/2017 9:17 AM
261	When the PFD is not capped or stolen by the Governor, people were more inclined to spend more. This year every pretty much saved the money rather than buying.	2/16/2017 8:19 AM
262	Tourism and Alaska native culture	2/16/2017 7:05 AM
263	Tourism, military bases, and other government employees	2/16/2017 7:04 AM
264	The military presence	2/16/2017 6:48 AM
265	It's location	2/16/2017 5:47 AM
266	Tourists the bases oil co offices native corpoffices diversity we have lots of different kinds of people and different cultures like different things. Large variety of things to buy dividend checks help. Encouraging people to buy local	2/16/2017 5:08 AM
267	The investment in diverse industries and businesses that the city and communities give provides a strong foothold for economic stability.	2/15/2017 10:02 PM
268	Opportunity for job growth.	2/15/2017 7:34 PM
269	It's the financial, population, transportation and technical expertise center of Alaska. JBER is a huge asset.	2/15/2017 7:15 PM
270	Bicycles	2/15/2017 5:35 PM
271	No sales tax	2/15/2017 4:43 PM
272	Jobs that provide enough discretionary income to support retail stores. The main jobs included government, oil company and other engineering, transportation (airport).	2/15/2017 4:37 PM
273	Diverse business- from chain stores to local entrepreneurs - tourism, oil, university & medical	2/15/2017 4:17 PM

274	-most populated city in the state makes it a hub for shopping, travel, medical. - large companies have offices here. - our diverse population	2/15/2017 1:39 PM
275	Tourism	2/15/2017 1:23 PM
276	Government, military and Alaska Native Corporation/Non-profit organizations.	2/15/2017 12:54 PM
277	Economic diversity, entrepreneurial growth, home grown businesses using /advancing state of the art global practices. Alaskans reinvesting in Alaska.	2/15/2017 12:11 PM
278	Its role as a service and transshipment center and headquarters for most of the rest of the state. The community fundamentals and amenities that make Anchorage a desirable place to live and visit.	2/15/2017 11:49 AM
279	Diversity, tourism, restaurants, public services	2/15/2017 11:43 AM
280	Joint Base Elmendorf Ft. Richardson, Tourist Attraction, Access to Large Aquifers, Entrepreneurial Spirit, A 'Never Give Up' Attitude, and Availability of Capital Financing.	2/15/2017 10:21 AM
281	People like living here and are willing to support necessary infrastructure.	2/15/2017 8:42 AM
282	Population	2/15/2017 7:10 AM
283	People are willing to work	2/15/2017 6:24 AM
284	Military spending, native corporations and oil and gas	2/15/2017 6:11 AM
285	Local businesses	2/15/2017 4:17 AM
286	Being the hub of the state, through which most cargo and people flow, resulting in diverse businesses and opportunities	2/14/2017 10:37 PM
287	Tourism, and oil production	2/14/2017 8:04 PM
288	Tourism, great parks and trails, great schools, small businesses, oil industry	2/14/2017 8:03 PM
289	Diversity!	2/14/2017 7:52 PM
290	Tourism	2/14/2017 6:42 PM
291	tourism, oil companies, small business, military/federal	2/14/2017 6:02 PM
292	Health and education employers and activity, including those initiated by Native corporations, military bases, and position as supply center for southcentral and other areas of Alaska, along with being a central point for tourist and other traveler entry into state.	2/14/2017 6:01 PM
293	Tourism and local goods. I also think people are mostly unafraid of putting money back into the local economy.	2/14/2017 4:13 PM
294	Hospitals, tourism, restaurants.	2/14/2017 4:05 PM
295	Oil. I wish I could say something else. Other than tourists and the medical community I don't know any large employers.	2/14/2017 4:03 PM
296	Diversification. A wide variety of businesses helps shoulder challenges in our community. Anchorage is the transportation and economic hub for Alaska. The military presence. Our proximity to nature.	2/14/2017 3:50 PM
297	Two military bases combined with small businesses. Above average income helps.	2/14/2017 3:21 PM
298	job diversity 'pie'	2/14/2017 3:15 PM
299	We have a mix of financial, governmental, for-profit and non-profit service industries, telecommunications, healthcare, tourism and retail. The size of the city provides opportunities for a variety of skilled and unskilled workers.	2/14/2017 2:17 PM
300	A wide range of health-care facilities, oil & gas companies, tourism, and the fact that it is a transportation hub (i.e. the Ted Stevens airport)	2/14/2017 1:50 PM
301	Our diversity, travel/visitors, citizens making a difference, our location on the map should have add a ton to our local economy	2/14/2017 1:47 PM
302	Petroleum, tourism.	2/14/2017 12:07 PM
303	diverse job markets	2/14/2017 12:06 PM
304	Strong consumer base - access to shopping/convenience. Base for many companies that operate statewide. University and other educational opportunities. Airport linkages to make it close to other areas.	2/14/2017 11:46 AM
305	tourism (state-domestic and out of state), construction, military presence, transportation/shipping/cargo hub	2/14/2017 10:41 AM

306	Broad mix of business and industry interests.	2/14/2017 9:13 AM
307	Our potential for innovation and creativity	2/14/2017 9:01 AM
308	Diverse job opportunities Low taxes	2/14/2017 7:56 AM
309	Anchorage economy is strongest when we have numerous basic industries engaged, such as oil and gas, tourism, and cargo transportation. Being a health care hub for the state also makes us strong. These industries have a good multiplier effect, which creates jobs for people not directly working for them.	2/14/2017 7:54 AM
310	Diversification, access to UAA for expertise and new hires, access to port facilities, diversity of work force	2/14/2017 7:01 AM
311	Oil- it feeds almost everything else	2/14/2017 4:56 AM
312	Tourism.	2/14/2017 4:12 AM
313	Buying locally. We have a lot of unique shopping experiences due to so many different cultures	2/14/2017 12:45 AM
314	All the locally owned businesses employing Alaskans and then selling their businesses to Alaskans when they retire. Keeping our dollars in our state.	2/13/2017 11:56 PM
315	fiscal growth and gainful employment providing support for the remainder of the the stage.	2/13/2017 10:04 PM
316	Good paying jobs; health care, oil, government and family owned businesses	2/13/2017 9:28 PM
317	Great place to live attracts business.	2/13/2017 8:02 PM
318	The port, the military bases, the oil industry.	2/13/2017 7:17 PM
319	Oil, transportation, tourism, federal funds	2/13/2017 7:06 PM
320	Diversity of income/entrepreneurs, location/environment, good library system.	2/13/2017 6:55 PM
321	Diverse local businesses	2/13/2017 6:10 PM
322	Educated, creative, energetic enthusiastic citizens. Racial diversity. The University.	2/13/2017 6:03 PM
323	Cultural diversity, entrepreneurship	2/13/2017 5:46 PM
324	Diversity of professional and non-professional workforce as well as strong industries that have a stable markets such as health care, food supply, tourism, oil industry, and government. We have adequate workforce supplying services to maintain our infrastructure. Our quality of life with many parks, trails, recreational activities, cultural events tend to keep people living here instead of fleeing.	2/13/2017 5:29 PM
325	Better diversification than other parts of the state.	2/13/2017 5:00 PM
326	It's not strong.	2/13/2017 4:45 PM
327	Diversity, both economic and ethnic.	2/13/2017 4:40 PM
328	1. oil & gas industry 2. Turism	2/13/2017 4:39 PM
329	The money that comes from the oil and gas industry. Be it from the Big 3 buying materials here or their employees downing their paychecks here.	2/13/2017 4:32 PM
330	The fact that Anchorage is the commercial and healthcare hub for the entire state of Alaska is Anchorage's greatest economic asset and source of economic strength.	2/13/2017 2:17 PM
331	Diverse types of business in terms of industry, size. Open networking, people like to help each other get leads and connections to be successful.	2/13/2017 2:05 PM
332	I suppose it is the tourists that comes every summertime of the year. The efficiency and dedications of employees working, whether citizens or otherwise. Peoples coordination with the municipality and of course to the state of Alaska.	2/13/2017 12:58 PM
333	Being in an easily accessible and central location in Alaska is great for Anchorage. We are the hub for a variety of industries such as tourism, transportation, oil companies, and government.	2/13/2017 12:50 PM
334	We have a very diverse workforce and groups like AEDC are working to recruit and keep young energetic workers.	2/13/2017 12:17 PM
335	Diversity, center of Alaska's economy, tourism, variety of industries and support jobs.	2/13/2017 12:14 PM
336	TBH, not really sure. From my point of view, I would say the innovation that is going on in different and emerging fields.	2/13/2017 11:10 AM
337	Tourism, arts, functioning workforce	2/13/2017 10:43 AM

338	A strong workforce and a desire to remain in the area even when times are tough; many people will stay and figure it out rather than leave the state for other job opportunities.	2/13/2017 10:31 AM
339	more diversified than other parts of state; UAA and brain talent is here. We are home to many Native corporations, which also provides a brain talent in our community, as well as financial.	2/13/2017 10:05 AM
340	The people who want to be here and continue to invest here.	2/13/2017 10:01 AM
341	Diversity of people, established neighborhoods, schools and universities	2/13/2017 9:49 AM
342	Right now, its oil and services to oil workers. Also tourism and hospitality. The University helps a bit. The military is a huge contributor to economic activity.	2/13/2017 8:33 AM
343	Retail	2/13/2017 8:23 AM
344	The fact that we still have tourists coming up to spend money.	2/13/2017 6:27 AM
345	Great public schools; volunteerism; diversity; nice people	2/13/2017 6:22 AM
346	1) Having a range of businesses and services that pay a good wage and are owned by people from diverse backgrounds. 2) Having a well-supported university (UAA) that provides an accessible opportunity for higher education in a range of professional fields, community college progress, and the liberal arts.	2/13/2017 4:33 AM
347	Diversity of services	2/12/2017 11:17 PM
348	New manufacturing and a diverse population base ready to tackle the challenges in front of us	2/12/2017 10:13 PM
349	Locally owned businesses.	2/12/2017 9:09 PM
350	Not dependent on a single industry; sectors like health and education will remain strong even in tough periods since they provide necessary services and we are the primary service location for entire state.	2/12/2017 9:02 PM
351	When we all take care of our properties environmentally, aesthetically, & considerately.	2/12/2017 6:59 PM
352	Tourism	2/12/2017 6:58 PM
353	Tourism	2/12/2017 2:52 PM
354	Alaska Native Corporations	2/12/2017 2:24 PM
355	An educated and diverse working population	2/12/2017 2:11 PM
356	Transportation and Tourism	2/12/2017 1:58 PM
357	Resource development hub, visitor hub, transportation hub, military bases	2/12/2017 1:50 PM
358	The diversity of people and cultures and the jobs that are created by small businesses of and by those people. Anchorage is at the global crossroads for transportation.	2/12/2017 11:12 AM
359	Oil jobs-we need to drill more, bring back the big companies.	2/12/2017 11:06 AM
360	The diversity of businesses.	2/12/2017 10:22 AM
361	Oil industry, tourism, military presence, gorgeous environment, low taxes.	2/12/2017 7:07 AM
362	It's diversity and location as a central travel hub for Alaska and those visiting.	2/12/2017 12:13 AM
363	A strong oil industry, a focus on tourism, and small business owners commuted to their endeavors.	2/12/2017 12:13 AM
364	Our Anchorage economy has grown steadily since the Mid 80's. The oil companies have contributed substantially with their main offices in Anchorage. However construction and real estate development were key factors. The bright spot for our city and Southcentral Alaska is the growth of tourism on a year round basis including the many National and International meetings and conventions. This was made possible with the new Civic and Convention Center and the many new Hotels.	2/12/2017 12:09 AM
365	Military, oil, state gov, fed gov, healthcare workers - spending their paychecks locally Summer - tourism industry	2/11/2017 7:57 PM
366	I don't think it is.	2/11/2017 5:14 PM
367	small businesses	2/11/2017 3:54 PM
368	It's diverse population. Power is in the people.	2/11/2017 3:32 PM
369	Clean, safe, aesthetically appealing communities, strong and diverse businesses, people spending and keeping money in Alaska, committed, community-minded citizens interested in long-term programs and projects, good government.	2/11/2017 3:06 PM

370	A diverse workforce, varied types of for profit and nonprofit businesses, creative strategies like allowing Lyft to compete with traditional taxi companies, a tourism focus, smart balance of taxing and providing services.	2/11/2017 1:38 PM
371	Small Business tends to keep things rolling when Oil, Tourism, etc. is at a low.	2/11/2017 10:50 AM
372	Great place to live, close to recreational activities.	2/11/2017 10:17 AM
373	Small community minded businesses providing quality products	2/11/2017 9:40 AM
374	The Diversity.	2/11/2017 7:54 AM
375	There is such a wide range of industries.	2/11/2017 4:56 AM
376	Federal and state funding. Through direct money for projects as well as military and education.	2/11/2017 3:09 AM
377	Diversity of people and the businesses they open.	2/11/2017 12:28 AM
378	The oil and gas sector, the military base, federal government jobs, tourism, and crossroad for international cargo transport.	2/10/2017 11:08 PM
379	Job growth and businesses coming here from lower 48	2/10/2017 11:04 PM
380	Local businesses	2/10/2017 10:26 PM
381	People honoring and patronizing small businesses.	2/10/2017 9:59 PM
382	Infrastructure, AEDC does a great job	2/10/2017 9:12 PM
383	Tourism	2/10/2017 8:30 PM
384	The Petroleum industry.	2/10/2017 8:11 PM
385	Jobs, rental homes, good roads	2/10/2017 7:58 PM
386	Willingness to adapt to change. Anchorage was so much smarter and stronger after the last Alaskan recession in the 80s. We operate leaner with out compromising basic services. Anchorage feels like any cosmopolitan city living right smack in the wilderness!	2/10/2017 7:39 PM
387	Continuous oil/gas development and becoming a leader in renewable energy	2/10/2017 7:36 PM
388	Job availability, small businesses	2/10/2017 7:25 PM
389	Diversity	2/10/2017 7:20 PM
390	Medical field	2/10/2017 7:07 PM
391	Logistics, airport, port. Oil industry too.	2/10/2017 4:16 PM
392	It's not strong right now.	2/10/2017 4:11 PM
393	Serving as the primary port city for Alaska, as well as an air travel hub for transit between North America and eastern Asia.	2/10/2017 3:32 PM
394	Tourism, the oil and gas industry, and a strong contingent of successful small businesses all contribute to Alaska's strong economy.	2/10/2017 3:20 PM
395	Businesses and diversity.	2/10/2017 3:15 PM
396	Variety of independent and local businesses, opportunities for growth in entrepreneurial activity and self employment.	2/10/2017 3:13 PM
397	oil money	2/10/2017 1:59 PM
398	Location in relation to US and World travel.....Brings people and goods/services in at very short time frames.	2/10/2017 1:02 PM
399	Diversity	2/10/2017 12:25 PM
400	Jobs, business development, encouraging entrepreneurial growth, tourism support, diversification of industries.	2/10/2017 11:51 AM
401	I don't know. Is Anchorage's economy strong?	2/10/2017 11:27 AM
402	Retails, big box price savings. The PFD spending of people from around the state	2/10/2017 9:19 AM
403	The desire of the residents to stay in Alaska. Seems like there are very few in Anchorage who are here only because their job is here. Being the city with most of Alaskas businesses forcing commuters to come in to "town" is another piece.	2/10/2017 6:03 AM
404	A lot of local vendors that cater to a variety of likes/tastes. The addition of shopping stores that you normally travel out of Alaska to purchase their merchandise.	2/10/2017 4:57 AM



405	Tourism, scenic beauty, diversity	2/10/2017 1:47 AM
406	Diversity, local partnerships, social media, thriving middle class, strong and thriving schools, PFD, no sales/state income tax.	2/9/2017 11:41 PM
407	Variety	2/9/2017 10:42 PM
408	Oil industry and tourism	2/9/2017 10:06 PM
409	Community support for local business	2/9/2017 9:53 PM
410	Positive business, shopping locally, jobs, new business and opportunities.	2/9/2017 8:21 PM
411	Tourism, airport hub, large population in relation to other parts of the state.	2/9/2017 8:08 PM
412	A diversified economy.	2/9/2017 7:23 PM
413	Local politicians who are beholden to our oil industry overlords.	2/9/2017 7:06 PM
414	Oil	2/9/2017 6:18 PM
415	Diverse Occupations/opportunities. Access to outdoor activities	2/9/2017 4:45 PM
416	The number of Alaskan companies headquartered here and being a port city, for tourism.	2/9/2017 4:24 PM
417	The oil companies, the talent of people that reside in Anchorage	2/9/2017 4:10 PM
418	Hiring Alaskan workers, and paying them well.	2/9/2017 2:25 PM
419	Health care segment, primarily	2/9/2017 2:20 PM
420	A multitude of different small businesses which have a lot to offer during the cold months, as well as during tourist season. New corporate businesses getting involved in our economy recently, are trickling in slowly; but over time will be a good fit.	2/9/2017 12:51 PM
421	Oil and gas, services for rural AK, tourism.	2/9/2017 12:44 PM
422	A large variety of small, local businesses and restaurants, and local tourism.	2/9/2017 12:07 PM
423	Tourism, locally owned businesses	2/9/2017 11:54 AM
424	Quality schools, a healthy lifestyle which includes strong parks, trails, gathering places, community activities, inclusivity and diversity. All these things contribute to an overall perception that says to business and prospective employees that this is a good place to raise a family and invest in.	2/9/2017 11:44 AM
425	Anchorage has a high quality of life. This includes strong schools, trails, parks, libraries, as well as a diverse population, inclusive attitudes, and a lively arts scene. This allows us to attract and retain high-quality people.	2/9/2017 11:43 AM
426	Schools, University system, libraries, telecoms, hospitals, hub of Alaska and for Outside cargo	2/9/2017 11:24 AM
427	Good paying jobs with benefits. People with these kind of jobs can afford to purchase a home and put money into savings. They don't go bankrupt due to a health crisis.	2/9/2017 11:16 AM
428	Increasing variety of businesses, principal air access in and out of Alaska, principal port, largest medical facilities in Alaska, thriving tourism industry, principal banking center, large military base and population.	2/9/2017 10:36 AM
429	Our credit rating went up in comparison to the state because we are where the tribal corporations conduct their business. We are stronger for our immigrant population and their spending power. Our tourism industry is keeping us relevant.	2/9/2017 10:27 AM
430	Local businesses	2/9/2017 10:17 AM
431	A large government workforce. Comparative low-cost family activities (you cannot spend 2k in AK on a night out for anything worth that much). Skiing and outdoor systemic support.	2/9/2017 10:17 AM
432	When people are actually getting hired for the jobs they want. If people have a job they enjoy they stay there longer and are much more productive.	2/9/2017 10:03 AM
433	Tourism and being a business hub (locatino) for all major industries- oil, fisheries, and tourism.	2/9/2017 9:48 AM
434	Jobs and money for people to spend.	2/9/2017 8:44 AM
435	Continued support and resilience in the local population to support one another.	2/9/2017 8:20 AM
436	Its location on the crossroads of transportation, although that is quickly changing. The diversity of its people brings in new ideas and cultures with new opportunities.	2/9/2017 8:18 AM

437	Economy and diversity	2/9/2017 6:16 AM
438	diversity	2/9/2017 6:15 AM
439	Healthy Families. People living with the attitude and mindset where they press into and seek to rebuild the broken places in our state. Reaching out to the marginalized and helping others win.	2/9/2017 5:38 AM
440	High oil prices, continued development, government spending, strong tourism.	2/9/2017 12:44 AM
441	Having lived here since 1971 the biggest growth and economic factor for Anchorage has ben Oil and Mineral development	2/8/2017 8:24 PM
442	Small business development. Lower crime; aesthetics. Good schools & healthy youth programs.	2/8/2017 8:23 PM
443	Alyeska Resort and Girdwood	2/8/2017 7:45 PM
444	Oil and military	2/8/2017 6:48 PM
445	OIL	2/8/2017 6:16 PM
446	Oil and gas development	2/8/2017 6:00 PM
447	Tourism is definitely the number one thing for Alaska's economy.	2/8/2017 5:17 PM
448	Diversity of Income Streams- Tourism, Govt, Airport, Native Corps and most importantly the mindset of the younger population of Anchorage.	2/8/2017 5:09 PM
449	Diversity of cultural groups living in Anchorage creates diverse types of businesses. Wealth of natural areas and outdoor recreation activities. Growing social opportunities for young people and families.	2/8/2017 4:27 PM
450	The airport/port as the main gateway to AK - this is our biggest economic asset for the future.	2/8/2017 4:19 PM
451	Vibrant small locally owned businesses.	2/8/2017 3:41 PM
452	Its diversity by being Alaska's commercial hub. Keeping it a good place to live.	2/8/2017 3:03 PM
453	So many new businesses.	2/8/2017 2:14 PM
454	Small businesses with local management. Functioning and efficient educational system. Cooperation and compromise in local government. Respect.	2/8/2017 1:43 PM
455	Being the central hub for most businesses across all industry sectors, particularly the oil and gas industry and support service companies, which have good paying jobs. People employed in these industries spend and invest their money in Anchorage.	2/8/2017 1:40 PM
456	Tourism, a good university system, keeping bright students in state after graduation.	2/8/2017 1:14 PM
457	Tourism, air freight, oil, Federal contracting with ANCSA corps	2/8/2017 1:04 PM
458	Diverse jobs	2/8/2017 12:57 PM
459	Jobs, PFD, native dividends, jobs for people who owe child support and jobs for people with a record.	2/8/2017 12:39 PM
460	Diversity. Also, the Alaska Native corporations are here to stay. The additional shopping, restaurants and developments and health care in our city.	2/8/2017 12:28 PM
461	Diverse economic drivers. Though we rely on oil and gas, there a many other engines that have kept Anchorage from experiencing the recession of the late 80s.	2/8/2017 12:27 PM
462	A diverse set of businesses.	2/8/2017 12:24 PM
463	Immigrants, tourists, salmon, and oil	2/8/2017 12:14 PM
464	oil and tourism, thats aboiut it	2/8/2017 11:52 AM
465	Supporting entrepreneurs, especially at the low end of the scale. Encourage federal grants.	2/8/2017 11:49 AM
466	Shopping local, fishing, tourism and oil.	2/8/2017 11:42 AM
467	Tourism	2/8/2017 11:31 AM
468	It is the service center and distribution hub for all of Alaska except for Southeast. The airport, port and rail make this happen. Also the military presence.	2/8/2017 11:29 AM
469	Natural resource development, tourism, retail and creating a positive place to live. Along with that protecting the Alaska environment that surrounds and within Anchorage is highly important. For example, if we have snow then people are attracted to the state and locals get out play and spend money.	2/8/2017 11:23 AM

470	When people feel safe to spend money, when people feel they are not being taxed to death from property tax to licensure fees. Promoting green tourism and local fares.	2/8/2017 11:23 AM
471	The economy is weak at this time	2/8/2017 11:20 AM
472	It's not strong	2/8/2017 11:10 AM
473	Private sector businesses, large and small, but mostly large oil companies, transportation companies and mining companies. Most small businesses get their clientele from the large ones.	2/8/2017 11:03 AM
474	Fair and ethical business and governmental practices. Natural beauty of surroundings. Diversity of population.	2/8/2017 10:53 AM
475	The determination of business owners to succeed. Many standing businesses have survived the recession and housing crash in the 80's and endured the struggle to "keep going". You can NOT stop investing into your business or the economy will suffer greatly.	2/8/2017 10:35 AM
476	Native corporations, oil companies and the companies that service them.	2/8/2017 10:01 AM
477	Diversity	2/8/2017 9:24 AM
478	Tourism, well managed natural resources.	2/8/2017 9:08 AM
479	Rural resource development	2/8/2017 8:59 AM
480	No sales tax; no income tax; majority of workers in high-paying industries (construction, mining, oil and gas) live here and spend their money here.	2/8/2017 8:57 AM
481	Oil, Mining, Tourism & Transportation.	2/8/2017 8:56 AM
482	Community working together	2/8/2017 8:46 AM
483	The diverse mixture of businesses in Anchorage make the economy strong in my opinion. Anchorage is home to major medical facilities, professional services, Alaska Native corporations, telecommunications providers, University of Alaska Anchorage and a host of other diverse businesses.	2/8/2017 8:30 AM
484	Its People that care enough to want to see and create changes that provide our state with positive economic growth	2/8/2017 7:11 AM
485	Small businesses, diversity of cultures, global interest in Alaska and being an Arctic nation	2/8/2017 7:09 AM
486	military oil tourism	2/8/2017 6:55 AM
487	productive, contributing people	2/8/2017 5:32 AM
488	Having oil money to fall back on - _ -	2/8/2017 3:22 AM
489	Population size.	2/7/2017 11:14 PM
490	Diversity tourism military	2/7/2017 10:24 PM
491	Tourism. Local businesses.	2/7/2017 10:19 PM
492	Small businesses, community events, special events, tourism	2/7/2017 9:45 PM
493	Resilient spirit of the community - those who are here who are choosing to be here, and want to make it a viable, vibrant place.	2/7/2017 9:41 PM
494	Oil	2/7/2017 9:09 PM
495	Diverse population, small businesses, tourism, outdoor recreation, UAA.	2/7/2017 9:01 PM
496	- Geography and associated transportation nodes--particularly our excellent international airport, but also the Port of Anchorage--which make us the headquarters/hub for the North Slope, Alaska tourism, international air freight, government, and Alaska health care and commerce in general. - Hard working, creative and highly resourceful people.	2/7/2017 8:23 PM
497	By having a community that is inviting to all and has infrastructure that will encourage people to want to live in Anchorage. Beautiful scenery, good bike paths, parks, arts, access to employment make Anchorage economy strong.	2/7/2017 8:15 PM
498	When people are working and able to provide for tveir families.	2/7/2017 7:49 PM
499	The diversity of the workforce. Anchorage has taken hits in recent years to oil-related employment, but has a strong healthcare workforce and service industry (retail, restaurants, etc).	2/7/2017 7:42 PM
500	Tourism.	2/7/2017 7:20 PM
501	Diversity, but we need new revenue sources.	2/7/2017 7:15 PM

502	The University, its location (access to the world markets), its natural beauty, her people with stern and "ready to take on anything" attitude	2/7/2017 7:03 PM
503	Local businesses and strong morale	2/7/2017 6:49 PM
504	There seem to be many things that help the Anchorage economy. Tourism is one and related to that is the airport. Both in terms of passenger traffic and air cargo. It's also impossible to ignore the impact of the military to the Anchorage economy. UAA and the three big hospitals also have a large impact.	2/7/2017 6:39 PM
505	Oil	2/7/2017 6:03 PM
506	Tourism	2/7/2017 5:39 PM
507	Expertise and support services related to responsible resource development - especially oil & gas. Logistical hub for Alaska (and America's arctic)	2/7/2017 5:37 PM
508	Oil industry, natural resources, tourism	2/7/2017 5:33 PM
509	Diversification. An economy is always stronger when they can take advantage of multiple streams of revenue. I believe our diversity with respect to our people could be a huge advantage that has not been fully realized.	2/7/2017 5:05 PM
510	Strong entrepreneurial spirits and pride in Alaska, oil production, and an increasingly more diverse population. Anchorage is an attractive place to visit and enjoy for scenery in addition to business, so I would contribute a lot of the economy to tourism and transportation of goods.	2/7/2017 4:31 PM
511	Uniqueness in all areas; ethnicity, workforce experience, educational background, spending habits, local business options, etc.	2/7/2017 4:30 PM
512	strong labor force and relatively high aptitude of work force.	2/7/2017 4:20 PM
513	A combination of big oil investment and tight knit local culture and young adults.	2/7/2017 4:13 PM
514	diversity, cultural and economic. JBER, the port (need to repair/modernize)	2/7/2017 4:11 PM
515	Tourist attractions, we have something to offer year round anything from Fur Rondy and Iditarod to fishing in Downtown Anchorage. All this makes great for bringing in outside money.	2/7/2017 4:10 PM
516	Diversity, hub for Native Corp's, O/G, Port, there are a lot of different industries that converge here. Not to mention hub for meetings on many levels, so all the hotels/restaurants that benefit from out of state/in-state visitors.	2/7/2017 4:06 PM
517	Creativity and hard work of residents.	2/7/2017 4:00 PM
518	Small number of people means less competition.	2/7/2017 3:59 PM
519	The job market.	2/7/2017 3:57 PM
520	Interconnected network of trails and greenways.	2/7/2017 3:55 PM
521	A well educated work force and diverse industries	2/7/2017 3:54 PM
522	state's natural resources, tourism, education	2/7/2017 3:54 PM
523	tourism - diversity- forward thinking politicians who see the importance of being open to new opportunities like sharing society ie air bnb, uber, local farmers markets, green energy. Also our location in the world for shipping cargo, etc..	2/7/2017 3:54 PM
524	Small businesses, JBER, National Park Service, BLM, Forest Service, Oil and Gas, Local Government stability, recreation, historic preservation, heritage tourism, trails, food and retail offerings, our ability to go and do what we want, when we want.	2/7/2017 3:47 PM
525	Diversity	2/7/2017 3:47 PM
526	Oil/Gas, Native Corporations, Strong Government spending (Federal), tourism, healthcare	2/7/2017 3:47 PM
527	Using our natural resources & local business	2/7/2017 3:46 PM
528	Diversity of ideas	2/7/2017 3:42 PM
529	Fantastic local business, combined with a strong buy-local mindset in the community.	2/7/2017 3:41 PM
530	tourism, oil,	2/7/2017 3:38 PM
531	Oil Revenue and Government Spending	2/7/2017 3:31 PM
532	Administrative and transport hub. Strong unions. It is Alaska's gateway to resources.	2/7/2017 3:24 PM
533	Recreational opportunities Resource Development Diverse cultures Tourism Fishing	2/7/2017 3:22 PM

534	We still have new businesses coming to town and people still seem to be eating out and shopping. Housing prices are staying steady.	2/7/2017 3:18 PM
535	Natural resources & employment created thereby; transportation (international air travel; train; marine travel/port); it's people	2/7/2017 3:01 PM
536	Oil, fishing, tourism	2/7/2017 2:55 PM
537	Diverse industries - health care and transportation, which continue to grow and have federal support; our military base; telecom and technology industries.	2/7/2017 2:54 PM
538	Local entrepreneurs and small business	2/7/2017 2:50 PM
539	Oil.	2/7/2017 2:42 PM
540	The people	2/7/2017 2:41 PM
541	"Critical mass" of people allowing for economies of scale, diversity in jobs (as diverse as you can be in Alaska) with military and healthcare balancing traditional resource industries, cargo hub for trans-pacific flights.	2/7/2017 2:35 PM
542	The population has reached a critical mass with which to sustain itself and fend off small to medium recessions.	2/7/2017 2:34 PM
543	Small businesses locally owned.	2/7/2017 2:29 PM
544	jobs and revenue from oil	2/7/2017 2:27 PM
545	Tourism (including restaurants) and health industry -- hospital campuses.	2/7/2017 2:22 PM
546	tourism and oil.	2/7/2017 2:18 PM
547	The health care industry, a strong consumers market, and low unemployment.	2/7/2017 2:13 PM
548	Base of oil and gas sector. Large hospitals. Central location for state's population. Growing Millennial population. JBER. Largest college campus in the state.	2/7/2017 2:13 PM
549	Oil & Gas production	2/7/2017 2:12 PM
550	Oil and Gas	2/7/2017 2:10 PM
551	The people, health care industry, engineering and professional services, entrepreneurial spirit	2/7/2017 2:04 PM
552	Well paid jobs and benefits. The PFD, etc. The money goes into our municipality. We can't spend if we don't make anything and can't survive off of our pay.	2/7/2017 1:57 PM
553	Good paying jobs, improvements to attract tourism, relationships between corporate/business and the non-profit sector, finding ways to lower the cost of shipping of goods to/from our city, etc. We have a great international airport and cargo operations that bring a ton of business to Anchorage.	2/7/2017 1:37 PM
554	can - do attitude of residents and opportunities for them to act	2/7/2017 1:08 PM
555	The base and school district	2/7/2017 1:00 PM
556	Alaska Native Corporations, tourism.	2/7/2017 1:00 PM
557	There are actually jobs available. That always helps. Tourism isn't going away anytime soon.	2/7/2017 12:47 PM
558	Tourism, strong community and excellent schools	2/7/2017 12:30 PM
559	Economic powerhouse of the state. Oil money.	2/7/2017 11:59 AM
560	Large businesses, corporation headquarters, key industries' center, and all the medium to small businesses for support services, retail, and healthcare.	2/7/2017 11:35 AM
561	Anchor year around Businesses i.e. Aviation, Oil, shipping, rail, trucking, and armed forces.	2/7/2017 8:16 AM
562	tax incentives for all small business, get people working, zero tolerance with crime, promote community involvement in charitable/social programs and get city out of contributions to them.	2/7/2017 6:50 AM
563	Jobs and active community citizenship, to include a strong protective agency.	2/7/2017 4:57 AM
564	Diverse business, culture, and people.	2/6/2017 5:07 PM
565	An active tourism industry and convention activity.	2/6/2017 5:01 PM
566	oil, high per-capita income.	2/6/2017 4:02 PM
567	- Tourism - Environment options - Department of Defense	2/6/2017 3:15 PM

568	Maintaining livable wages for employees and limiting the number of minimum wage jobs (businesses) that operate within our boundaries. More affordable housing.	2/6/2017 2:59 PM
569	Banking Hub of the state. Port. Railroad . Military	2/6/2017 2:42 PM
570	Travel and oil	2/6/2017 2:25 PM
571	There are a few things that make Anchorage's economy strong. Oil is obviously one of them. Tourism, government, and the port are other strengths.	2/6/2017 2:22 PM
572	oil when the price of oil is high.	2/6/2017 2:06 PM
573	military, federal government, oil.	2/6/2017 1:46 PM
574	nothing	2/6/2017 1:28 PM
575	Diversity	2/6/2017 1:16 PM
576	Resources, tourism, military, ports, strong workforce.	2/6/2017 11:59 AM
577	A diverse base of industry/commercial/retail/professional/health businesses, employment opportunities, the presence of 2 universities, a good school district, being the 'hub' of Alaska, the port and the airport	2/6/2017 11:10 AM
578	New business and job creation. Existing business and stable employment. Shopping locally is extremely important. I try to buy local vs. ordering anything product or service on line.	2/6/2017 10:27 AM
579	It's centralized location and ease of access. This coupled with it's diversity of regional business centers, small business growth and the military contributions.	2/6/2017 9:46 AM
580	Independent companies - not chains (neither grocery, restaurants, clothing)	2/5/2017 11:54 AM
581	State money and diversity.	2/5/2017 9:33 AM
582	Diversity Laws that support all people Tourism Harvesting the many natural resources (i.e. oil, fish, timber, mining) Since of Community - when people are actively engaged in their community and utilizing community resources (i.e. parks, festivals, races), people want to invest Positivity - there is constant information of what is wrong with our economy and very little on what is good. Everyone believes we our economy is "dying" - we need to change that normative perspective.	2/5/2017 8:51 AM
583	Tourism	2/4/2017 11:27 PM
584	Local businesses	2/4/2017 10:35 PM
585	Being the hub of Alaska. All economic activities flow through Anchorage; freight, tourists	2/4/2017 12:02 PM
586	Positive attitude, determination, faith, diligent work, optimism, entrepreneurial spirit, hope.	2/3/2017 6:02 PM
587	Ethnic diversity, quality of life	2/3/2017 5:06 PM
588	Diversity of economic engines; oil, tourism, fishing, retail, service, health, military, etc. Good leadership and fiscal responsibility; mayor Berkowitz.	2/3/2017 4:07 PM
589	Larger population makes for better business opportunities.	2/3/2017 1:47 PM
590	diversity of residents, active transportation, recruiting talented professionals, diversity of services	2/3/2017 10:51 AM
591	Local mom and pop shops, unique to alaska products and local growers	2/3/2017 10:50 AM
592	A good mix of established businesses, and newer, innovative businesses. Also, our economy, in many respects, is "isolated" from the highs and lows of the Lower 48 economy.	2/3/2017 10:19 AM
593	Diversity of people in Anchorage drives multitude of small businesses across town. Tourism industry has helped	2/3/2017 9:40 AM
594	Diversity of people Ability to "get along" - see other sides Excellent schools Outdoor economy - location to excellent outdoor recreation opportunities	2/3/2017 8:07 AM
595	It's attraction for tourism	2/3/2017 8:01 AM
596	The strength of the Anchorage economy is that it is the hub for much of the economic activity for the rest of the state. The Anchorage economy is strong when Alaska's economy is strong.	2/2/2017 8:53 PM
597	Tourism and Health Care	2/2/2017 8:18 PM
598	Locally owned small businesses. These business include people that are well connected in the community and that have a small staff of employees.	2/2/2017 2:21 PM
599	Small businesses. corporate business	2/2/2017 1:08 PM

600	Our location, namely airport and port and our status as the largest community in the state.	2/2/2017 12:47 PM
601	We all work together to keep our town vibrant.	2/2/2017 12:12 PM
602	Diversity, in a variety of ways. The diversity of the people, as well as the balance of having the largest city in the state surrounded by the amazing natural resources that can be used for fishing, tourism and other economic uses.	2/2/2017 11:22 AM
603	Large (for Alaska) population base JBER, UAA Geographic location = portal for tourism	2/2/2017 11:21 AM
604	Strategic location (shipping, suppliers, visitor gateway), diversity of economy, breadth of governmental employees.	2/2/2017 11:08 AM
605	The relatively large and centralized population allows infrastructure and support services to be built to scale.	2/2/2017 9:59 AM
606	Young Alaskans. College of Business at UAA. Unique about of natural resources and land. Location. Room for development.	2/2/2017 9:01 AM
607	Tourism, Oil & Gas, Federal funds	2/2/2017 8:35 AM
608	The variety of industries city wide, including, but not limited to, support for the oil industry, tourism and fisheries.	2/1/2017 3:39 PM
609	Nothing.	2/1/2017 2:29 PM
610	The oil and gas companies and to a lesser degree the World HQ of Native Corporations	2/1/2017 2:10 PM
611	Natural resources, tourism, committed people, and the existing local businesses that contribute back to the community.	2/1/2017 1:14 AM
612	Currently, I honestly have to say Anchorage's economy is not strong at all.	1/31/2017 9:24 AM
613	Good jobs & education opportunities	1/30/2017 12:41 PM
614	economic growth and strong middle class	1/30/2017 10:58 AM
615	Oil based businesses, Tourism, Military	1/30/2017 10:04 AM
616	Oil industry investments in Alaska; ANCSA corporation investments, in particular headquarter operations in Anchorage; strong, efficient nonprofit sector.	1/30/2017 9:19 AM
617	Diverse industries and the fact that it is a hub for the entire State.	1/30/2017 9:02 AM
618	Tourism	1/28/2017 10:46 AM
619	Center of statewide economic activity, gateway to lower 48, larger base of capital, most incentives for attracting new business, and largest concentration of educated workforce.	1/27/2017 10:29 PM
620	The oil industry, construction, and tourism.	1/27/2017 4:36 PM
621	For industry: Abundant water, abundant electricity, educated / youngish population, abundant land for expansion (starting with cargo airport) across the Knik Arm.	1/27/2017 4:18 PM
622	Fisheries, tourism (esp eco-tourism), hardworking people, diverse population, quality of life elements that attract new workers, presence of children/young people, commitment to supporting local business, innovation in new small business, prevalence of residents interested in subsistence/homesteading/urban farming to provide for selves and neighbors, connected community (good for hiring/job seeking, business partnerships, etc), volunteerism	1/27/2017 1:18 PM
623	Tourism	1/27/2017 12:56 PM
624	Many jobs and opportunities, being a hub for shipping and tourism	1/27/2017 7:43 AM
625	Military presence, oil industry and related support businesses, government (fed and state) offices and positions, retail sales hub for most of the state.	1/26/2017 9:50 PM
626	Ecotourism and receiving/distributing goods	1/26/2017 8:23 PM
627	Commodities from the port supporting services not available elsewhere in the state	1/26/2017 2:23 PM
628	The factors that encourage people to move and stay here, such as good schools, cultural activities and institutions, recreational opportunities, a local international airport, a healthy infrastructure, affordable housing, and well balanced mix of cultures.	1/25/2017 8:27 PM
629	Historically, its been due to State & Federal support	1/25/2017 7:40 PM
630	Oil and gas, transportation, tourism.	1/25/2017 7:32 PM
631	We live in an amazing place where people want to work and play.	1/25/2017 7:22 PM

632	Diversification of industries such as oil, retail, tourism, health care, and other professional services. Anchorage's location for global logistics - primarily air cargo.	1/25/2017 9:36 AM
633	The medical community offers high paying jobs with good benefits.	1/24/2017 8:08 PM
634	Diversity of business and young population.	1/24/2017 7:14 PM
635	Tourist destination, natural sights	1/24/2017 6:04 PM
636	Local small business. Diversity of people in Anchorage contributing a wide variety of skills.	1/24/2017 4:21 PM
637	aviation, shipping, tourism	1/24/2017 3:04 PM
638	Healthy minded families reaching to make their community the best place to live. Working hard and volunteering to help your neighbor.	1/24/2017 2:40 PM
639	A balanced combination of jobs for every level of experience and education, gender equality, affordable housing, affordable healthcare, livable wages and a heavy influx of tourism.	1/24/2017 1:42 PM
640	tourism, retail establishments; fish-related enterprises	1/24/2017 12:03 PM
641	Currently, the oil connection and fishing and tourism. But both have these are connected to the communities drive, dynamism and determination which would all be great traits along with the ideal platform for leading the US exploration and development of alternative energy sources.	1/24/2017 8:25 AM
642	variety of employers (not just one sector) and jobs	1/23/2017 10:15 PM
643	Sustainable income sources- fish, tourism	1/23/2017 9:35 PM
644	Natural Resources, Health Care, Education and Services	1/23/2017 8:39 PM
645	Entrepreneurship, health care businesses, government, military.	1/23/2017 7:07 PM
646	Diversification - we are not just dependent on resource extraction. We have healthcare, tourism, transportation industry, universities, etc.	1/23/2017 2:43 PM
647	We are still the Air Crossroads of the World. We have a lot of tourism potential. We are the hub for most of the activity and development around the state.	1/23/2017 2:31 PM
648	Diversity, small businesses, amazing trails and parks, and a supportive entrepreneurial environment.	1/23/2017 1:40 PM
649	Diverse community,	1/23/2017 11:32 AM
650	Products and people	1/23/2017 9:47 AM
651	Services professional, connection with University	1/23/2017 6:24 AM
652	Union Jobs	1/23/2017 5:48 AM
653	Oil and Gas, natural resources, fishing, tourism, military	1/23/2017 12:04 AM
654	Sustainable development. Safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.	1/22/2017 10:24 PM
655	Tourism, local events, the arts, healthcare, outdoors sports, nature, downtown partnership, creation of new industries that excited the public and draw in good employees. Alaska needs to make it stand-out from the lower 48 States, and invited interest in visiting and living here. Perhaps there is a way to lower the cost of college education, make students from the lower 48 want to earn a degree here in Alaska. Getting people interested and involved in their communities by offering property owners a tax incentive by asking them to provide the labor or expertise in completing projects that make anchorage a better place to live. Taking care of Alaska's senior population and creating a desire for them to remain in the State at retirement age and beyond.	1/22/2017 10:19 PM
656	Jobs that people can make a fair wage at to have a good quality of life.	1/22/2017 9:12 PM
657	Diversity of people, Anchorage being the center of business for many surrounding communities	1/22/2017 7:55 PM
658	A strong economy starts with good leadership. Good leadership makes tough decision that benefits all residents regardless of how popular/unpopular that decision might be.	1/21/2017 7:03 PM
659	Tourism, thriving businesses.	1/21/2017 10:00 AM
660	The hometown pride of buying local first	1/20/2017 2:43 PM
661	People who love the area and are invested in the well being of the community regardless of whether they are in the workforce.	1/20/2017 1:37 PM
662	Our citizens!	1/20/2017 9:01 AM



663	Diversity of its people	1/20/2017 8:01 AM
664	A strong economy starts with good leadership. Good leadership makes tough decisions that benefits all residents regardless of how popular/unpopular that decision might be	1/19/2017 10:47 PM
665	Oil, govt, military, native corps, cargo (transportation, utilities, medical, retail and service are largely secondary).	1/19/2017 8:32 PM
666	Unfortunately, very little. Healthcare is growing.	1/19/2017 6:16 PM
667	The people.	1/19/2017 4:32 PM
668	People shopping local supporting our citizenry	1/18/2017 4:51 PM
669	Diversity - natural resources, medical, tourism, military, air transport/crossroads to global transportation - entrepreneurial Alaskan determination.	1/18/2017 1:20 PM
670	Jobs - in the city and around the state Transportation (Ability to get around - roads, air, rail(?)) Variety of retail, but not too much.	1/18/2017 1:07 PM
671	Diverse eateries, brew pubs, local businesses	1/18/2017 11:37 AM
672	It's people, first of all. Second, I believe the Native corporations will play an even more important roll in our economic development as will the military	1/17/2017 5:40 PM
673	tourism, active business community	1/17/2017 4:37 PM
674	Economic base is spread over many sectors; construction, oil, health, service providers, tourism. We also have a strong quality of life to offer those who reside here; parks and trails system with a host of opportunities for recreation summer and winter	1/17/2017 3:29 PM
675	Diverse population	1/17/2017 2:28 PM
676	Anchorage is the shopping center for much of Alaska including bush Alaska	1/17/2017 1:03 PM
677	Community supports in place such as sufficient policing, affordable housing and good schools. Without these and other supports, people don't feel safe or engaged in the communities success and well being. People will move away for better pastures.	1/17/2017 11:46 AM
678	Shopping local	1/16/2017 11:49 PM
679	High wages, low cost housing, high quality of life.	1/16/2017 9:44 PM
680	a diversity of high value businesses anchored by a few strong sectors. businesses that create exportable, scalable products. lots of high-quality entertainment and dining options	1/16/2017 6:05 PM
681	We are the medical center and transportation center for most of the state. And of course the oil companies.	1/16/2017 6:04 PM
682	Sense of community	1/16/2017 3:58 PM
683	The diverse economic base and that some of the industries are decently recession-proof. The current leadership have also managed the city's resources and finances well.	1/16/2017 12:57 PM
684	A balance between resource development and protection of public lands to help keep Alaska the wild and beautiful place for which many people came here and lots of tourists visit.	1/16/2017 10:08 AM
685	Local businesses	1/16/2017 9:04 AM
686	Robust economy and solid middle class jobs. Keeping healthy middle class employment opportunities with reasonable health and retirement benefits is what keeps money flowing in the consumer economy.	1/16/2017 9:01 AM
687	Military bases, oil industry, state govt, education, health care, locals buying local	1/16/2017 6:16 AM
688	Our ability to attract and retain strong companies. Ability to provide highly qualified employees. Quality of life. Military. Variety of restaurants and entertainment.	1/15/2017 10:45 PM
689	It's the only real city for about 1400 miles.	1/15/2017 10:19 PM
690	Forward thinking politicians who nimble anticipate changes to yhe economy	1/15/2017 10:14 PM
691	Tourism, food industry	1/15/2017 8:15 PM
692	Anchorage is a gateway to Alaska. Nearly all the commerce generated by tourism and natural resources flows though here. Our size and location ensures that this will always be the case.	1/15/2017 9:59 AM
693	Oil companies	1/15/2017 12:59 AM
694	Good jobs,vibrant businesses,fast efficient logistics with transportation and shipping.	1/14/2017 9:51 PM

695	An educated population that is willing to take riskd	1/14/2017 8:29 PM
696	People, Multiple job opportunities. JBER	1/14/2017 5:27 PM
697	Diversity	1/14/2017 5:23 PM
698	A variety of retail, commercial, industrial, military, and governmental economic opportunities.	1/14/2017 5:00 PM
699	Retail	1/14/2017 4:55 PM
700	It's work ethic and tourism industry	1/14/2017 4:53 PM
701	Ties to oil when it's doing well.	1/14/2017 3:52 PM
702	Entrepreneurship.	1/14/2017 2:26 PM
703	oil, fishing & hunting, plane fanatics, tourists, AK Native crafts, Stores, internet/communication, PFD	1/14/2017 10:17 AM
704	Creativity and entrepreneurship.	1/14/2017 9:54 AM
705	Small businesses and services they provide	1/14/2017 6:09 AM
706	Tourism and outsiders view of the wilds of Alaska.	1/14/2017 6:07 AM
707	Oppprtunity to work in a variety of settings, to try new things on the job, to explore individual capabilities and earn a fair wage doing it.	1/14/2017 2:02 AM
708	Jobs. Small business, more oil Production, affordable college, safe community, State tax, school vouchers, State owned pipeline, logging, move capital to Southcentral area, support local farms & agriculture, safe roads, and tourism.	1/13/2017 10:37 PM
709	Diverse business option. Not sole dependence on oil.	1/13/2017 10:04 PM
710	Increasing diversification	1/13/2017 8:37 PM
711	The federal government and its employees	1/13/2017 8:21 PM
712	Diversity, natural beauty, opportunity, military, the university (UAA)...	1/13/2017 7:56 PM
713	Being the hub that everyone has to go through to access the rest of the state for tourism purposes	1/13/2017 7:52 PM
714	The constant traffic from all directions and tourism	1/13/2017 7:43 PM
715	long term residents who invest time and money in the quality of living in Alaska and Anchorage oil and other high paying jobs of people who live in Anchorage for the long haul	1/13/2017 7:26 PM
716	military population, state and government jobs, number of higher professional salaries related to oil field support and engineering services, tourism, PFD, Ted Stevens Airport, federal subsidies	1/13/2017 6:50 PM
717	Demand for Anchorage's products.	1/13/2017 6:31 PM
718	Oil, military, federal government, construction, professional services (medical, engineering, legal services)	1/13/2017 5:54 PM
719	Natural resources associated businesses. Resource development and tourism are what feed business to all other sectors. Retail, restaurants, construction all suffer without their investment.	1/13/2017 5:52 PM
720	Alaska has the least amount of wealth inequality in all of the states. That means we still have a middle class. We also haven't yet completely succumbed to the "buy a lot of crap you don't need" nonsense that is being sold in the lower 48 as "essential" it's coming, but we can turn it around. We have a very diverse population and plenty of things to attract quality people to stay here. We've got wildlife and nature, bike trails, we are super close to hiking and I heard that we have musicals and things sometimes. We could do better with the arts, but I don't really care that much anymore. We have people who come here for vacation!	1/13/2017 5:38 PM
721	Diversity.	1/13/2017 5:04 PM
722	The amount of interesting and quality independent businesses and the community support for independent business.	1/13/2017 5:01 PM
723	A diverse economy	1/13/2017 4:29 PM
724	High income from oil field jobs.	1/13/2017 4:22 PM
725	Unfortunately oil has much to do with the success of ANC. I'm hoping that legal marijuana and small businesses will carry us into a successful future.	1/13/2017 4:16 PM
726	Tourists. Oil and gas.	1/13/2017 3:55 PM
727	Tourism.	1/13/2017 3:50 PM
728	It's diversity.	1/13/2017 3:35 PM

729	Diversity of people and professions and being an economic hub for the state.	1/13/2017 2:28 PM
730	Oil Industry	1/13/2017 12:13 PM
731	Tourism, Oil and Gas	1/13/2017 8:55 AM
732	Abundance of jobs, along with tourism.	1/13/2017 8:19 AM
733	Our strategic location for air traffic, commodities entering the state, and military operations. In turn, it has become the business hub of the state. These linchpins support our tourism, natural resource exploration and development, which in turn support our infrastructure, or jobs, or families, etc.	1/12/2017 11:54 PM
734	Diversity of people and economic stimulus.	1/12/2017 10:31 PM
735	Professional services hub for the State	1/12/2017 9:55 PM
736	Less dependency on oil and tourists	1/12/2017 9:01 PM
737	Tourism	1/12/2017 8:34 PM
738	It used to be oil, but lately that has faded.	1/12/2017 7:32 PM
739	In no particular order: 1. Smart people are attracted here by outdoor recreation, quality of life, and sense of community. 2. High wages, good working conditions compared to Lower 48. 3. Alaska Native corporations and non-profits.	1/12/2017 2:28 PM
740	People living here, working and playing hard here. People who live in ANC are strong, independent and not afraid to work hard to enjoy the benefits of living in a place of beauty.	1/12/2017 12:15 PM
741	Oil Industry. Not just employment provided by oil companies but the jobs created by the businesses that serve the industry and the its employees. And the city benefits from property taxes on homes of people who are working in the oil industry	1/12/2017 12:14 PM
742	The primary factor is the location as a transportation hub for maritime, air, railroad, and road links to other parts of Alaska and Outside. The close secondary factor is the reliance of Rural Alaska on Anchorage for freight, both comestible and non-comestible. The third factor is the location of large portions of state government here in Anchorage.	1/12/2017 10:25 AM
743	Tourism, oil, the military, public education and diversity of businesses can keep us strong.	1/12/2017 10:07 AM
744	Intelligent, adventurous, interesting people.	1/12/2017 9:23 AM
745	Great central location for tourism options, diverse local businesses balanced with an investment by many national chains.	1/11/2017 10:58 PM
746	Jobs, diversity - both people and job types, vibrant recreational opportunities, fortitude, Resilience.	1/11/2017 9:40 PM
747	Tourism, a safe downtown.	1/11/2017 8:31 PM
748	The people in Anchorage. We have a strong community. Economically: fishing (commercial & personally, hunting, tourism, small business.	1/11/2017 7:39 PM
749	Government and Health related jobs.	1/11/2017 7:31 PM
750	Govt. spending. state and federal	1/11/2017 7:21 PM
751	The breadth of small businesses that are actively engaged in the community.	1/11/2017 5:52 PM
752	Hub of the state: transportation, goods, medical, education, tourism.	1/11/2017 5:24 PM
753	the Alaskan can do spirit, reliance on each other, love of place by Alaskans, interest in the state from others (tourists and visitors)	1/11/2017 4:53 PM
754	We have a good infrastructure and ethnic diversity which is city-wide.	1/11/2017 4:34 PM
755	Government and oil & gas jobs	1/11/2017 4:25 PM
756	I am more worried about the quality of life than in economic strengths and weaknesses. With that said, the positive aspects of our economy are our municipal, state and federal services and the number of employees who receive pay checks from those employers, including our teachers. We also have a good small business service sector which gives our economy some diversity so that we do not have to rely on the oil industry or state funding to prop up our economy.	1/11/2017 4:19 PM
757	Federal Gov't and Oil Industry.	1/11/2017 4:16 PM
758	Business sectors are diversified. The central shipping and business hub for state commerce. No sales or income taxes.	1/11/2017 4:04 PM

759	Job security, community connection, educational opportunities, computer literacy, development of technical skills	1/11/2017 3:56 PM
760	Govt spending, oil industry	1/11/2017 3:49 PM
761	Small business, especially concerning tourism, strong entrepreneurship. The diversity of people in Anchorage means we come at problems from all angles. We have a lot of young people.	1/11/2017 3:21 PM
762	Oil Money We have been spoiled for 40 years and think it is the norm.	1/11/2017 3:17 PM
763	diversity of people and opinions the broadening of our economy base lack of an overt class structure - the opportunity to work hard and be rewarded still exists here	1/11/2017 3:04 PM
764	Good wages, available jobs, good education options, spending on infrastructure	1/11/2017 3:02 PM
765	Economy is in the pits at this time. We need to diversify.	1/11/2017 2:41 PM
766	Favorable tax climate, good infrastructure.	1/11/2017 2:11 PM
767	A viable, sustainable and stable oil industry. If the oil industry doesn't feel there is stability and sustainability in the oil tax regime from the State, this greatly affects their plans for Alaska - as it has during the past several years. We are witnessing now the negative effects of the continual changes to our oil tax policy in the decline in jobs that are happening continually in the oil industry.	1/11/2017 1:53 PM
768	Alcohol related business	1/11/2017 1:23 PM
769	Not much right now	1/11/2017 1:13 PM
770	High oil prices	1/11/2017 1:02 PM
771	It is the transportation hub for the rest of the state. Large medical services community.	1/11/2017 11:43 AM
772	Diverse opportunities for employment, affordable housing, and a strong sense of community.	1/11/2017 11:24 AM
773	Anchorage's economy is not strong. Anchorage spends more than it takes in and is looking for more revenue to spend.	1/11/2017 11:08 AM
774	Tourism / Hospitality Diversity of population and small businesses Education & Govt jobs	1/11/2017 10:40 AM
775	Diverse business types, local businesses	1/11/2017 10:32 AM
776	Being a transport hub for air freight and sea. Our military bases and personnel. Excellent schools. Native corporation commitment.	1/11/2017 10:28 AM
777	Diversity	1/11/2017 10:11 AM
778	It's diversity of people and ideas.	1/11/2017 9:57 AM
779	Diversity, as well as, support for an educated workforce. When our young people have access to quality education from early childhood through trade school or university - then our Anchorage economy is strong.	1/11/2017 9:56 AM
780	High oil prices and correlated jobs	1/11/2017 9:16 AM
781	Not much	1/11/2017 9:09 AM
782	Collaboration among Chamber, AEDC, LW&P, ADP, Rotary, Elks, Lions, Anchorage Mayor and Nancy Burke with Homeless programs, relationship with JBER, working community councils, low-income housing agencies, non-profits working together as a united force.	1/11/2017 9:04 AM
783	Oil prices, federal spending, large military personnel, rise in medical needs.	1/11/2017 8:52 AM
784	Economic growth	1/11/2017 8:42 AM
785	resources	1/11/2017 8:29 AM
786	Our good schools, parks, trails, winter road maintenance, infrastructure, strong police presence, dealing with homelessness, are all things that would attract businesses to Anchorage	1/11/2017 8:17 AM
787	Health care, tourism and oil	1/11/2017 8:16 AM
788	Several sectors - Health care, service industry, military and education (UAA & schools).	1/11/2017 8:13 AM
789	The entrepreneurship of its people, its position as the main health, transportation, retail hub of the state	1/11/2017 7:59 AM
790	Oilfield activity	1/11/2017 7:54 AM
791	The oil industry.	1/11/2017 7:21 AM

792	Strong unions and a strong middle class. Unions (in construction anyways) raise wages for everyone, union and nonunion alike. When the middle class makes more money, it is spent locally. Our harsh weather conditions make no shortage of infrastructure improvements necessary. We have work for the middle class, let's keep the middle class strong.	1/11/2017 6:28 AM
793	An educated work force	1/11/2017 5:22 AM
794	Diversity of economic activity, serving as hub of state, federal spending, diversity of population, attractive lifestyle	1/11/2017 3:41 AM
795	Tourism, oil, & military base.	1/10/2017 11:58 PM
796	Federal dollars. Strong job market. Low unemployment. Diverse work force.	1/10/2017 11:15 PM
797	Freedom, risk / reward connection, consumption based taxes, rather than industry based; stable and reliable messaging to industry, so that one can make investments with confidence.	1/10/2017 11:05 PM
798	Tourism/hospitality industry, oil, environmental research, construction. We need more support for education. Better educated children lead to better educated adults in our community. We need to support UAA as well. It keeps our young ones here into adulthood and supports and enriches our community in so many ways.	1/10/2017 10:32 PM
799	It is NOT.	1/10/2017 10:26 PM
800	Influx of new workers from out of state.	1/10/2017 10:12 PM
801	Providing needed goods and services for residents of Anchorage and the rest of Alaska. This includes government services. A safe, clean environment contributes because it makes Anchorage an attractive place to live and do business. Safety includes low crime, but also acceptance of a diverse population. Investment by Native Corporations.	1/10/2017 9:06 PM
802	Diverse companies, military, and diverse areas of economy	1/10/2017 8:59 PM
803	Location where people want to live. Clean air, parks, a diversity of places to work and things to do.	1/10/2017 8:51 PM
804	I hate to say it but I feel it's oil and gas prices. AK is too dependent on oil.	1/10/2017 8:50 PM
805	Anchorage's population is aging. We need to attract young people and diversify the economy. Back away from oil and promote global community economics. Create a city that has activities to attract young professionals and boost tourism/eco tourism. Young professionals who want to live in an exciting place in the world is what will make us stronger.	1/10/2017 8:42 PM
806	The sheer number of people and the fact it's the center of the state. Everything in Alaska pretty much starts here.	1/10/2017 7:48 PM
807	diversity, education/literacy level, less repressive regulation of small business compared to elsewhere	1/10/2017 7:29 PM
808	Oil money and tourism	1/10/2017 7:23 PM
809	Up to this point, the oil industry without question.	1/10/2017 7:22 PM
810	Oil & Gas, Natural Resources, Tourism, Airport Services	1/10/2017 7:06 PM
811	Government workers	1/10/2017 6:57 PM
812	Economic development Low taxes	1/10/2017 6:40 PM
813	Government jobs (military, National Parks employees, etc.) oil company jobs, service jobs (health care, teaching, etc), unions working with management for equitable and fair wages, construction jobs, and both small and big businesses employing so many people.	1/10/2017 6:05 PM
814	Retail and Wholesale Business, Tourism, Medical Services, Airline Travel, Supply Central for goods and Services, Military Presence, and Educations Systems.	1/10/2017 5:56 PM
815	the diversity of the people who live here and the natural environment	1/10/2017 5:30 PM
816	It was oil, now tourism	1/10/2017 5:29 PM
817	Jobs,,,,,,,,,,,,,	1/10/2017 5:28 PM
818	People moving/transferring here wanting to build a life for themselves and their families. Willingness to work any jobs. Professional people wanting a change from what they have had and willing to experience new frontiers!	1/10/2017 4:58 PM
819	oil, tourists, center of sate ecomical activities	1/10/2017 4:39 PM
820	Jobs pay well.	1/10/2017 4:38 PM
821	Diversity of businesses.	1/10/2017 4:25 PM
822	Center of business and travel for the state	1/10/2017 4:19 PM

823	diversity of people and their love of Alaska	1/10/2017 4:13 PM
824	Its infrastructure and accessibility. It is the headquarters for the major employers in Alaska: energy, technology, tourism, native corporations, healthcare and even government.	1/10/2017 4:06 PM
825	Diversity, local businesses	1/10/2017 3:54 PM
826	Tourism, health care industry, military, government employment, restaurants/stores, high quality education and universities, diverse population, diverse age structure of citizens	1/10/2017 3:51 PM
827	Airport bases UAA tourists	1/10/2017 3:48 PM
828	(in no order) Distance from other markets makes it easier for small, independent businesses to operate; "Alaska lifestyle" businesses from hunting and fishing to recreation; presence of federal government offices (civilian, military); presence of important state offices; being the hub for the entire state, especially for health care, goods and services, entertainment; sufficient economies of scale for things like infrastructure, transit, schools - large enough city to support a lot of different sectors and people and interests.	1/10/2017 3:43 PM
829	The jobs required to keep the petroleum industry going and jobs related to keeping projects in the rest of the state moving along.	1/10/2017 3:39 PM
830	Small businesses	1/10/2017 3:28 PM
831	The diversity of residents.	1/10/2017 3:23 PM
832	Diversity of businesses. Lots of disposable income of some parts of the population to spend on entertainment, etc.	1/10/2017 3:22 PM
833	Fed-government payroll, i.e. government employees and military, as well as tourism related payroll.	1/10/2017 3:21 PM
834	Family's with incomes over 100k so they can afford to spend money in the economy to help support those who work for less than 35k a year. Many that work in those low paying jobs are using them as stepping stones for future growth, to supplement another job or to get through school.	1/10/2017 3:18 PM
835	Oil	1/10/2017 3:00 PM
836	Federal \$	1/10/2017 2:55 PM
837	Transportation & recreational trail system, the numerous parks both large & the "Vestpocket" neighborhood ones. Add to that an active population that avails themselves of those amenities.	1/10/2017 2:55 PM
838	Tourism, transportation, and petro business. These economy factors encompass not only Anchorage but state-wide too.	1/10/2017 2:51 PM
839	Diversity of all kinds--people, businesses, non-profits, community groups, opinions, opportunities; also quality of life--our trail system, the wilderness nearby--these things attract people to our community to work and open businesses.	1/10/2017 2:41 PM
840	Small local businesses	1/10/2017 2:34 PM
841	A strong economy is one where citizens are informed about issues and the parameters of a decision prior to making a choice.	1/10/2017 2:27 PM
842	increasing diversity in employment sectors as compared to the 1980s.	1/10/2017 2:10 PM
843	Our industries, our landscape	1/10/2017 2:09 PM
844	Educated, employed, civic-minded citizens who either grew up here or who are committed to staying and making this their home.	1/10/2017 1:57 PM
845	Diversity	1/10/2017 1:57 PM
846	Strong wages.	1/10/2017 1:39 PM
847	Military presence, retail, logistics	1/10/2017 1:36 PM
848	Tourism, oil, potential with the marijuana market.	1/10/2017 1:30 PM
849	It is the biggest city anywhere nearby, so it has a vibrant array of goods and services available.	1/10/2017 1:26 PM
850	The diversity of the City, and the willingness to work together. The strong Community Councils and Federation of Community Councils. Obviously, the oil, construction, fishing industries and tourism help fuel the City and the State's economy. We also have a strong retail and industrial industries. Also a growing police force.	1/10/2017 1:25 PM
851	It is transportation hub for the state, which creates the potential to locate headquarters for statewide companies here, to stage government for outlying communities, to stage tourist activities, etc.. Its economy is always hit less in recessions allowing faster recovery and real growth to start.	1/10/2017 1:24 PM

852	Private Resource Development Jobs	1/10/2017 1:23 PM
853	Strong oil prices, diverse small businesses, tourism, and stability in our government	1/10/2017 1:22 PM
854	Jobs	1/10/2017 1:20 PM
855	Good work options for people	1/10/2017 1:15 PM
856	Transportation hub, tourism, government, professional services, medical	1/10/2017 1:12 PM
857	Government Spending	1/10/2017 1:11 PM
858	Resource Development, tourism, stable political policies, safe communities, business friendly tax policies.	1/10/2017 1:07 PM
859	Diversity of businesses in the community! Good schools! Good health care! Keeping an active community with the ARTS! Tourists!	1/10/2017 12:58 PM
860	It is a hub for many opportunities from commerce to tourism to recreation. This physically makes it a good place for commerce and makes it attractive for people to want to live and do business here.	1/10/2017 12:57 PM
861	Health Care Tourism Government Employment (Military, State, Federal, etc.) Desirable place to live (entertainment, access to nature, good amenities, welcoming city (for immigrants, LGBT people, etc)	1/10/2017 12:56 PM
862	Strategic location	1/10/2017 12:55 PM
863	Fundamentally the economic center of the state.	1/10/2017 12:55 PM
864	Oil, Tourism, Fishing, Military & Cargo	1/10/2017 12:48 PM
865	A crossroads/path/route for diverse economic interests	1/10/2017 12:46 PM
866	Oil (& Gas) - everything else is dependent.	1/10/2017 12:41 PM
867	To me, a strong Anchorage economy is evident by the presence of opportunity. Opportunity to work for a living wage, to practice a healthy lifestyle and to make beneficial connections with other people.	1/10/2017 12:38 PM
868	Support small business and tourism. Grow healthcare and oil but not w unbalanced tax writeoffs to oil companies	1/10/2017 12:38 PM
869	Government employees managing natural resources.	1/10/2017 12:33 PM
870	High wages,	1/10/2017 12:32 PM
871	Private sector growth.	1/10/2017 12:31 PM
872	Anchorage is the economic center of the state -- things like health care, tourism, conventions, and government help. It is also a retail center. The presence of military bases and several colleges also contribute both in terms of consumption, and in skilled labor force supply	1/10/2017 12:28 PM
873	Diversity of jobs, Center of commerce for the state, Diversity of people and cultures, Quality of our public schools, Quality of our environment, and accessibility to outdoor recreation opportunities. Anchorage is a vibrant place where people want to live. If winter or the cold get to you, people leave, creating a "survival of the fittest" group of people!	1/10/2017 12:27 PM
874	I don't think it is strong.	1/10/2017 12:25 PM
875	Strong seasonal markets & high availability of jobs in the summer, economy not heavily tied to lower-48 (protection from national recessions), young & mobile population, relatively high median income (\$78k as opposed to ~\$50k nationally).	1/10/2017 12:20 PM
876	Individual initiative, entrepreneurship and innovation.	1/10/2017 12:15 PM
877	The Oil Industry and the Federal Government including the Military Presence	1/10/2017 12:10 PM
878	Diversity, tourists, no sales tax, art.	1/10/2017 12:03 PM
879	Anchorage is the financial hub for most of the state. Federal spending strengthens the Anchorage economy with nearby JBER and many federal gov't offices. Employment by oil companies, and three major health care facilities. State gov't employment.	1/10/2017 11:47 AM
880	A healthy population. Collaborative, Co-Creation of a community working across party lines for the good of everyone. The Oil industry	1/10/2017 11:46 AM
881	Oil, energy, air transportation/ cargo	1/10/2017 11:46 AM
882	The number of people employed in the oil and government (Federal, State and Local) sectors who reside in the Anchorage area.	1/10/2017 11:42 AM
883	Educated population, willing investors, desirable physical environment	1/10/2017 11:41 AM

884	Tourism, education, medical	1/10/2017 11:40 AM
885	Its still strong and diversified offering of goods and services by local vendors NOT BIG BOX or CHAIN stores.	1/10/2017 11:40 AM
886	Combination of spending from tourism, oil, military and government spending	1/10/2017 11:39 AM
887	Federal and state government spending both direct and indirect For example, the families of military and other government employees create demand for goods and services.	1/10/2017 11:35 AM
888	The oil industry, travel and entrepreneurial enterprise	1/10/2017 11:31 AM
889	Oil & gas industry	1/10/2017 11:30 AM
890	Oil and gas Industry and health care	1/10/2017 11:27 AM
891	Nonprofit and government sectors, oil and gas economy still a player, tourism and fishing industries.	1/10/2017 11:24 AM
892	economic diversification	1/10/2017 11:22 AM
893	Diverse populations, strong community ties, easy opportunities for outdoor recreation to retain workforce,	1/10/2017 11:20 AM
894	Diversity of jobs	1/10/2017 11:19 AM
895	University of Alaska, but it still needs to become a world class learning center in some subject. Second is tourism. Third is the military	1/10/2017 11:19 AM
896	state and federal money, young folks starting new businesses	1/10/2017 11:18 AM
897	Diversity	1/10/2017 11:18 AM
898	Largest population center in the state with many jobs available, tourism hub, many Alaska companies have their main office in Anchorage	1/10/2017 11:17 AM
899	Diversity of economic drivers.	1/10/2017 11:14 AM
900	Diversity as Anchorage is a statewide hub including transportation, logistics, banking, health care, legal and other service supports in addition to strong federal presence including DOD.	1/10/2017 11:12 AM
901	The military presence.	1/10/2017 11:11 AM
902	Military, Oil Industry	1/10/2017 11:08 AM
903	Good economy. Oil, tourism, business environment.	1/10/2017 11:07 AM
904	Largest city in Alaska	1/10/2017 11:07 AM
905	Strong city government, police and fire funding, funding for schools, military bases, tourism, north slope oil flowing, development	1/10/2017 11:07 AM
906	I must answer about what affects me - hence the survey. Economic development of other areas would best be given by those who are there. Downtown Anchorage we need features that include the entire city, not just 4th & 5th Avenue. Economic development for all not just a selective few.	1/10/2017 11:03 AM
907	Banking, business, transportation and retail center of State.	1/10/2017 11:03 AM
908	Oil	1/10/2017 11:02 AM
909	Tourism, Health care sector, recreation, service industry	1/10/2017 11:02 AM
910	We are the center of Alaska for business (e.g., Native corporation HQs, Oil Co. HQs), we have the largest university in the UA system, we are the transit hub, we have the major health care institutions - 3 major hospitals.	1/10/2017 10:58 AM
911	mineral and oil/gas sector	1/10/2017 10:51 AM
912	small gov, no taxation	1/10/2017 10:43 AM
913	Tourism - medical field	1/10/2017 10:42 AM
914	Diversity we need more of it.	1/10/2017 10:41 AM
915	The people who live here.	1/10/2017 10:39 AM
916	The oil industry and the JBER.	1/10/2017 10:39 AM
917	Government/Military, Oil Company and related services, Health Care, Airport and trade between Asia and Europe, Tourism and diversity of businesses	1/10/2017 10:38 AM
918	Central shipping and trading hub for Alaska.	1/10/2017 10:38 AM



919	Consumer demand sustained by high household incomes	1/10/2017 10:38 AM
920	Entrepreneurial spirit	1/10/2017 10:37 AM
921	Tourism, Universities, industry, construction. I think a great asset to our community AND economy is the trails like the coastal trail and the parks.	1/10/2017 10:34 AM
922	Sustainable living wage jobs and consumer spending with local businesses	1/10/2017 10:34 AM
923	Airport, Port, healthcare	1/10/2017 10:32 AM
924	Local Business/Oil	1/10/2017 10:32 AM
925	state and federal spending	1/10/2017 10:32 AM
926	Government and health care, in light of oil industry's current downturn	1/10/2017 10:32 AM
927	Infrastructure that allow it to be one of the major hubs of Alaska. For instance the airport, rail, and road system allow goods, tourism and workforce the ability to travel and ship to so much of the state.	1/10/2017 10:31 AM
928	The use as a transport hub for the rest of the state	1/10/2017 10:30 AM
929	Resources and location. We are rich in natural resources that need to be developed. We are strategically located for international business and development opportunities.	1/10/2017 10:30 AM
930	It is the hub for our state.	1/10/2017 10:29 AM
931	oil and government spending	1/10/2017 10:28 AM
932	Tourism	1/10/2017 10:27 AM
933	Major institutions like UAA, Providence Hospital	1/10/2017 10:27 AM
934	Revitalized downtown	1/10/2017 10:25 AM
935	Independence from the failed State Legislature.	1/10/2017 10:25 AM
936	People shopping at local stores.	1/10/2017 1:03 AM
937	The growth of the professional sector over the last decade.	1/10/2017 12:54 AM
938	It's not.	1/9/2017 6:56 PM
939	The untapped creativity and diversity of its citizens	1/9/2017 5:16 PM
940	The quality and work ethic of its residents.	1/9/2017 4:17 PM
941	Diverse residents from around the world especially within military and oil and gas as well as Alaska natives and longtime Alaskans residing in our community. Access to hatchers pass and turnagain pass as well as the Dustin a drainage and Kenai river. Also the parks trails and hiking.	1/9/2017 3:23 PM
942	Culturally diverse population, tourism	1/9/2017 12:53 PM
943	Diversity	1/9/2017 11:37 AM
944	Underlying flows of money from oil, other resources, the Federal govt, and the PFD. Also air transportation related business.	1/9/2017 11:23 AM
945	Tourism Health services	1/9/2017 10:51 AM
946	Tourism, the military and oil	1/9/2017 9:59 AM
947	A lot of "mom & pop" businesses. Oh, yeah... and of course O&G.	1/9/2017 9:11 AM
948	I don't believe that our economy is strong.	1/9/2017 8:37 AM
949	Central hub for Alaska	1/9/2017 7:59 AM
950	Established, mature and robust infrastructure and lifestyle amenities, especially transportation infrastructure.	1/9/2017 7:47 AM
951	Private business (small Business) and tourism.	1/9/2017 7:09 AM
952	Anchorage is an important cargo and supply hub.	1/8/2017 9:27 PM
953	Higher level jobs that provide disposable income, opportunities for engagement with neighbors, an environment that encourages people to stay and build their future.	1/8/2017 9:17 PM
954	tourism	1/8/2017 8:30 PM

955	I think the community is what helps Anchorage the most with the economy.	1/8/2017 7:25 PM
956	Diversified business & industry; Alaska's business and financial center, Air Crossroads, maturity of existing business, current reserves/capital, military, government spend, Native Corporation HQ, etc.	1/8/2017 6:46 PM
957	Oil and Gas, Health Care, Tourism and a stable real estate market	1/8/2017 5:42 PM
958	Oil and gas salaries as well as natural beauty for residents and tourists.	1/8/2017 4:04 PM
959	Tourism	1/8/2017 4:04 PM
960	new jobs	1/8/2017 3:45 PM
961	Entrepreneurs	1/8/2017 3:15 PM
962	Diversity and small business opportunities.	1/8/2017 2:22 PM
963	The fact that we, Anchorage, is the home base for many of Alaska's major companies both Native and non-Native. Our Port of Anchorage serves all of Alaska. We have the military base here. Our international airport serves as many peoples', tourists, residents and businesspeople, first stop in Alaska. Our current lack of sales tax is most appealing for out of town shoppers.	1/8/2017 2:16 PM
964	Military	1/8/2017 2:13 PM
965	Diversified investments in building Alaska's future for our next generations.	1/8/2017 12:39 PM
966	The jobs that support oil, tourism, and military.	1/8/2017 10:02 AM
967	Growth opportunities in developing infrastructure and eco-tourism and resource exploitation	1/8/2017 9:03 AM
968	Diversity in workforce and skillset	1/8/2017 7:42 AM
969	Oil	1/8/2017 6:41 AM
970	Millions made off of DUI's - easy park confiscating our vehicles without due process to pay a debt - lawers making money off of mentally challenged people - handicap & diasability service companies ripping off their customers that don't have a voice - buyer beware in Alaska - wish their was an economy that was honest & were hard working people are allowed to not have their property stolen or robbed while walking the trails - tourism is strong when we are not ripping off the tourists so they might come back again	1/8/2017 2:05 AM
971	The ability to attract larger convention segment. Keeping oil field jobs in the state	1/7/2017 10:44 PM
972	Oil, tourism, residents with disposable income, local entrepreneurs, freedom	1/7/2017 10:25 PM
973	Employeed citizens	1/7/2017 9:58 PM
974	Jobs	1/7/2017 6:20 PM
975	Being the hub for the state for medical, all businesses, transportation, corporations, and tourism. A relatively young population.	1/7/2017 6:06 PM
976	Tourism, high paying union jobs, oil& gas jobs	1/7/2017 5:55 PM
977	Natural resources, diversity of industries (oil industry, tourism, service industry, etc.), lack of sales tax	1/7/2017 5:47 PM
978	Natural resources, in November- dividends, tourism.	1/7/2017 5:17 PM
979	Service industry where we have to rely on real people that are here.	1/7/2017 4:56 PM
980	Service center for the rest of Alaska	1/7/2017 4:18 PM
981	Good transportation (surface, air, marine). A youthful and reasonably educated workforce. Easily accessible recreational opportunities: Anchorage and Alaska tend to attract people who love the out-of-doors, and we have that both inside city limits and within minutes of most homes and workplaces. Good cultural opportunities and shopping. Good healthcare.	1/7/2017 4:04 PM
982	The oil industry	1/7/2017 3:52 PM
983	Prioritizing local shops	1/7/2017 3:39 PM
984	A right sized municipal government that recognizes innovation and contribution of small businesses and is eager to make the system easier for residents to participate and build their dreams.	1/7/2017 3:27 PM
985	Government and private industry working together.	1/7/2017 2:54 PM
986	Having a diverse market, lots of goods and services to choose from. Less government oversight. High employment. Sense of community.	1/7/2017 2:40 PM

987	Role as economic hub for state; recognition of importance of being welcoming and diverse in business community - LGBT, women, racial/ethnic minorities; presence of ANCs; cargo; small businesses and local support	1/7/2017 2:35 PM
988	High income; increasing focus on tourism and mining as diversified primary industries to oil	1/7/2017 2:25 PM
989	Jobs	1/7/2017 2:14 PM
990	Decent paying Private sector jobs.	1/7/2017 2:05 PM
991	Vibrant service sector; amenities attractive to visitors;	1/7/2017 1:58 PM
992	airport, Port, Military	1/7/2017 1:47 PM
993	Oil	1/7/2017 1:39 PM
994	A business environment that promotes entrepreneurial ideas to flourish.	1/7/2017 1:38 PM
995	Diversity in the population, military presence, air cargo to Asia, and tourism.	1/7/2017 1:32 PM
996	Fairly well diversified economy - tourism, government, military, resource development, transportation.	1/7/2017 1:31 PM
997	Jobs paying above minimum wage that are long term sustainable.	1/7/2017 1:22 PM
998	Oil and tourism	1/7/2017 1:20 PM
999	No income or sales taxes	1/7/2017 1:20 PM
1000	Health care and retail sectors primarily. Oil, mining and gas secondarily. Tourism thirdly. Statewide hub for travel fourth.	1/7/2017 12:56 PM
1001	offering services that people want and choose not to do themselves	1/7/2017 9:15 AM
1002	Our central location within Alaska, acting as a statewide platform for industry and tourism.	1/7/2017 9:01 AM
1003	Location as a Hub for shipping, closest major city to oil fields	1/7/2017 8:42 AM
1004	It's a focal point for state and federal government as well as businesses.	1/7/2017 8:41 AM
1005	Central port area, summer tourism and business center.	1/7/2017 7:33 AM
1006	Diversity of people, natural beauty and outdoor opportunities	1/7/2017 7:22 AM
1007	Tourism and the emerging marijuana industries.	1/7/2017 6:15 AM
1008	Oil and all the military	1/7/2017 5:22 AM
1009	People with jobs	1/7/2017 4:03 AM
1010	The intersection of the state's busiest port, an international air hub, being the primary location in the state for statewide government and business ventures.	1/7/2017 1:25 AM
1011	the diversity of small businesses	1/7/2017 12:46 AM
1012	Diverse economic industry, a great place to raise families with the ability to work in so many diverse industries, excellent education available, huge amount of winter and summer sports . Theaters, entertainment and excellent restaurants, 3 1/2 hour plane ride to the lower 48 And a great sense of community	1/7/2017 12:26 AM
1013	Opportunity for small businesses...a well planned community for outdoor recreation	1/7/2017 12:14 AM
1014	It's diversity across several industries; despite heavy reliance on government and oil, with so many small businesses we can support one another more easily.	1/6/2017 11:38 PM
1015	There are plenty of jobs, maybe not higher paying, but jobs. We also spend money on things like arts and parks so the quality of life is high.	1/6/2017 11:07 PM
1016	Variety of business and employment opportunities,low taxes, fairly high wages and salaries Ak. Permanent Fund and reasonable governance by current administration.Many reasonably priced and available recreational opportunities for most age groups	1/6/2017 11:07 PM
1017	Military presence and small businesses and yes some big box stores	1/6/2017 11:07 PM
1018	Alaska owned employers and businesses	1/6/2017 10:31 PM
1019	Tourism	1/6/2017 8:57 PM
1020	Diversity of residents (age and ethnicity), state investment in infrastructure, locally owned businesses, locally produced consumer goods. Great recreational and cultural opportunities.	1/6/2017 8:30 PM

1021	Strength is in businesses that believe in Anchorage (and the State) and the presence of the groups mentioned in #3. The Historical Core. The Strongest, however, are the individuals who choose to stay here, year after year, and claim loudly that this is 'HOME'.	1/6/2017 7:44 PM
1022	Tourism Airport Support for villages Oil	1/6/2017 6:44 PM
1023	It's not currently. I guess tourism? Continuing to bring in good restaurants (not the same owners all the time just opening new places...), new companies and businesses... all that makes our economy better and stronger. Attracting smart people to work in new businesses also helps the economy to be strong, since they will spend money, help the community, etc.	1/6/2017 6:30 PM
1024	State spending	1/6/2017 6:28 PM
1025	biographical diversity, the University and hospital system, JBER	1/6/2017 6:01 PM
1026	Growth, and choices for shopping and restaurants etc.	1/6/2017 5:13 PM
1027	Federal, State, and Municipality jobs. No competition health care providers,asea military bases,	1/6/2017 4:41 PM
1028	The UMed District, Airport, Resource Development, and the breadth of services that are provided for the rest of the state.	1/6/2017 4:22 PM
1029	Federal government and energy industry presence along being in a position to provide goods and services to other communities throughout the state.	1/6/2017 4:15 PM
1030	Currently Oil and tourism. Also when people buy LOCALLY and SUPPORT local businesses!	1/6/2017 4:05 PM
1031	Tourism	1/6/2017 3:54 PM
1032	Current economic engines such as oil industry related jobs, tourism, conventions, our military bases, health care systems, UAA, and a strong retail market.	1/6/2017 3:52 PM
1033	The young, hard working people with a can do attitude.	1/6/2017 3:50 PM
1034	I'm not an expert in this. I assume it is a mixture of the oil economy and tourism's effect on local businesses throughout the Anchorage area. I also believe having a strong military presence helps fuel the economy.	1/6/2017 3:45 PM
1035	Diversity. Small businesses, entrepreneurial projects. Communication between businesses to focus on support of local products and services.	1/6/2017 3:41 PM
1036	A strong focus on the arts as well as small business.	1/6/2017 3:37 PM
1037	JBEAR	1/6/2017 3:34 PM
1038	Diversification in the job market	1/6/2017 3:31 PM
1039	Diversity of business/industries locating in Anchorage, as well as good-paying jobs to support businesses.	1/6/2017 3:30 PM
1040	A talented and diligent workforce	1/6/2017 3:30 PM
1041	Diversity in people, businesses and progressive educational opportunities. Businesses that support the community and provide liveable wages for their employees.	1/6/2017 3:29 PM
1042	high wages	1/6/2017 3:19 PM
1043	Oil and gas industry	1/6/2017 3:09 PM
1044	Oil and Gas, Government	1/6/2017 3:07 PM
1045	Diversity	1/6/2017 3:05 PM
1046	Small population	1/6/2017 3:05 PM
1047	The people.	1/6/2017 3:04 PM
1048	Diversity retail hub of the state,oil and gas, medical hub of the state. Transportation , military	1/6/2017 2:44 PM
1049	Business friendly laws and business friendly taxes. Trickle down economics.	1/6/2017 2:43 PM
1050	Historically, oil. Currently, the military.	1/6/2017 2:41 PM
1051	Obey from tourism and oil companies	1/6/2017 2:30 PM
1052	Resources extraction industries, transportation, health care	1/6/2017 2:28 PM
1053	Oil	1/6/2017 2:19 PM
1054	The military and small business	1/6/2017 2:19 PM

1055	Anchorage is a hub. Anchorage brings people from the villages and well as a hub for all tourist coming into the state.	1/6/2017 2:19 PM
1056	Shopping locally, and having good, vital businesses.	1/6/2017 2:17 PM
1057	Tourism	1/6/2017 2:15 PM
1058	Transportation & Logistics, Tourism, Natural Resources, Public Investment, Energy, Cultural Assets, Recreation,	1/6/2017 2:13 PM
1059	Oil, tourism, strong people, independent spirit.	1/6/2017 2:13 PM
1060	active municipal government	1/6/2017 2:13 PM
1061	The assumption is that it is strong, it is not. If I read ADN crrect;y 1700 people are going to lose their jobs here this year. Otherwise the general factors that make our city strong are no different from what makes any city strong.	1/6/2017 2:01 PM
1062	People that love living here and are creative problem solvers	1/6/2017 1:59 PM
1063	That so much of the State's economy flows through Anchorage.	1/6/2017 1:55 PM
1064	A mix of businesses	1/6/2017 1:53 PM
1065	Diversity: Medical, tourism, military, government, services, UAA, churches, oil headquarters	1/6/2017 1:53 PM
1066	Oil	1/6/2017 1:52 PM
1067	vibrant people, with a lot of potential	1/6/2017 1:50 PM
1068	oil and tourism	1/6/2017 1:49 PM
1069	And educated workforce, reliable spending from JBER, the service hub for the State. Tourism	1/6/2017 1:43 PM
1070	Lots of different things going on (military, service industries, health, state and local gov., arts, etc.) and an attractive city to lure investment and workforce.	1/6/2017 1:36 PM
1071	Oil and tourism	1/6/2017 1:31 PM
1072	I do not think anchorages economy is strong but there are areas of strength:healthcare, tourism and natural resources.	1/6/2017 1:26 PM
1073	Being centrally located globally. Government - Fed, State, military. Tourism.	1/6/2017 1:24 PM
1074	Tourists	1/6/2017 1:23 PM
1075	Tourism	1/6/2017 1:11 PM
1076	The diversity of stand alone stores; ability of people to begin new start-ups; people's ingenuity.	1/6/2017 10:38 AM
1077	Educated and trained people--and available jobs/opportunities for those seeking work.	1/6/2017 10:26 AM
1078	Low taxes, Competition between businesses. Low property taxes so people have more money to spend on consumer goods (and property taxes are not low and never have been because the muni considers that their cash cow)	1/6/2017 10:26 AM
1079	Educated and in-tune community members who have knowledge of numerous cultures and age groups.	1/6/2017 10:24 AM
1080	1) Tourism, Anchorage is the gateway to Alaska for most visitors. 2) People who've made Anchorage their home and invested in this community are committed to Anchorage's success. One generally cannot simply start working in or take their business to another nearby state or city, unless they leave Alaska entirely.	1/6/2017 9:19 AM
1081	Entrepreneurs Big employers- government, financial,oil	1/6/2017 8:40 AM
1082	Retail, tourism, FedEx, Oil,	1/6/2017 8:32 AM
1083	Tourism, Air Cargo, Marijuana Tax, Military Presence	1/6/2017 8:31 AM
1084	Opportunity. We can make this city (and state) what we want it to be. We have a diverse and under maximized work force.	1/6/2017 8:12 AM
1085	1. Relative to broader AK, diversity of economic activity that is not dependent on one industry 2. Presence of education, healthcare, government, tourism, aviation, natural resources, etc. 3. Infrastructure for outdoor activities, transportation, communications, entertainment, arts, etc.	1/6/2017 7:48 AM
1086	State & Federal government, the Ted Stevens airport and tourism	1/6/2017 7:43 AM
1087	Healthy private industry - oil.	1/6/2017 6:58 AM
1088	The healthcare industry	1/6/2017 5:33 AM
1089	Diversity	1/5/2017 11:27 PM

1090	Outside activities, wildlife, airport accessibility	1/5/2017 11:25 PM
1091	Tourism	1/5/2017 11:20 PM
1092	1. Oil 2. Medical 3. University	1/5/2017 11:08 PM
1093	Diversity of work forces to support the community.	1/5/2017 10:05 PM
1094	Combination of tourism, oil, government, people wanting to live here and then figuring out how to pay for it. Interesting small businesses.	1/5/2017 9:02 PM
1095	Federal Government spending, medical, hospitality seasonally.	1/5/2017 9:01 PM
1096	Jobs	1/5/2017 8:52 PM
1097	Natural Resources	1/5/2017 8:47 PM
1098	A strong and vibrant oil and gas industry, air, water and surface transportation, and an active military segment. These three segments bring money into Anchorage and fuel virtually every other segment, including especially the building and retail segments.	1/5/2017 8:27 PM
1099	Oil, government, and just people who want to live here.	1/5/2017 8:15 PM
1100	The oil industry	1/5/2017 6:39 PM
1101	Oil	1/5/2017 6:20 PM
1102	Taking care of resources, developing new technology Pride in our city	1/5/2017 6:18 PM
1103	Community effort - The oil companies helped with trickle down financial input	1/5/2017 5:48 PM
1104	Oil jobs and its tentacles	1/5/2017 5:48 PM
1105	Oil	1/5/2017 5:18 PM
1106	Oil, obviously, and tourism during the summer. I really can't think of much else.	1/5/2017 5:14 PM
1107	Oil is the primary current strength with significant help from federal/military employment	1/5/2017 5:02 PM
1108	Jobs, stable municipal government, reasonable taxes.	1/5/2017 4:58 PM
1109	Visitors, low taxes	1/5/2017 4:57 PM
1110	Transportation and Energy industries. The work through the year. Tourism contributes during the summer.	1/5/2017 4:53 PM
1111	Education drive economic priority; after that Diversity of employment options coupled with diversity of housing options.	1/5/2017 4:51 PM
1112	High concentration of diverse population with disposable income	1/5/2017 4:49 PM
1113	Transportation services at Anchorage International Airport; JBER; Oil company headquarters; local hospitals.	1/5/2017 4:34 PM
1114	Tourism	1/5/2017 4:30 PM
1115	Probably oil related jobs	1/5/2017 4:01 PM
1116	JOBS, JOBS , JOBS	1/5/2017 3:54 PM
1117	Economic opportunity and outdoor recreation	1/5/2017 3:43 PM
1118	People being willing and able to work. That means educated/trained people who value themselves and respect others. We can't thrive on people seeking what they can get but from what they have to offer in the marketplace.	1/5/2017 3:26 PM
1119	It's people and businesses	1/5/2017 3:24 PM
1120	Diversity.	1/5/2017 3:24 PM
1121	Reliable tourism industry. Hub of opportunity in the state. A young and diverse work force.	1/5/2017 3:05 PM
1122	Center of business for the state (including the oil industry, Native corporations, etc.) and a large enough population and business base to support business diversity and good infrastructure, build a diverse revenue base, etc.	1/5/2017 2:07 PM
1123	Petroleum industry	1/5/2017 1:45 PM
1124	hub community	1/5/2017 1:23 PM
1125	Diverse business economy that is not based on service industry (retail, hotel, restaurant), but on some aspect of "producing" goods. This could include a strong logistics economy (planes, trains, ships and pipelines). To date that role has been played by the oil and gas sector.	1/5/2017 1:19 PM

1126	Oil	1/5/2017 12:09 PM
1127	We have a lot of government funding for Native programs and businesses. We are also strong in the oil and gas field	1/5/2017 11:39 AM
1128	Tourism, doctors, cargo, steady supply of oil/gas support work (steady but not booming), steady supply of military support work, business and transportation hub for entire state.	1/5/2017 8:12 AM
1129	It's the hub for all of ALASKA	1/5/2017 3:17 AM
1130	Diversity	1/5/2017 1:30 AM
1131	Education, tourism, the sea port and airport, military	1/4/2017 11:11 PM
1132	Oil, tourism, health of our fisheries, private sector and ak small businesses	1/4/2017 10:54 PM
1133	I think Anchorage, as the center of economic/social power in Alaska, as well as almost equal political power to Juneau, will remain a strong economic power in Alaska even as the rest of Alaska goes through a recession. Government offices and their employment are incredibly important, as is the private sector (notable energy). Anchorage also has a population large enough to create it's own economy, while the rest of Alaska is dependent on state/federal subsidization to thrive.	1/4/2017 4:27 PM
1134	Oil and gas	1/4/2017 4:19 PM
1135	Logistics industry, airport - Unique center of logistics and transportation activity, both for in-State and global commerce. We have outstanding cargo and passenger service for a city of our size. Tourism- hub for activity Federal spending -- Military and federal agencies bring substantial money to the community. Corporate headquarters - lots of Native Corps and Statewide businesses have headquarters here. Brings in well-educated, well paid jobs. Access to outdoors- attracts some highly talented, adventurous people. Creative economy - High number of breweries and good restaurants for city our size.	1/4/2017 3:24 PM
1136	Our military bases, transportation hubs (port, rail, and airport) and medical facilities.	1/4/2017 3:18 PM
1137	Many locally owned businesses, and every service industry is packed during tourist season. High paying anchor industry (though this can also be a threat in bad times).	1/4/2017 1:52 PM
1138	Resource Development - Oil and Gas, Mining, Tourism, Fishing. When these areas are strong it supplements other areas like medical, retail, Transportation and Real estate	1/4/2017 11:03 AM
1139	Half the state population lives here, the port is here in support of all logistics for the entire state. Military presence here is extraordinary. TS International Airport/hub is here.	1/4/2017 11:01 AM
1140	Healthcare and tourism.	1/4/2017 10:48 AM
1141	Courageous and strategic leadership from the MOA and private sector.	1/4/2017 10:22 AM
1142	I'm not sure that the economy is particularly "strong" today. It's strong points include energy sector, airfreight, tourism, and natural resources . . . especially seafood.	1/4/2017 9:46 AM
1143	tourist season, oil and gas business and fishing	1/4/2017 9:29 AM
1144	Business and entrepreneur diversity	1/4/2017 9:22 AM
1145	Transportation hub	1/4/2017 9:13 AM
1146	Our small town feel, the way everyone knows everyone.	1/4/2017 8:43 AM
1147	It's a transportation/commerce hub--a major port, the Railroad nexus, an international airport, major freight forwarders; a main university campus located here with a faculty dedicated to innovation and entrepreneurship; the home offices of many Native corporations and oil/gas industry players are here; population diversity and density	1/4/2017 8:38 AM
1148	Oil	1/4/2017 8:25 AM
1149	Diversity of business sector interests.	1/4/2017 7:41 AM
1150	Geography, airport, young professionals, the independent spirit of Alaskans, natural resources.	1/4/2017 6:35 AM
1151	Wags that can support a family.	1/4/2017 6:12 AM
1152	The people. They are resilient to all challenges of life, both environmental and economical. They are committed to living in Alaska - rain, snow, or shine.	1/4/2017 5:22 AM
1153	Diversification.	1/4/2017 4:58 AM
1154	Young smart tech savvy workforce, good public schools, reasonable cost of living, UAA, presence of fed/state/local gov, strong medical community, Native corporations, military, airport and port, great parks, reasonable bandwidth costs	1/4/2017 1:37 AM

1155	Spending local, tourism,	1/3/2017 11:31 PM
1156	Tourism, Healthcare, Universities, Quality of Life	1/3/2017 9:18 PM
1157	Gov (Fed State City) Fishing Tourism	1/3/2017 8:03 PM
1158	A huge expanse downtown for all kinds of businesses & support systems, from the smallest business to the largest corporation. Downtown Anchorage, unlike other big cities, BREATHEs. The ratio of people to space is perfect...varied industries & a frontier flare!	1/3/2017 7:19 PM
1159	oil, solvent banks, good local government, loyal Alaskans, particularly the kids who grew up here and consider this home, as opposed to many of us older transplants from the Lower 48.	1/3/2017 7:14 PM
1160	Health Care, military, oil & gas development and exploration	1/3/2017 6:48 PM
1161	Professional services and retail	1/3/2017 6:22 PM
1162	low taxes, good infrastructure	1/2/2017 5:31 PM
1163	No sales taxes	1/2/2017 5:25 PM

### Q3 In your opinion, what makes Anchorage's economy weak?

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#	Responses	Date
1	There are many challenges these days. But besides the macro economic issues, high costs (labor, material) drive high housing prices and make redevelopment ourselves as a modern small city more challenging. Our public sector has limited tools with which to partner on large-scale community projects. Our lack of decision making as it relates to our state fiscal issue is freezing all kinds of investment, from large scale business decisions from individuals householder decisions to trade up. We seem to lack the courage to evolve into a modern city that can have the amenities of urban lifestyle (culture, restaurants, shopping) in such close proximity to the outdoors.	3/16/2017 3:59 PM
2	Low oil prices.	3/1/2017 9:19 AM
3	oil. also government in some aspects.	3/1/2017 8:16 AM
4	Downtown Anchorage is the worst downtown ive ever seen, and i live in it... fix it.	3/1/2017 8:14 AM
5	inaction of idiots	3/1/2017 8:12 AM
6	Not enough diversity	3/1/2017 8:11 AM
7	lack of structure for microbusinesses such as ivory carving, tech manufacture, value added manufacturing, and using our brain assets to train the rest of the world..	3/1/2017 8:08 AM
8	How fast the world is changing now. It feels like change used to come much slower.	3/1/2017 8:07 AM
9	There's NO public transportation. Our state and local government makes the dumbest fucking decisions, such as the Uber decision. What do they do all day?	3/1/2017 8:04 AM
10	AK should look to other arctic places to see what they are doing in regarrsds to their economies to see how to create a astable place to lvie.	3/1/2017 8:01 AM
11	See above.	3/1/2017 7:58 AM
12	Our Downtown is terrible. It's a food desert and there's no pharmacy. Let's start there.	3/1/2017 7:56 AM
13	people who come in to take the PFD. welfarecheaters	3/1/2017 7:54 AM
14	Our dependence on oil is a crux. We don't have anything to diversify our economy.	3/1/2017 7:52 AM
15	Close-mindedness of poplatuion. Terrible legislature. Terrible university.	3/1/2017 7:50 AM
16	High cost of living, high turn over rate (in jobs and physical location- in and out of state), continued bickering over state budget = uncertainty	2/28/2017 11:25 PM
17	Crime. Only having one main thoroughfare from the north to the south.	2/28/2017 10:26 PM
18	Over reliance on oil.	2/28/2017 7:39 PM



19	Poorly planned business corridors.	2/28/2017 7:27 PM
20	The fact that upper income households are taxed so greatly. With the concept of raising property taxes each year and the possible income tax, it is getting to the point where raises are not wanted because it bumps hard working families out of barely manageable financial situations.	2/28/2017 5:20 PM
21	Dependence on oil prices. The downturn in oil prices has already caused the whole state to slip into recession and Anchorage is losing jobs, not only in directly oil-related industries but in the service industries that depend on the money oil brings into the state. A related problem is the "brain drain". Anchorage does not have a world-class university, which means smart young people tend not to stay here unless they land one of the jobs directly or indirectly supported by oil. I worry the city cannot grow unless people have more reason to stay and found companies that will diversify the economy away from oil.	2/28/2017 5:01 PM
22	too much dependence on oil revenues, too many big box and chain outlets which are opened and closed at the whim of Corporate owners outside Alaska	2/28/2017 3:06 PM
23	Even though we have many positive aspects to our economy I think we should be in panic mode due to the loss of oil jobs and industry in Alaska. The trickle down effect will be huge it will hit Anchorage hard as we do not produce much besides places to spend money. Without oil money being injected into our economy we are stuck in a spending loop that slowly bleeds money out of the state. Our spending is out of control and the only cuts that we ever see are to the ASD, road maintenance, fire services and to the police department. This tactic is being used to hold us hostage via have the roads poorly maintained and an increased crime rate which includes drugs, robbery, shoplifting murders etc. This trend will continue until we cave into higher taxes hurting the workhorse middle class. We are slowly becoming Little Chicago with the crime wave we are seeing and this will slowly wear down businesses and cause tourists to think twice before they come to Anchorage.	2/28/2017 1:54 PM
24	Reliance on oil industry and any other nonrenewable resources	2/28/2017 1:45 PM
25	Dependent on oil revenue	2/28/2017 1:23 PM
26	Lack of action to address the statewide fiscal crisis with least regressive options (i.e. graduated income tax), cuts to public education and the university system. Limited resources for low-income Alaskans and those most vulnerable (affordable housing, more housing-first options, more refugee resettlement support, etc.)	2/28/2017 1:13 PM
27	Reliance on the oil industry.	2/28/2017 12:46 PM
28	Proximity to lower 48, cost and location are a detriment to progress.	2/28/2017 12:44 PM
29	Lack of those jobs.	2/28/2017 12:19 PM
30	Lack of choices	2/28/2017 11:43 AM
31	The obvious one is the dependence on scarce or non-renewable resources to fund our infrastructure and fund the local government, which provides utilities, snowplowing, road maintenance, etc. We were fortunate for many years but it is not sustainable.	2/28/2017 11:27 AM
32	Export of capital (personal and corporate) - businesses are based out of state and residents take their discretionary spending to backcountry Alaska, Hawaii, or Seattle. Lack of city centers - economic hubs where living/working/socializing can all be done in walkable or concentrated area Poor urban planning/community connection - partnerships with big developers don't seem to be there (private sector/demand problem perhaps) to get concentrated hubs off the ground.	2/28/2017 10:36 AM
33	Lots of low paying jobs, lack of housing for lower income families/people, unpredictable budgets due to shrinking oil income from State	2/28/2017 9:40 AM
34	see answer to question 2.	2/28/2017 9:39 AM
35	Emphasis on the oil industry, to the detriment of (or ignoring) the most important issues of the environment and climate change	2/28/2017 8:36 AM
36	Online retailers.	2/27/2017 10:32 PM
37	1. Mediocre quality physical & behavioral health care @ an exorbitant cost! 2) Inadequate choice of appealing rental housing 3) LACK of functioning public transport 4) Inability to attract/maintain intelligent skilled workers w/current educations that are NOT related to natural resource EXTRACTION 5) Obnoxious, reckless drivers on roadways 6) Lack of safe walkways/bicycle routes to access DT, MT, Hillside to access work sites & daily living responsibilities 7) DYSFUNCTIONAL State Legislators & Fed Senate & House Reps providing NO citizen representation AND NO sense of ethical responsibility other than their personal wealth aggregation.	2/27/2017 10:14 PM
38	Not fully embracing our diversity, in regards to both community business support and the make up of our professional employees. J	2/27/2017 9:41 PM

39	Overreliance on the fossil fuel industry. Gutting UAA. Underdeveloped transportation system (within the city and to Mat-Su).	2/27/2017 8:49 PM
40	Lack of new businesses. Stagnant companies that don't evolve with the changing job market. Keeping older/out of touch managers/CEOs in leadership.	2/27/2017 5:58 PM
41	Dependant on high paying jobs of petroleum industry.	2/27/2017 3:43 PM
42	Businesses that are primarily owned by outsiders who do not live here.	2/27/2017 2:37 PM
43	Cost of living. Encapsulated economy makes us fragile and reactive to both internal and external factors	2/27/2017 1:58 PM
44	Oil	2/27/2017 1:16 PM
45	lots of transitions; dependence on dominate industry (oil);	2/27/2017 12:50 PM
46	Lack of diversification -- too much reliance on one industry leaves the whole city vulnerable when oils prices are down	2/27/2017 12:40 PM
47	No jobs available and people deciding to move out of the state. No strong partnerships among the university and the business community.	2/27/2017 11:35 AM
48	Reliance on oil, and the trickle down effect of losing oil jobs.	2/27/2017 10:58 AM
49	Fear of spending and over taxation.	2/27/2017 10:30 AM
50	Too much dependence on Oil / Fishing / Tourists (all with very seasonal).	2/27/2017 10:03 AM
51	Over dependence on only a few sectors We are spoiled, unwilling to pay for AK government and local government through taxes 3rd highest in health care costs	2/27/2017 9:44 AM
52	Stable funding for public education. Funding for local government and schools is too dependent on property taxes and state revenue sharing.	2/27/2017 9:30 AM
53	Over reliance on service sector jobs and gov't jobs.	2/26/2017 9:05 PM
54	Not attracting new business to Anchorage	2/26/2017 8:52 PM
55	Lack of education	2/26/2017 7:53 PM
56	state fiscal uncertainty; too few industrial sectors	2/26/2017 1:07 PM
57	Dependence on oil/gas industry and Military presence (JBER)	2/26/2017 12:33 PM
58	The state's lack of a sustainable fiscal plan is the greatest threat to our economy, both in Anchorage and statewide. We need a solid state fiscal plan and a progressive income tax so that the state can continue to support public education and increase the revenue sharing program. I worry that homeowners are going to be over-taxed on residential property taxes to keep the city afloat. Commercial and rental properties need to be taxed at a fair rate as well.	2/26/2017 11:21 AM
59	Dependence on oil	2/26/2017 9:31 AM
60	Cost of living	2/25/2017 7:16 PM
61	Too much dependence on oil. Dependence on funding from state agencies when Legislature is so dysfunctional.	2/25/2017 4:54 PM
62	It is in Alaska. The population is just too small to make a big dent globally so it will remain a bit player in world economics. This means we will always be a hanger on to other bigger economic engines.	2/25/2017 12:30 PM
63	Lack of community services and opportunities. This is everything from job opportunity, education, safety, good parks & recreation and adequate & affordable health care.	2/25/2017 12:10 PM
64	Anchorage is relying on the past, on oil and tourism. I think there are opportunities for innovation, but the city has a 1980s look and mentality. Who wants to live in a place where the sidewalks aren't ploughed (or just don't exist), and where eyesore buildings like that awful hotel in midtown can't be declared as blighted and torn down?	2/25/2017 10:12 AM
65	Lack of a stable industrial base, manufacturing. Unwillingness to support the things that make Anchorage a great place to live, bringing and keeping talented people here to work (things like great schools, arts, trails and parks). The too-great prevalence of violent crime, drugs, and things that make this an unattractive place to come and stay. Insufficient training opportunities (other than university) for trades and support services of various kinds.	2/25/2017 10:11 AM
66	Lack of revenue sources	2/24/2017 7:33 PM
67	Dependence on oil corporations	2/24/2017 7:22 PM
68	The unpredictability of the the oil and military components of the economy which treat Alaska and its economic center, Anchorage, as a colony to be exploited to achieve the goals of the oil industry and the military.	2/24/2017 6:07 PM

69	That it is still not entirely diversified - we are so dependent upon the state of oil and gas. That there are highly skilled/professional jobs and many service-industry, but few opportunities in the middle.	2/24/2017 4:38 PM
70	Little diversification	2/24/2017 3:03 PM
71	There is weakness in our strength of being the largest city in the state and the focal point of activities. We are very narrow in our focus (Govt jobs and Corrections) with a lack of good paying jobs. Service appears to be the sweet spot of jobs and these are low paying with minimal benefits. The lack of land and the expense is also a problem.	2/24/2017 1:19 PM
72	That we mostly rely on oil production for revenue	2/24/2017 12:41 PM
73	Relying primarily on oil and natural gas for state revenue.	2/24/2017 12:26 PM
74	Crime, home invasions, state legislature, property owners paying for everything, taxes are needed so everyone shares in the cost of MoA expenses.	2/24/2017 10:24 AM
75	Global position - distance from markets. High cost of living.	2/24/2017 9:38 AM
76	Not diversifying our sources of income, putting the too much of the tax burden on property owners.	2/24/2017 9:32 AM
77	too much dependence on oil as single commodity; lack of hearty public transportation connecting Mat-Su Valley to Anchorage to Girdwood; ugly poor boom-bust architecture. We are the ugliest city in the most beautiful location in the world! Homelessness.	2/24/2017 9:22 AM
78	Limiting recreational opportunities and not putting more effort into finding a way to upgrade and maintain Anchorage's parks and recreational facilities. (Park Strip, Coastal trail, Pools, Kincaid Park. * As an example Bartlett Pool. Once hosted some national swim meets. Now this multi million dollar facility is only used about 50% of the time. Have a lower cost to attend recreational facilities.	2/24/2017 9:17 AM
79	Lack of employer support to employees, especially dedication to advancement in their workplace. I have managed to stay at jobs about 2 years and when I request a raise or an opportunity to advance I am declined and forced to find a new job. After completing a 4 year degree I could not find a position that would pay more than \$13.50 an hour. After working at the same agency for 2 years and receiving a Masters, I was still only making \$14.45 an hour, and was refused a raise.	2/24/2017 8:59 AM
80	Depending heavily on Oil revenue to fund the government.	2/24/2017 8:54 AM
81	Land use and building regulations that drive poorer people to live in the Valley.	2/24/2017 8:53 AM
82	The government	2/24/2017 8:48 AM
83	I think a hindrance to the economy is overall lack of diversity in goods and services. A single business going bankrupt can leave a lasting impact on the economy, especially when it is the only business offering a particular good/service (e.g. the Aces folding and Sports Authority going bankrupt). High costs of living also keeps large portions of disposable income from entering the market.	2/24/2017 8:38 AM
84	Lack of disposable income to support businesses. Salary does not match cost of living. Property taxes are insane and cost of houses for dated, severely flawed homes.	2/24/2017 8:34 AM
85	The big picture focus on oil/gas production when Anchorage could be a global leader in northern/arctic technology innovation.	2/24/2017 8:29 AM
86	Weakened union involvement	2/24/2017 8:22 AM
87	Weak zoning regulations, cramped housing developments, poor snow removal, no sidewalks, poor park maintenance, snowplows in ER. need a drop blade so driveways are not buried. Very weak police presence on the Glen Highway speed enforcement.	2/24/2017 7:15 AM
88	Over-reliance on oil & gas income.	2/23/2017 7:54 PM
89	The current impacts of the state wide fiscal crisis, and the reliance on State funds.	2/23/2017 5:36 PM
90	Reliance on oil and federal government	2/23/2017 5:11 PM
91	Our economy lacks sufficient diversity. With nearly 85% of our economy tied to the oil industry we live or die by our tie to the world's oil prices. Until that changes this answer will vacillate between the questions of what makes our economy weak, and what makes it strong.	2/23/2017 4:53 PM
92	Individualistic ideology that I matter more than another person.	2/23/2017 4:27 PM
93	A lot of transition/transitory population	2/23/2017 4:13 PM
94	High unemployment, lack of money spent on goods, services and infrastructure.	2/23/2017 4:05 PM
95	Not so smart government decisions (MOA/SOA).	2/23/2017 3:38 PM

96	Too much leakage from our economy.	2/23/2017 3:35 PM
97	Many anchorage workers choose to commute due to a perceived level of risk associated with local crime.	2/23/2017 3:15 PM
98	In light that it is the Pac-Rim hub why aren't there more bilingual kiosks, signs at the airport, ect. anything to make the city more internationally friendly. Since we are the hub of Alaska, why aren't there more resource centers to make Anchorage more friendly to those coming in from rural areas (literally other cultures, operating at a different tempo and many times different languages) In order to facilitate mobility by those of different income brackets and age, we have to have dependable and regular public transportation. The sidewalks have to stay plowed. High traffic stoplights need cameras to stop the red light runners from killing pedestrians. In order to get to the discussions on how to build Anchorages economy we have to figure out how to pay for an adequate police force and how to keep the streets plowed. Those two topics create so much angst that we can't get to the next issues. Health care in Alaska is the most overpriced in the nation.	2/23/2017 1:26 PM
99	dependence on the energy sector, lack of business sector diversity, threats to public education, low quality of talent available, healthcare costs, very few businesses exporting products or services to lower 48 markets	2/23/2017 1:17 PM
100	The failure to recognize the regional nature of the economy rather than "just" Anchorage. There needs to be a regional effort, meaning Anchorage and the Mat-Su, beginning with correct land use planning and zoning to encourage types of industry and businesses in appropriate areas. Then we need to leverage existing infrastructure, such as the Alaska Rail Road, trucking companies and public transportation systems to connect citizens to businesses.	2/23/2017 12:42 PM
101	the price of oil	2/23/2017 11:16 AM
102	no decent transport system in core areas( buses yuk), medical practices charge too much, too many idiots with pistols, lots of drugs, not enough police	2/23/2017 10:47 AM
103	Lack of state profiting businesses	2/23/2017 10:39 AM
104	When creative ideas of this innovative workforce remain untapped.	2/23/2017 10:22 AM
105	To much dependence on oil revenues. Inability of the state legislature to pass a budget.	2/23/2017 10:15 AM
106	Heavy social services burden	2/23/2017 6:51 AM
107	1. State-wide vulnerability to the fluctuation in key industries such as oil, military, health. When those industries make cuts everybody feels it. 2. High living expenses and extreme physical environment create unique challenges that make the poor poorer and increases their vulnerability to substance abuse and mental health issues 3. Lack of mid-level pay jobs. Stable jobs have exceptionally high wages to accommodate high cost of living and openings are difficult to fill with qualified candidates within the state. Meanwhile large companies have constant openings for minimum wage positions. There are very few \$12-\$18 per hour positions in general.	2/22/2017 11:56 PM
108	State politicians playing games and not fixing the fiscal issues.	2/22/2017 10:58 PM
109	Oil dependence	2/22/2017 8:34 PM
110	The lack of manufacturing and production of goods, food, etc.	2/22/2017 7:32 PM
111	Reliance on one or a few industries, for example, oil.	2/22/2017 6:58 PM
112	Oil and resource extraction based on outdated technologies with no goals in future sustainability. Extremely poor intellectual management, including the total failure of the UA system	2/22/2017 5:36 PM
113	Too much dependence on folks that are working, making money, contributing and literally paying the way for many other dead weights. With such a small population EVERYONE needs to contribute...even if those contributions are unequal relative to ability to do so. EVERYONE who resides here MUST be a part of the solution and not just a drain/strain.	2/22/2017 5:18 PM
114	Lack of diversification/investment beyond oil & gas	2/22/2017 4:36 PM
115	Oil industry	2/22/2017 4:34 PM
116	High cost of living, especially medical cost	2/22/2017 4:11 PM
117	The dependence on oil. Anchorage (and AK) needs to become even more diverse that it already is. Keeping UAA strong will help, and the railroad developing the port area will help also. We need to thrive by becoming more like the rest of the northwest- Portland and Seattle. Great places for culture and recreation. A take off point for the rest of the state.	2/22/2017 2:58 PM
118	Lack of business diversity. Too much dependence on extraction industries, tourism. Too much money spent here going outside the state. For example, Princess Tours clients pay Princess (money goes to Seattle, except for wages paid to Alaskans), and the clients don't get the chance to leave the "Princess" machine and spend money on the local economy.	2/22/2017 1:35 PM

119	The more money we lose, the more services we lose, the less people and businesses want to be here...and on and on in a vicious cycle. We need to take care of basic needs in our community - in particular roads, snow removal, and schools. Then there is the whole issue of the homeless and sky-high rates of alcoholism/drug use. Another factor that weakens our economy is that there are no opportunities for teens/young adults. There should be apprenticeship/training opportunities so that these individuals learn a trade that can benefit our community (welding, construction, HVAC, etc). Then the high cost of living here is another weakening factor. Who wants to live in such an expensive place where basic services aren't taken care of?	2/22/2017 1:31 PM
120	Fiscal uncertainty in Juneau	2/22/2017 1:11 PM
121	A very narrow tax base erodes services that are important to a lot of people and make Anchorage a more livable city.	2/22/2017 10:00 AM
122	obsession w oil distance from lower 48	2/21/2017 11:41 PM
123	Dependence upon oil. Job loss. Removal of the PFD.	2/21/2017 11:28 PM
124	Reliance on the up and down nature of the oil industry.	2/21/2017 10:05 PM
125	Oil money. It is not the future; and is not a reliable (or ethical) basket to put all our eggs.	2/21/2017 8:56 PM
126	Lack of economic diversity/over reliance on oil, lack of marketing for tourism, no state economic strategic plan or development of incentives for industry (such as tax incentives for job growth), high wages to non residents with no tax burden.	2/21/2017 8:41 PM
127	Only focused on oil and resource production.	2/21/2017 8:31 PM
128	High rates of unemployment in certain areas, lack of appropriate tax laws to keep education and health care priorities. " Alaska has evolved into a state so blinded by it's own greed and constrained by entitlement constituencies that rational political decision making is nearly impossible" Greg Wolf. "The burden of irresponsible spending and debt- both in Alaska and nationally- unfairly passes to the backs of our children. " Greg Wolf- Alaska Business Monthly	2/21/2017 7:11 PM
129	no oil money	2/21/2017 6:57 PM
130	Crime. Dysfunction of leadership. Non Participation of citizens. Power and leverage of special interests at the expense of others. Short sighted dysfunctional planning, An MOA which supports special interests and the MOA rather than people, The same problems for the last 40 years that I have lived here.	2/21/2017 4:40 PM
131	High cost of living.	2/21/2017 4:23 PM
132	Dependence on oil industry for Alaska in general	2/21/2017 3:36 PM
133	dependance on large external corporations for infrastructure, jobs, goods, and services High cost of living (housing, food, healthcare) Poor transportation options (lousy bus system - weak trail system - dangerous pedestrian system) High cost of commercial real estate (both rental and purchase)	2/21/2017 3:29 PM
134	Being based on a single industry (high risk, low certainty).	2/21/2017 3:20 PM
135	Too much government	2/21/2017 3:14 PM
136	Giving tax breaks to Big Oil. Any reduction in Police as school or community resources.	2/21/2017 3:13 PM
137	Homelessness, drugs, parks that are unsafe, and crime in downtown. Who wants to stay and visit an area which you don't feel safe in? A lack of a comprehensive policy to encourage new industries. Infrastructure that makes a city an attractive place to want to base your business. Too much dependence on fossil fuel industries to carry our economy in the future.	2/21/2017 2:57 PM
138	Almost complete reliance on oil and gas.	2/21/2017 1:19 PM
139	Too much reliance on one industry	2/21/2017 1:10 PM
140	Little diversification	2/21/2017 12:10 PM
141	Reliance on non-renewable energy and non-renewable jobs.	2/21/2017 11:41 AM
142	Reliance on external factors (the State of Alaska)	2/21/2017 11:03 AM
143	The high price of fuel and dependence on imported necessities	2/21/2017 10:49 AM
144	The number of people who are able bodied and choose not to work and rely on handouts. This population continues to grow as the working community is staying the same.	2/21/2017 10:44 AM
145	A narrow range of commercial options compared to other US cities of its size (in terms of population)	2/21/2017 10:10 AM
146	It is too dependent on oil revenue. Like many cities that have put the majority of their eggs in too few baskets Anchorage is at the mercy of the oil companies.	2/21/2017 9:16 AM

147	Negative attitudes towards groups who think differently than the the group the person belongs to. Cutting Anchorage Municipal government programs and ability to perform basic functions through layoffs and budget cuts. Poor support to public schools. To much reliance on the State for funding. Stove pipe thinking by various MOA departments. Collaboration within MOA brings better results, already shown with new Mayor.	2/21/2017 8:22 AM
148	Big box stores, lack of support for local businesses	2/20/2017 8:27 PM
149	Inept State government, Oil industry fluctuations	2/20/2017 8:20 PM
150	Depending on oil and/or tourism or any one source of jobs. Expensive housing. Poor public transportation. Excessive crime, homelessness, and intoxicated people living on the streets. Not enough law enforcement. Poor public education and high drop out rates.	2/20/2017 7:49 PM
151	Money flowing out of the state to corporations with no stake in our community.	2/20/2017 5:51 PM
152	Too many people and businesses are spending money outside of our local economy. Internet spending, national chains stores and even some government spending outside of Alaska is draining our economy dry. It has happened all over the country....the same stores and restaurants are in every town, Anchorage is unique and we should strive to stay that way, as it encourages tourism as well.	2/20/2017 5:08 PM
153	Lower Federal/State & local government spending, low energy prices, declining oil production, fewer oil capital projects and cuts to permanent fund earnings.	2/20/2017 4:53 PM
154	Increasing crime, increasing mental illness issues and drug dependency among the homeless and gang activity. Poor road maintenance between Anchorage and Eagle River has caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage to people's vehicles and lives this year as well and commuting has become a dangerous and risky endeavor.	2/20/2017 3:16 PM
155	Sales taxes, (same as #5)	2/20/2017 1:02 PM
156	Over-reliance on the construction and oil industries.	2/20/2017 12:18 PM
157	Over reliance on state-municipal revenue sharing, lack of development of local revenue sources, over dependence on oil industry as primary driver of the economy, stupid investment in questionable and/or ridiculous mega-projects that have ultimately squandered capital that could have been used for economic diversification, lack of investment in tourism-related natural resource infrastructure such as state and municipal parks (ie., development of facilities that could "hold" visitors additional days in Anchorage	2/20/2017 11:50 AM
158	Poor leadership decisions that would allow (as an example, as I'm sure there are more) projects such as SAP to continue bleeding the city as much as it has, and is. That project cost the city literally tens of millions of dollars more than it ever should have only because leadership could not recognize a poor bid award decision before the project even began. They also had several opportunities to steer that project to local business, but couldn't recognize how to do it, even after local IT businesses proposed solutions. I believe our city leadership does not contain business-minded people who are critical to success right now. I also believe our educators (not necessarily our education system, but our educators) are among the very poorest in the nation, yet they are the highest paid. Unions have destroyed both the quality of output, and the mentality of educators. My wife works in the ASD, and comes home with outrageous stories of waste and poor performance of her peers literally on a daily basis. Work ethic is horrible, teachers spend an alarming amount of their day away from the actual act of teaching, and accountability is non-existent and is evidenced by the 'you can't get fired from the ASD' attitude.	2/20/2017 8:38 AM
159	Having only one major source of income, i.e. Oil	2/20/2017 7:26 AM
160	Food stamps. Welfare. Free gibbs me dats for people that do not deserve it. Free handouts make people lazy and unmotivated to strive. We need to cut that evil down immediately. Bullshit politicians with their hurt feelings and the environment. Too many regulations.	2/20/2017 7:16 AM
161	falling oil prices, homelessness, crime, lack of snowfall	2/20/2017 7:09 AM
162	Unemployment	2/20/2017 3:06 AM
163	Where do I begin!	2/19/2017 11:56 PM
164	over reliance on the oil industry	2/19/2017 9:12 PM
165	The extraction industry plays a big part of a strong economy but it can be boom or bust and in a turn-down can have a detrimental domino effect on the local economy. Affordable and lack of middle income type homes is a problem.	2/19/2017 7:50 PM
166	Possibly a reliance on quick answers. Many of our communities current assets were put in place a decade or two ago - when they were wild ideas with seemingly little current need. Those assets are now the reason we live here and the reason people stay and why they visit.	2/19/2017 7:35 PM
167	dependency on oil price, workloads that swing seasonally	2/19/2017 6:24 PM
168	Too much reliance on energy companies	2/19/2017 4:15 PM

169	Limited manufacturing / product development. What do we export beyond mineral wealth? Too much reliance on servicing petroleum industry.	2/19/2017 3:55 PM
170	Unemployed households, alcohol and drug addiction, overpriced housing	2/19/2017 3:50 PM
171	High cost food, food insecurity, high cost housing, high cost transportation, high cost goods, poor public transportation	2/19/2017 1:18 PM
172	No oil jobs	2/19/2017 1:15 PM
173	Divisive attitudes between neighbors. Disagreements are natural, but hatred and the willingness, almost eagerness to perpetrate violence has grown! This is a big part of a one party rule; Alaskans just supporting the "R" without researching the party platform has truly divided this state.	2/19/2017 10:40 AM
174	Decreasing oil industry, decrease in jobs in oil field.	2/19/2017 10:27 AM
175	Dependance on oil money and asking property owners to shoulder the entire burden of running the Muni.	2/19/2017 8:27 AM
176	Unemployment, crime	2/19/2017 8:22 AM
177	Thieves, murderers, drug addiction. These citizens weaken our economy by the mere threat of the havoc they can cause.	2/19/2017 4:24 AM
178	Not sure	2/19/2017 3:06 AM
179	Crime and lack of policing. Lack of infrastructure and building improvements especially downtown Anchorage.	2/18/2017 9:47 PM
180	See above. Also far too many jobs in retail that don't pay living a wage	2/18/2017 4:36 PM
181	Crime rates. I am fearful to be downtown or out after dark. That's most of the winter. When summer comes we are out enjoying other parts of the state. An Anchorage where I no longer feel safe is an Anchorage that is losing my economic impact. Our disposable dollars are being spent on two vacations already planned for 2017, with a third in the works. We have never planned three vacations in one year. We simply have more money because we are not going out in Anchorage and spending money. I used to love going downtown for First Fridays and other events or just walking around on a summer night with out-of-state visitors. That resulted in dollars spent at restaurants, bars and stores. The cost of housing.	2/18/2017 4:12 PM
182	Due to the oil&gas industry dwindling, the job insecurity and unemployment. I feel we aren't attracting business development of years past. It's nerve wrecking to spend money, when you're unsure if you will have a job in the future. I've been employed for nearly 5 years with fair wages and great benefits - but still feel like our Corporation could be dismantled, and don't know when I would be able to get another job due to the (at least perceived) troubled job market.	2/18/2017 2:31 PM
183	Many industries rely on the oil and gas industry to do well. This makes many industries in Anchorage dependent on oil prices so when oil prices are low a large portion of Anchorage suffers.	2/18/2017 1:42 PM
184	The dependence on the petroleum industry revenues.	2/18/2017 1:27 PM
185	Her reliance upon oil production and field support industry for employment. This makes us too subservient to the world market price of oil; unable to weather boom and bust cycles inherent in the industry. Secondly, Anchorage should be looking to New Zealand and their outlook on Native Alaskan tourism opportunities coupled with eco-sustainable outdoor recreation which is value added to extend our tourism season.	2/18/2017 1:05 PM
186	Politicians, crime	2/18/2017 11:20 AM
187	High cost of products and services.	2/18/2017 11:00 AM
188	The corruption in the city and state. It makes planning for the future difficult.	2/18/2017 10:52 AM
189	Having too many people not residing here working in our state seasonally	2/18/2017 8:17 AM
190	fear from crime rate	2/18/2017 6:24 AM
191	Oil and Tourism	2/18/2017 5:38 AM
192	No Team work amongst various business	2/18/2017 2:56 AM
193	Amazon	2/17/2017 9:42 PM
194	People leaving the state, pessimistic attitudes	2/17/2017 9:04 PM
195	High prices of every thing. Mainly food, and gas. Not everyone is a tourist. Those of us who live here get no benefit from them. Only the stores and companies.	2/17/2017 7:40 PM
196	Too much influence from lawmakers far away and a population ever growing with poverty, homelessness and overwhelmed with the task of making people in this cycle productive members of our society.	2/17/2017 7:38 PM

197	The people	2/17/2017 7:14 PM
198	Resourcing out of state for manpower that could be met here. Also, too much reliance on Federal monies.	2/17/2017 7:13 PM
199	Crime.	2/17/2017 5:36 PM
200	Mismanagement of city funds	2/17/2017 5:36 PM
201	Job losses Businesses declining or closing.	2/17/2017 5:29 PM
202	low gas prices, high taxation	2/17/2017 5:14 PM
203	Funding the same legislation year after year without public results	2/17/2017 5:11 PM
204	Crime, drug and alcohol abuse	2/17/2017 4:55 PM
205	Too much reliance on one resource.	2/17/2017 4:25 PM
206	appearance of increasing crimes; climate change; reduced budgets	2/17/2017 4:09 PM
207	Overreliance on oil and gas industries and on seasonal industries.	2/17/2017 3:56 PM
208	Lack of jobs, too high a spending rate, weak legislators.	2/17/2017 3:54 PM
209	Knee jerk reactions to bickering ideas, complaining about taxes in one breath and then not having a personal street plowed quickly enough in the next breath, crime - especially drug related.	2/17/2017 3:48 PM
210	not willing to pay for services that the city needs	2/17/2017 3:34 PM
211	Loss of jobs	2/17/2017 3:22 PM
212	dependence on Oil and State funds - lack of community involvement and internet shopping	2/17/2017 3:21 PM
213	Laziness of the anchorage people	2/17/2017 3:14 PM
214	Not making this a truly winter city that is accessible. Lack of focus on strong educational opportunities, lack of focus on mental health needs, lack of focus on solid infrastructure and maintenance.	2/17/2017 3:04 PM
215	Low wages???? in service industries	2/17/2017 2:08 PM
216	Crime, lazy and destructive renters	2/17/2017 2:07 PM
217	Lack of jobs.	2/17/2017 2:04 PM
218	too many ner-do-wells who don't work but steal/rob which discourages people and businesses - the root cause being high school drop-outs and drugs and lack of a proper upbringing and work ethic - first step is to enforce Anchorage's curfew law and to round-up school skippers	2/17/2017 1:58 PM
219	Not enough spending on infrastructure, roads	2/17/2017 1:55 PM
220	Oil industry fluxuation and reliance, geographic isolation	2/17/2017 1:43 PM
221	Over reliance on commodities for state revenue which has resulted in an over-sized state government.	2/17/2017 1:40 PM
222	Inhabitants of our state who do not participate in the workforce, who take from the entitlement programs we can no longer afford as a state.	2/17/2017 1:38 PM
223	Drugs	2/17/2017 1:36 PM
224	Lack of diverse economic activity, too much reliance on Oil&Gas, and it's isolation relative to the rest of the world.	2/17/2017 1:33 PM
225	Our reliance on oil	2/17/2017 1:32 PM
226	Asleep designing and planning.	2/17/2017 1:29 PM
227	Oil prices	2/17/2017 1:15 PM
228	Dependence on oil,	2/17/2017 12:54 PM
229	not having the oil business in the state up and running	2/17/2017 12:36 PM
230	We aren't as diverse economically as we need to be	2/17/2017 12:13 PM
231	Dependence on having so many things shipped in from the Lower 48.	2/17/2017 12:05 PM
232	Population sectors that want services but not wanting to pay for them. Big box stores hurt local economy without regard for impacts on existing local services	2/17/2017 11:51 AM
233	The exhorbitant cost of child care and housing, whether rentals or home ownership.	2/17/2017 11:07 AM



234	Dependence on oil and box stores, crime, unattractive development and poor recreation opportunities.	2/17/2017 10:50 AM
235	oil	2/17/2017 10:47 AM
236	High expense to keep small business operating	2/17/2017 10:41 AM
237	Unnecessary taxes and costs on residents. There is a lot of waste. While waste may not be significant compared to other expenses, it needs to be resolved. Over time the waste is very expensive.	2/17/2017 10:20 AM
238	Lack of long term planning, partially due to the fact that it's difficult to sustain a long term vision beyond the short election cycles. That's why non-profit organizations and coalitions are so important. However, our coalitions are very narrow in scope and act as industry advocates, which contributes to the weakness.	2/17/2017 10:14 AM
239	Over sized government	2/17/2017 10:04 AM
240	Governmental over priced spending on services to the public such as road repair, winter maintenance, and development.... .. willing to pay a cost for services to do the jobs that is not reasonable....	2/17/2017 10:02 AM
241	The school district is pulled down by charter schools, which are in effect publicly-funded private schools that are not as diverse as neighborhood schools. The fact that there is no bussing limits the attendance demographic at charter schools to the upper class, which is leading to a de facto segregation in Anchorage schools. If Anchorage got rid of its charter schools, the neighborhood schools (many of which are fantastic already) would be strengthened and all students would get an equal, quality education in diverse schools. High rates of crime is also weakening Anchorage. The homelessness situation has gotten progressively and noticeably worse over the last decade. And short-sightedness on the part of the Governor in eliminating the film tax credits destroyed what was becoming a very cool new industry in Alaska and Anchorage of filmmaking. As we need a diversified economy now more than ever, this was a tragic move since this industry was well on its way and was providing an interesting facet to Anchorage as big-dollar movies were filmed around the city. The high cost of health care in Anchorage is sucking dollars out of the economy and into the pockets of just a few people/entities. This is a huge and growing impact on the spending of families in Anchorage that needs to be addressed, not just talked about.	2/17/2017 9:59 AM
242	Lack of diversity in high income sectors outside of oil and gas.	2/17/2017 9:21 AM
243	The slope workers, miners, lumber, and fisheries who take the money and run	2/17/2017 9:13 AM
244	Big box stores and chain restaurants where the money flows away from our economy. In addition oil industry workers who don't live in the state (they take jobs from our people who will spend their money here helping to bolster our local economy). Our local government, where we pay large amounts of property tax dollars, spends on infrastructure and programs that benefit the whole state and visitors - but yet we - the local property owner end up paying most of this. The continual escalation of one party paying for all of this weakens our economy. Huge crime problems. Cost to personal property owners is skyrocketing - so are corresponding insurance rates.	2/17/2017 9:12 AM
245	That we as a city rely on the State of Alaska's un-diverse economy.	2/17/2017 8:55 AM
246	Property tax that make it not possible to have inventory and a site that trying to compete with the internet..	2/17/2017 8:53 AM
247	Many people are transient. There is no major product or attraction stimulating growth.	2/17/2017 8:51 AM
248	A lack of diversity. Medical and tourism are strong, but oil jobs will not be here forever.	2/17/2017 8:48 AM
249	SWAT analyses are best accomplished through brainstorming sessions. Please consider attending the many strong community council meetings around Anchorage.	2/17/2017 8:47 AM
250	Our weakness is the same as all of Alaska, we rely solely on the oil patch for economic stability.	2/17/2017 8:47 AM
251	Uncertainty in state fiscal policy	2/17/2017 8:31 AM
252	Extremely inadequate public transport (hours, days, routes), virtually no commuter public transport, built for tourists in mind, high prices (even for locally grown and made products--makes no sense to me!)	2/17/2017 5:04 AM
253	Same as what makes it weak. Over dependence on energy.	2/16/2017 8:10 PM
254	Too reliant on oil industry, high cost of medical services.	2/16/2017 7:37 PM
255	High property taxes, failure to deal with low income housing/homelessness. Reliance on oil industry.	2/16/2017 6:47 PM
256	Dependence on oil industry	2/16/2017 5:15 PM
257	High cost of living	2/16/2017 2:11 PM
258	We are looking in the oil area...We need to accept it and find other jobs, like new resources.	2/16/2017 2:07 PM
259	Uncertainty with state budget	2/16/2017 1:48 PM
260	Bad business climate, oil downturn	2/16/2017 11:43 AM

261	Dependence on oil	2/16/2017 10:40 AM
262	Lack of industrial diversification to pick up the slack when oil is low.	2/16/2017 9:54 AM
263	complacency; political gridlock	2/16/2017 9:17 AM
264	An inflated government that over spends and doesn't manage their budget. I have seen way to many times a member of the government goes into a retail store. Spends several thousand dollars just because they need to or they won't get the same amount next year.	2/16/2017 8:19 AM
265	Reliance on oil and gas industry;	2/16/2017 7:05 AM
266	Cost to import goods, too many hotels/motels unused during winter season	2/16/2017 7:04 AM
267	Winter	2/16/2017 6:48 AM
268	Not enough emphasis on educating older citizens on how to use new technology.	2/16/2017 5:47 AM
269	Too much dependency on oil we need to work out deals with fedex and ups to make shipping cheaper. We're a major hub and yet have to pay huge fees and denied service maybe more small manufacturers would come here if shipping wasn't so high	2/16/2017 5:08 AM
270	Reliance on state and federal funding for basic services such as infrastructure and commerce weakens our local economy.	2/15/2017 10:02 PM
271	Losing job opportunity.	2/15/2017 7:34 PM
272	The very weak local education system. The lack of support for extractive industries. Very poor local government. Lack of accountability by local government.	2/15/2017 7:15 PM
273	Cars	2/15/2017 5:35 PM
274	Not enough information	2/15/2017 4:43 PM
275	I don't think our economy is particularly weak. Middling maybe, but not weak.	2/15/2017 4:37 PM
276	Too many jobs which are solely oil & oil related	2/15/2017 4:17 PM
277	- expensive housing that's often in very poor condition. - expensive lodging (hotels) that are in poor condition - money leaves the local economy when big box stores profit (people don't shop locally owned businesses) - people work in Anchorage but live out of town (and spend those earned dollars elsewhere)	2/15/2017 1:39 PM
278	Cutting public programs, education, and transportation. Teachers, bus routes, etc.	2/15/2017 1:23 PM
279	Inefficient state, local, health care, university and educational organizations.	2/15/2017 12:54 PM
280	The economy is weak when so dependent on a few big industries and employers, plus the dependency on government funding.	2/15/2017 12:11 PM
281	Primary, traded sector industrial activity takes place elsewhere. Our failure to reasonably tax the economic activity that does occur within our boundaries. Failure to recognize, address, and resolve systemic community problems such as crime and homelessness. These issues make Anchorage less desirable as a place to relocate or visit.	2/15/2017 11:49 AM
282	Oil as a central focus and employer.	2/15/2017 11:43 AM
283	Businesses and Employees from "outside" making money here and taking it back to their "home" to invest in the economy there. Putting all our eggs in one basket (Oil Companies & Drill Baby Drill Attitude) Exploitation by Oil Companies and wealth being the objective rather than HEALTH of our population and land.	2/15/2017 10:21 AM
284	Spending on unneeded infrastructure like circles at Sand Lake & Dimond. If traffic controls were needed at the two circles, stop signs would have been much cheaper. Threats to impose taxes without reductions in spending. People leave the area/state after retirement because it's too expensive to stay. Medical costs are too high and many MDs don't accept Medicare.	2/15/2017 8:42 AM
285	Road infrastructure	2/15/2017 7:10 AM
286	Location affects supplies and job diversity for professionals	2/15/2017 6:24 AM
287	High property tax, state fiscal situation, transportation is very week - cabs are unacceptable and do not meet minimum standards compared to other cities.	2/15/2017 6:11 AM
288	Regulation	2/15/2017 4:17 AM

289	Crime is number 1.. Every part of Anchorage is being effected by brazen thieves that just care about themselves. Next is the ever increasing federal, state and municipal regulations, taxes and fees impacting the businesses and residents who are already struggling to keep their nose above water, a roof over their head and food on the table. Too many free programs for too many people. Most have some type of skill that makes them employable.	2/14/2017 10:37 PM
290	Frivolous spending ( I worked within the muni for over 30 years and they never failed to amaze me at the amount of wasted resourses) we have needed a sales tax for years now. A sales tax would catch everybody, even tourists in the summer.	2/14/2017 8:04 PM
291	People who are hesitant to invest in our city; those who are resistant to any kind of taxation or personal involvement.	2/14/2017 8:03 PM
292	health care costs: I pay \$1500/month for my family of 4. Our total monthly income is ~\$6500 Another thing is limited child care options and high costs. \$1100/month for my 3yr old.	2/14/2017 7:52 PM
293	Dependency on oil revenue.	2/14/2017 6:42 PM
294	oil companies, unsafe communities (shootings, robberies, car thefts, etc)	2/14/2017 6:02 PM
295	We need wider diversity of employment and investment and to support and encourage long-term residence and therefore investment, in our city and state.	2/14/2017 6:01 PM
296	We are isolated, even as Alaska's biggest city. That puts a burden on the consumer, who has to pay extra for things because of shipping. We also have limited options. Some stores/services are unique here, but not elsewhere, allowing them to locally drive up prices to almost unaffordable levels. That pushes consumers to find other options that usually don't put money back into the economy.	2/14/2017 4:13 PM
297	Lack of diversity of local businesses. Too many chains.	2/14/2017 4:05 PM
298	Oil.	2/14/2017 4:03 PM
299	Uncertainty. We need to address our state's fiscal challenges and gain a better sense of our economic future. While hugely important to our economy, the overreliance on oil and gas makes us too vulnerable to market fluctuations.	2/14/2017 3:50 PM
300	Above average inco.e assists with above average cost of living. Also there seems to be a blurred line between State & City responsibility i.e. plowing at bus stops & sidewalks vs roads, etc.	2/14/2017 3:21 PM
301	segments of job diversity 'pie' are compromised and the resulting domino effect	2/14/2017 3:15 PM
302	There's a lack of industry such as machining, manufacturing, digital services. Construction and infrastructure services have mixed quality levels -- some roads are just plain badly built. The utilities, water and sewage systems are aging.	2/14/2017 2:17 PM
303	Poor use of public money- cuts to education and public safety, reduced upkeep of parks and public spaces (not good for tourism), income tax (hope this doesn't happen), and use of public money for unnecessary government spending (fancy building costs, trips)	2/14/2017 1:50 PM
304	State legislature's inability to govern, plan, make operating and capital budgets so our population will be able to make decisions based on the state's health	2/14/2017 1:47 PM
305	Loss of jobs from the petroleum industry.	2/14/2017 12:07 PM
306	reliance on oil	2/14/2017 12:06 PM
307	Isolated, dependent on one industry (oil and gas), lack of affordable housing for young people. Have to drive everywhere.	2/14/2017 11:46 AM
308	limited housing options across differing economic levels; lack of public services to the most needy-homeless, drug rehab, affordable health clinics, affordable/safe housing	2/14/2017 10:41 AM
309	Over-reliance on oil industry and government dollars.	2/14/2017 9:13 AM
310	Our clinging to only thinking we can have an economy based on oil or on a single industry	2/14/2017 9:01 AM
311	We need more diversity in job sectors, less dependence on oil and gas. We need to invest more in tourism which is an area of growth at the present time not cut marketing dollars.	2/14/2017 7:56 AM
312	Anchorage is too dependent upon state and federal dollars. One decision made by the military can put a whole segment of the city into a tailspin. A diversified economy cushions the shock when an oil company (or three) pulls out, or the military decides to relocate a squadron. Anchorage jobs seem to be weighted a bit heavily on the side of government, either federal, state, or local. We need for-profit businesses to be strong.	2/14/2017 7:54 AM
313	Overweighting of jobs in the energy sector and health care. Lack of adequate funding for education. Boom and bust mindset of long time Alaskans.	2/14/2017 7:01 AM
314	Oil- it's all we have.	2/14/2017 4:56 AM

315	It's government.	2/14/2017 4:12 AM
316	Amazon	2/14/2017 12:45 AM
317	Big box stores, the big malls full of chain stores. I understand these businesses employ Alaskans but profits don't stay in our state.	2/13/2017 11:56 PM
318	Overspending on social programs, municipal salaries and pensions, parks and recreation, libraries, and utilities.	2/13/2017 10:04 PM
319	Crime, drugs, lack of police, lack of proper judicial system, the PFD payout,	2/13/2017 9:28 PM
320	Lack of taxes which could be used to generate income	2/13/2017 8:02 PM
321	Our subservient relationship with the state. High energy costs.	2/13/2017 7:17 PM
322	Transient population, short-sightedness	2/13/2017 7:06 PM
323	Hate mongering of any kind, blind subservience to oil and gas industries.	2/13/2017 6:55 PM
324	Reliance on oil	2/13/2017 6:10 PM
325	Healthcare cost. Lack of affordable housing. Refusal of legislators to diversify tax base. Lack of community respect for education.	2/13/2017 6:03 PM
326	Large portions of businesses depend on energy extraction when oil takes a hit it creates a domino effect. Regulations that limit competition	2/13/2017 5:46 PM
327	We are too tied to one single industry (oil). We have no manufacturing to speak of. We are not providing good technical training for students to be able to get good jobs here. Ultraconservative politics encourage people with progressive thinking to move away from Alaska.	2/13/2017 5:29 PM
328	Reliance on state and federal spending.	2/13/2017 5:00 PM
329	Lack of diversity	2/13/2017 4:45 PM
330	Over reliance on finite resources like oil.	2/13/2017 4:40 PM
331	1. People leave all the time	2/13/2017 4:39 PM
332	The reliance solely on oil and the fact that we spend too much giving away services for free.	2/13/2017 4:32 PM
333	The lack of diversification in the Alaska economy as a whole make's Anchorage's economy weak - an over-reliance on resource extraction as the primary economic engine.	2/13/2017 2:17 PM
334	Impact on government agencies and multi national corporations from decisions made in the lower 48 and elsewhere that are not good for Alaska. the drag on resources because of the issues surrounding the homeless population. Our social service and government agency staff is bogged down serving these people in a revolving door scenario.	2/13/2017 2:05 PM
335	Some employees don't work honestly, to include top brass, hence, the elements of team-manships becomes effortless.	2/13/2017 12:58 PM
336	The cost of living is high, so without the social programs to keep locals off the streets and in good jobs, we're relying on out-of-state workers who can afford to live here to foot the labor.	2/13/2017 12:50 PM
337	Reliance on legacy fuel, aging population that do not appreciate education, lack of educational institutions, lack of funding for schools.	2/13/2017 12:17 PM
338	housing quality is poor in places i want to live. old school approach to zoning (it is improving)	2/13/2017 12:14 PM
339	Dependency on state funding, via oil.	2/13/2017 11:10 AM
340	Barriers for people to get to their jobs easily, especially those who can't afford cars	2/13/2017 10:43 AM
341	Reliance on oil and and other extractive resources; very little economic diversity.	2/13/2017 10:31 AM
342	reliance on oil, not wanting to invest in educational institutions like schools and libraries; the cuts coming to education will cut out newest educators. Professors are leaving UAA, poor morale. Would be great if this city could be like Chattanooga, and get 1 GB per second for entire city.	2/13/2017 10:05 AM

343	I sense that the lack of affordable low-income housing and the ridiculously high healthcare costs (especially compared to the mediocre care available) prevent people from investing/spending money here in Anchorage. I personally put off getting a house for several years because I had A LOT of medical bills (in addition to my student loan debt). I could go into detail about my personal medical whoa's, but I anticipate that would not be helpful here. With respect to affordable housing, I volunteer assisting people with housing issues, and a recurring theme is the "slum lord" story: people living in units that are not up to code, receiving insufficient essential services (hot water, heat, etc.), and many times enduring relatively squalid conditions (cockroaches, shews, black mold, bed bugs, etc.), with landlords who refuse to fix the problems. For example, landlords threatening to get their public housing vouchers taken away if they complain. If people are in a housing crisis on a regular basis, those people cannot expect to be contributing to the economy in a meaningful way. A personal, ongoing issue for me is the lack of variety for durable consumer goods like furniture. Quality goods are very expensive in Anchorage, not to mention often not stylish. The secondary market (antique stores, refurbishment stores like Ozarks, Craigslist, etc.) is sparse and overpriced. I often opt to pay the high cost of shipping such items to Anchorage from out-of-state. I have many friends who do that same. If Best Buy could do so well in Anchorage, why not a store such as Ikea? And Anchorage could yield the benefit of the business taxes.	2/13/2017 10:01 AM
344	Lack of a tax structure to support the economy	2/13/2017 9:49 AM
345	Reliance on oil, lack of diversification, transportation difficulties within the city, lack of appropriate zoning, lack of walkable spaces/districts that are either connected or extensive which could bring in shoppers from the whole state and also grab more tourist dollars.	2/13/2017 8:33 AM
346	Foreign (lower 48) development that make money here but take the profit out of the state. Reluctants to embrace marijuana	2/13/2017 8:23 AM
347	Over-dependence on oil companies & property taxes.	2/13/2017 6:27 AM
348	An entitlement attitude; an unwillingness to pay for services; state legislative gridlock; partisanship	2/13/2017 6:22 AM
349	Low wages and too much concentration of employment in what seems like a handful of big employers and "key" industries -- I try to shop local and support a range of small businesses.	2/13/2017 4:33 AM
350	The state legislatures lack of vision	2/12/2017 11:17 PM
351	We have a strong reliance on only a few economic areas...oil and gas, federal spending, aviation, tourism , but with decreases, we are losing high paying and technically skilled individuals.	2/12/2017 10:13 PM
352	Reliance on the price of oil.	2/12/2017 9:09 PM
353	Isolation; reliance on potentially failing infrastructure (port; how will highway/airport weather a large earthquake); telecommunications services can/should be faster and more reliable (especcially when considering state overall). Reliance on state subsidies for so much; need more independence in/when state budget is failing.	2/12/2017 9:02 PM
354	Taking our surroundings for granted with very little concern for safety, and Alaska's natural beauty.	2/12/2017 6:59 PM
355	Homelessness and alcoholism	2/12/2017 6:58 PM
356	Relying anymore on the gas pipeline	2/12/2017 2:52 PM
357	Crime	2/12/2017 2:24 PM
358	Too much reliance on the oil and gas sector to drive our economy	2/12/2017 2:11 PM
359	Loss of jobs.	2/12/2017 1:58 PM
360	False economy built around government spending and non-profit investment based on governmental grants that may not be sustainable as the State fights its budget issues and the Federal government changes direction.	2/12/2017 1:50 PM
361	The overwhelming reliance on the oil and other extractive Industries. Their economic self interest is not always in anchorage's self interest, too much boom and bust cycling. Anchorage needs to diversify into technology - supporting and developing server farms, design and development tech startups for example.	2/12/2017 11:12 AM
362	Trying to tax and cut everything, leading to big companies leaving, instead of reducing spending, salaries etc. For instance, President Obama came and we spent how much \$\$\$ to "beautify" things, when we had a significant deficit?!	2/12/2017 11:06 AM
363	The domination of the medical care and oil company industries.	2/12/2017 10:22 AM
364	Lack of diversity, climate in the winter, inefficient government (blew through a lot of money when they had it).	2/12/2017 7:07 AM
365	Dependence on an oil economy.	2/12/2017 12:13 AM
366	Overtaxing any one group or demographic (as well as lack of diversification).	2/12/2017 12:13 AM
367	Unfortunately our primary tourist season is only during the peak summer season from June to September. I also feel a Sales tax would help generate Millions of Dollars for our economy.	2/12/2017 12:09 AM

368	Reliance on oil, military, state/local govt workers when jobs being cut.	2/11/2017 7:57 PM
369	Increase in crime. Homeowners being the only group taxed. Politicians pushing for guns on campus for University of Alaska. Declining support for education.	2/11/2017 5:14 PM
370	too many eggs in one bucket (oil), too many government workers and raises for them	2/11/2017 3:54 PM
371	Too much government within the municipality.	2/11/2017 3:32 PM
372	Brain drain, Alaska's money and resources leaving Alaska, fat-government, disinterested citizens.	2/11/2017 3:06 PM
373	Antiquated views/inability to be creative and open to new opportunities, push against immigrants and refugees living here and entering our workforce, resistance to taxation.	2/11/2017 1:38 PM
374	Lack of support for ALL our industries, including Commercial Fishing, Oil, Timber, etc.	2/11/2017 10:50 AM
375	Too much dependence on oil & gas industry. A diverse economy is stronger.	2/11/2017 10:17 AM
376	Lack of quality training opportunities for those who can't afford college	2/11/2017 9:40 AM
377	There is a huge lack in Tiny Business Support. Lot's of startup support, but not a lot of consultative, here is how to keep your business in business, i.e. branding, marketing and technology, specifically for the "non-hip" businesses like dry cleaners, janitorial companies, alteration shops etc.	2/11/2017 7:54 AM
378	Weak infrastructure	2/11/2017 4:56 AM
379	It is ton reliant on oil.	2/11/2017 3:09 AM
380	I've recently graduated with a Bachelors degree but still am not getting any jobs, anywhere.	2/11/2017 12:28 AM
381	Environmentalist organizations that shut down oil and gas development, bringing in too many people for not enough jobs, reducing federal government and military jobs.	2/10/2017 11:08 PM
382	Closures and sb91	2/10/2017 11:04 PM
383	The State budget	2/10/2017 10:26 PM
384	Giving in to big chain stores. Also, being reluctant to try new ideas. Not having manufacturing locally	2/10/2017 9:59 PM
385	Theft. & corruption	2/10/2017 9:44 PM
386	External environment (oil prices) and dependency on this sector. Current state of Alaska's economy has a huge impact in MOA	2/10/2017 9:12 PM
387	Low oil prices	2/10/2017 8:30 PM
388	State government excessive spending. Excessive Federerl and State regulations. Uncertainty in state tax policies.	2/10/2017 8:11 PM
389	HIGH COST OF HOUSING, LACK OF JOBS	2/10/2017 7:58 PM
390	We lack thoroughfares to move traffic around Anchorage. You are forced into downtown even though you don't want to go there.	2/10/2017 7:39 PM
391	Outsourcing jobs to individuals outside of alaska and the lack of investment into renewable energy	2/10/2017 7:36 PM
392	Too much leniency in public assistance, such as citizens capable of being in workforce and choosing to be unemployed because they'll make same paycheck.	2/10/2017 7:25 PM
393	Reliance on oil	2/10/2017 7:20 PM
394	All the crime and collapse of oil	2/10/2017 7:07 PM
395	Anchorage's strengths are also its weaknesses. When the times are good, they're really good. But when they're bad, they're bad. Why is our economy so shitty when the rest of the U.S. is doing fine? That worries me for what the orange Fascist in the White House is going to do for the national economy. Will ours fare even worse?	2/10/2017 4:16 PM
396	over-reliance on oil&gas. Not much opportunity for good paying jobs. Food deserts. Bad culture.	2/10/2017 4:11 PM
397	Reliance upon government and tourism funds over a solid industrial and resource-extraction base.	2/10/2017 3:32 PM
398	Our dependence on oil and gas and the price of oil make our economy weak. Also, online shopping is having somewhat of a negative effect on local small businesses.	2/10/2017 3:20 PM
399	Budget crisis, housing, and crime.	2/10/2017 3:15 PM
400	Limitations of market competition due to large businesses or companies holding unbalanced amounts of influence in their sectors (ie. Weidner with apartments and rental properties, Kendall with car dealerships)	2/10/2017 3:13 PM

401	reliance on oil to keep everyone employed. Anchorage's location	2/10/2017 1:59 PM
402	Lack of industrial/manufacturing jobs. Medical and service industries are growing to serve each other it seems like.	2/10/2017 1:02 PM
403	Lack of legislative movement from our state legislature	2/10/2017 12:25 PM
404	When tax proposals are inequitable - namely just targeting hotels, it is detrimental to the economy. Tourism is the last bright spot in Alaska's future. Relying just on oil and fish for the bulk of our economic benefit is a weakness. then heavily taxing the other major economic driver to the state while taking away all the financial support for enabling that industry significantly weakens us.	2/10/2017 11:51 AM
405	I think the small population and remote location make it difficult to recruit and retain talent. Further, there is a strange but pervasive culture of organizational distrust. I've worked in five states, and I've never seen anything like it. It prevents effective collaboration.	2/10/2017 11:27 AM
406	The cost of health care and the monopolies setting unreasonably high prices for health care services.	2/10/2017 9:19 AM
407	Lack of knowledge/education about the fiscal outlook. Everyone screams over the idea of a sales tax yet roads go unplowed and crime seems to be on the rise.	2/10/2017 6:03 AM
408	High price means buying less.	2/10/2017 4:57 AM
409	Dependence on oil and old thinking	2/10/2017 1:47 AM
410	transportation costs, reliance on fossil fuels/oil industry, dangerous roads to drive/walk/bike, budget cuts for schools, high property taxes, lack of competition in electric/natural gas/utilities offered, high medical care costs	2/9/2017 11:41 PM
411	To much reliance on oil jobs	2/9/2017 10:42 PM
412	Unstable oil taxes and being in debt by bonds	2/9/2017 10:06 PM
413	Crime and lack of muiciple support of local business	2/9/2017 9:53 PM
414	Bad attitude, business closing, jobs leaving area.	2/9/2017 8:21 PM
415	Distance from lower 48, non diversified business verticals.	2/9/2017 8:08 PM
416	Reliance on oil industry.	2/9/2017 7:23 PM
417	Our oil overlords are unwilling to share their bounty with the unwashed citizenry.	2/9/2017 7:06 PM
418	All our welfare and give aways to people who don't work	2/9/2017 6:18 PM
419	Expense of goods & people to lower U.S. Travel links across state.	2/9/2017 4:45 PM
420	Reliance on the gas and oil industry; it's really a double-edged sword. It's great having them here, but when the oil slows down, it creates the ripple effect we're now seeing.	2/9/2017 4:24 PM
421	The salaries offered in the non-profit field are bad compared to other cities and the cost of living is high, so we aren't attracting many people for the long term. The economy is not very diversified	2/9/2017 4:10 PM
422	Low pay, hiring non-Alaskan workers.	2/9/2017 2:25 PM
423	Lack of State support and poor investment in maintenance and infrastructure	2/9/2017 2:20 PM
424	Overall, the marijuana control board is losing hundreds, if not thousands of dollars to pay for things like education, transportation, infrastructure. Every day, I look at the facilities around the state; and all I see is the same thing. Not enough supply for the demand. It seems to me, if this were vegetables; you wouldn't allow grocery markets to set themselves up to fail by opening up shop without a steady stream of farmers to supply them with there stock.	2/9/2017 12:51 PM
425	Oil price collapse, lack of diversity beyond Oil, high shipping and living costs.	2/9/2017 12:44 PM
426	Intergovernmental charges, and fraud, waste, and abuse on the State and Municipal levels. These drive up the cost of local government, which will seek to recoup these costs from the local residents, reducing buying power.	2/9/2017 12:07 PM
427	High healthcare costs, overly dependent on oil money and oil production jobs, weak state fiscal situation, statewide legislative leadership that won't lead out of a fiscal crisis	2/9/2017 11:54 AM
428	A perception of increasing crime and violence, a perception that we are such a Red state that we don't care about other people, run down housing stock and neighborhoods, failure to invest in education, failure to care for our homeless population, failure to increase funding for addictions.	2/9/2017 11:44 AM
429	Uncertainty regarding the state spending and revenue. A demoralized university.	2/9/2017 11:43 AM
430	Unwillingness to accept "pay to play", failure raise appropriate tax revenue, reliance on oil sector	2/9/2017 11:24 AM

431	Too many low paying jobs that don't offer benefits or even full time hours. Keeps too many people on the edge of poverty. People with these kind of jobs cannot afford basic vehicle maintenance, so their cars break down and they miss work. Public transit is inadequate. Medical care is unaffordable, preventative care is out of the question.	2/9/2017 11:16 AM
432	SOA economic downturn, low oil prices, general reliance on oil income for State operations funding, lack of initiative by state legislators (i.e., corruption) to address economic reality.	2/9/2017 10:36 AM
433	People in this city do not understand that to live in a place with a thriving public sphere, you have to pay taxes for it. We need a state income tax, as we are one of the only places with out it. Anchorage's tax cap needs to reflect the times. It requires an incredible ideology change, one that will not happen easily. The "balance the budget" game from ISER is a great way to show people we have to change. Holding more public events at community hotspots with this game could help with a reality check.	2/9/2017 10:27 AM
434	Having to rely heavily on goods and services from the lower 48	2/9/2017 10:17 AM
435	Diversification is limited. Entrepreneurship and value added products are not an emphasis. Waste and redundancy of resources is normalized	2/9/2017 10:17 AM
436	When money is spent by organizations on stupid ideas that have no positive effect on the community. Like putting stuff on a rooftop.....	2/9/2017 10:03 AM
437	available real estate in relation to flux and ebb of population and workforce reliance on seasonal positions	2/9/2017 9:48 AM
438	Crime and unemployment- especially our youth or kids.	2/9/2017 8:44 AM
439	Outsourcing of jobs, dependency on food from outside of the state.	2/9/2017 8:20 AM
440	Lack of basic infrastructure weakens the quality of living, affecting the economy in turn. We used to have exemplary schools but the legislature has not emphasized education in its recent sessions and it shows. We need to have public transportation that can accommodate a variety of needs and routes, including rail from the Valley to cut down the traffic and commute times on the Glenn, which has turned horrific.	2/9/2017 8:18 AM
441	criminal activities; discrimination	2/9/2017 6:16 AM
442	focus on too few industries	2/9/2017 6:15 AM
443	Products, goods, services... money money money is most people think of when they think about the economy. If we focus our efforts specifically on the financial gain and the business development side of this subject we are missing a giant piece of the puzzle. More isn't always a good thing. The rich, the famous, the well off, always want more and they say it doesn't satisfy. Alaskans have an independent people with a "Me First" mentality problem. It will be our downfall. People don't trust those in leadership that are making decisions on behalf of the people. Give people access to and rebuild the relationship with those in leadership. You don't go into battle with those you don't trust.	2/9/2017 5:38 AM
444	Low oil prices, less capital development, decreased government spending, decreased tourism.	2/9/2017 12:44 AM
445	Government salaries and pensions. Give away programs.	2/8/2017 8:24 PM
446	High crime rate; too much assistance to others with little or no return. Open homelessness; the old Red Roof Inn program is great!	2/8/2017 8:23 PM
447	Taxing Girdwood for Whittier police.	2/8/2017 7:45 PM
448	Lack of economic diversity, ie less military spending and oil prices down	2/8/2017 6:48 PM
449	Liberalism and environmentalists	2/8/2017 6:16 PM
450	State government's idiocy	2/8/2017 6:00 PM
451	Our dependence on oil prices.	2/8/2017 5:17 PM
452	Old school thinking, lazy mindset, lack of competition, unwillingness to risk on entrepreneurship outside of Oil or Natural Resources. People doing the same thing they've always done whether it's the best or not.	2/8/2017 5:09 PM
453	Cost of living is high. Distance from other cities isolates the economy.	2/8/2017 4:27 PM
454	Too much reliance on the oil industry	2/8/2017 4:19 PM
455	Job loss, state government ignoring fiscal issues, taking of half the PFD out of the private economy.	2/8/2017 3:41 PM
456	Too reliant on one industry (oil). Lack of attractive features and incentives to bring businesses to the area.	2/8/2017 3:03 PM
457	Lack of professional employment opportunities that pay a living wage.	2/8/2017 2:14 PM



458	Intolerance. Unwillingness to change/try new ideas. Limited number of alcohol permits makes opening new bars/nightclubs/restaurants difficult. Entrenched business interests shutting out new/smaller players. Zoning that limits commercial/retail opportunities in neighborhoods.	2/8/2017 1:43 PM
459	The impact of the state's fiscal uncertainty and strain it has on the Anchorage economy. Lack of additional revenue sources and relying heavily on state match funding and property tax owners.	2/8/2017 1:40 PM
460	Lack of opportunity for the lower middle class.	2/8/2017 1:14 PM
461	High costs, esp. healthcare and transportation of goods making a large number of ventures non-viable	2/8/2017 1:04 PM
462	Inadequate state investment in tech/education as economy changes from resource based to knowledge based	2/8/2017 12:57 PM
463	High cost of rent, high cost of utilities, lower PFD checks, cost of fuel, cost of groceries.	2/8/2017 12:39 PM
464	Low oil prices, loss of jobs. Not adequately preparing students in the ASD or at the universities.	2/8/2017 12:28 PM
465	Too much reliance on the oil and gas industry. Tourism marketing should be a higher priority. Lack of land for commercial expansion.	2/8/2017 12:27 PM
466	Depending on oil related jobs. Taxes too low to cover services.	2/8/2017 12:24 PM
467	Reliance on oil and gas	2/8/2017 12:14 PM
468	crime, lack of business diversity, expensive housing	2/8/2017 11:52 AM
469	Too much reliance on the oil industry.	2/8/2017 11:49 AM
470	Lack of infrastructure and not taxing internet sales.	2/8/2017 11:42 AM
471	Too much reliance on oil industry	2/8/2017 11:31 AM
472	Dependence on the oil and gas industry and state's budget ups and downs.	2/8/2017 11:29 AM
473	Low oil prices, climate change and reduces services. I'm worried that these ongoing state cuts will hurt Alaska's ability to be a place to raise a family and have the next generation stay. For example, the University of Alaska system is looking less and less of a college system that I want to send my children to for higher education. The inability to fund a college system to other state standards forces us to think about sending our children outside where they can get a better education.	2/8/2017 11:23 AM
474	The cost of living creates people not wanting to spend money.	2/8/2017 11:23 AM
475	Lack of certainty regarding the state budget.	2/8/2017 11:20 AM
476	Over reliance on the oil and gas business.	2/8/2017 11:10 AM
477	Too much dependency on public sector. We need more private sector employment.	2/8/2017 11:03 AM
478	Lack of leadership/indecision in Juneau.	2/8/2017 10:53 AM
479	Strong reliance on ONE revenue stream. We need to not depend on just one stream of revenue for the economy, IE: Oil & Gas.	2/8/2017 10:35 AM
480	Ethan Berkowitz, rising crime rate, wishy-washy public education, political correctness	2/8/2017 10:01 AM
481	Reliance on Oil & Gas Industry	2/8/2017 9:24 AM
482	Focusing on oil above all without balance.	2/8/2017 9:08 AM
483	Dependence on government spending and rural resources	2/8/2017 8:59 AM
484	Property taxes; assembly that likes to spend other people's money; lack of focus on public policy that encourages economic development;	2/8/2017 8:57 AM
485	Drug use (legal and illegal), alcohol abuse, homeless population, lack of education for many particularly those at lower end of the social-economic spectrum.	2/8/2017 8:56 AM
486	Community not working together	2/8/2017 8:46 AM
487	The high violent crime rates. Terrible Housing, I pay so much for a run-down apartment, just because it's downtown. And speaking of downtown, it's so ghetto. There's nothing good here. Businesses are either closed, or weird niche places that serve no purpose. There's no grocery or drug store either.	2/8/2017 8:37 AM
488	Our ever growing violent crime statistics and shortage of affordable housing.	2/8/2017 8:30 AM
489	The people who care enough to complain but too weak to make changes	2/8/2017 7:11 AM

490	Unpredictable politicians	2/8/2017 7:09 AM
491	oil	2/8/2017 6:55 AM
492	those not working & contributing to our community	2/8/2017 5:32 AM
493	Sudden dips in population size.	2/7/2017 11:14 PM
494	Dependency on oil , crime	2/7/2017 10:24 PM
495	Big business leaving Alaska. Economy taking a down turn and hurting tourism.	2/7/2017 10:19 PM
496	Cutting teacher jobs, laying off oilfield workers.	2/7/2017 9:45 PM
497	Overdependence on oil/natural resource extraction. Excessive subsidies for these businesses, that are based on exploration not production.	2/7/2017 9:41 PM
498	Size of government	2/7/2017 9:09 PM
499	Too much reliance on oil industry.	2/7/2017 9:01 PM
500	Geography (remoteness from markets and that adds cost to local production and trade in goods and services) This factor constitutes a significant competitive disadvantage for many industries and makes diversification more of a challenge. Lack of an anchor "household name" draw, be it a research university with a world-class reputation, a large and prominent venture capital fund, or the headquarters of a growing (or "trending") company--which lack is mostly attributable to our geographical remoteness, noted above, but which could also go a long way toward overcoming its impact.	2/7/2017 8:23 PM
501	Poor public transportation. Lack of funding for education.	2/7/2017 8:15 PM
502	Unemployment	2/7/2017 7:49 PM
503	Too much reliance on oil and State funds for revenue, as well as burdening property owners with picking up the tab for Muni expenses through taxes instead of diversifying the income stream through a municipal sales tax (2-4%) and/or user fees for certain services.	2/7/2017 7:42 PM
504	Too much reliance on gas and a lack of a strong workforce.	2/7/2017 7:20 PM
505	Not providing the best education, human services for all citizens.	2/7/2017 7:15 PM
506	Reliance on "resource" based development. Not having a diversified economy, not having a societal consensus of what kind of economy to have... Attempts are discrete and disconnected.	2/7/2017 7:03 PM
507	I think the high cost of housing and services really contribute to this. By services I mean when you call a plumber or electrician or a medical provider. Most of these services cost much more than can be accounted for by the higher cost of goods that they use.	2/7/2017 6:39 PM
508	Oil	2/7/2017 6:03 PM
509	Current oil prices	2/7/2017 5:39 PM
510	Lack of diversification. The general populace not recognizing what exactly makes our economy strong, and a willingness to support it.	2/7/2017 5:37 PM
511	Non-diversified nature, too reliant on the oil industry which ebbs and flows.	2/7/2017 5:33 PM
512	Overly dependent on one sector, oil & gas, to fuel our economy. The cost of doing business here, with higher costs for labor, transportation and other services.	2/7/2017 5:05 PM
513	High crime rates detracting from retaining quality talent or attracting quality talent. Scares away customers/business whom will look elsewhere. High cost of construction as compared to the rest of the nation (fewer operations in the state). Deteriorating conditions in downtown and inconsistent regulations and enforcement of regulations leaving businesses frustrated. Weak labor pool creating overcompensated laborers vs skills/abilities. HIGH medical costs, housing costs.	2/7/2017 4:31 PM
514	Governmental leadership, municipal involvement, and tendencies. Leadership and strength is built from the top down. I do not have confidence in our financial stability or leaders of the community.	2/7/2017 4:30 PM
515	uncertainties on a state level	2/7/2017 4:20 PM
516	1 - A near-complete lack of reasonably priced housing for young adults. 2 - Outdated early 80's "momentum"/ideas. 3 - The wanna-be libertarians who don't want anyone to tread on them, but insist on their PFD's being left untouched... community and teamwork will help Anchorage stand tall, not a fractured band of opinionated ranters. 4 - This sudden, and chilling, crime wave that is finding momentum, disincentivizing investment.	2/7/2017 4:13 PM

517	crime, housing costs	2/7/2017 4:11 PM
518	Lack of options for entertainment and dining for locals, need something fresh as we in Anchorage have very few options, bars movies and bowling, that's what we.. Cost of living, it is expensive to live up here. Cost of medical/dental care, if its anything major it is far more cost effective to purchase a ticket to the lower 48 and have the work done down there.	2/7/2017 4:10 PM
519	our dependency on oil/gas and the state budget being in flux	2/7/2017 4:06 PM
520	Lack of leadership. Too much resistance to change. Lack of teamwork, especially around core issues. Too much reliance on old business models that no longer exist.	2/7/2017 4:00 PM
521	Reliance on oil.	2/7/2017 3:59 PM
522	The instability in regards to the impact oil has on government programs.	2/7/2017 3:57 PM
523	No sales tax - wholly dependent on real estate tax is not healthy	2/7/2017 3:55 PM
524	Workers not trained to be in the labor force and narrow scope of industries	2/7/2017 3:54 PM
525	Leaders cutting spending and overstating deficits, odd zoning,	2/7/2017 3:54 PM
526	dependence on oil, conservative politicians & greed in the political system. High cost of natural gas here. I have 2 homes here & paid 500 last month in gas bill alone. Highest rates anywhere in US.	2/7/2017 3:54 PM
527	State legislature, state tax credits, lack of leadership at the state level to make a decision, ongoing DOT&PF projects that are not contributing to fixing the east downtown core at Ingra and Gambell. Bring back Highway-2-Highway and get traffic where it needs to go. Lack of taxation to support important services including drug interdiction at the school level, education and technical training, social services that assist under-served with recovery, job training and housing.	2/7/2017 3:47 PM
528	focus on one industry	2/7/2017 3:47 PM
529	State budget, soft oil/gas	2/7/2017 3:47 PM
530	crime, lack of jobs (not using our natural resources), health care costs	2/7/2017 3:46 PM
531	Reliance on exports/tourism	2/7/2017 3:42 PM
532	Too much reliance on tourism and oil money; lack of diversification	2/7/2017 3:41 PM
533	Lack of funding for projects that would improve certain areas of town. Making Mountain View and Fairview good polaces to live and work are essential fo rAnchorage's success.	2/7/2017 3:38 PM
534	Narrow revenue stream feed by oil based economy and government spending.	2/7/2017 3:31 PM
535	Loss of executive oil jobs without any industry to replace jobs. Permitting for d evelopment should be streamlined...some of it Is a jungle.	2/7/2017 3:24 PM
536	Greed Crime Lack of Vision Lack of Planning	2/7/2017 3:22 PM
537	Obviously oil prices, but I'm most concerned about the increase in violence.	2/7/2017 3:18 PM
538	Lack of diversity in its foresight on growth, green energy and community transportation systems	2/7/2017 3:01 PM
539	High employer taxes, uncertainty regarding State budget	2/7/2017 2:55 PM
540	Consumer confidence; spending money (such as PFD) on services outside of Alaska or at big box stores. Volatile oil prices and State Legislature's lack of focus on finding a way out of our deficit.	2/7/2017 2:54 PM
541	small number of major income sources	2/7/2017 2:50 PM
542	Dwindling oil prices.	2/7/2017 2:42 PM
543	the Government	2/7/2017 2:41 PM
544	Overarching dependence on oil and gas as major employer, aging workforce, aging infrastructure.	2/7/2017 2:35 PM
545	Overspending the budget in both the municipality and school district. Government overpromises and under-delivers.	2/7/2017 2:34 PM
546	A lack of action by our legislators and our budget issues.	2/7/2017 2:29 PM
547	unemployment and crime	2/7/2017 2:27 PM
548	Reliance on the next big "boom" of any resource -- oil, gas, timber etc. Those days are over. We have always had a boom or bust cycle in our economy and we must get out of that mindset. It is old-school and doesn't help us. Stop waiting for the money to just fall in our laps. We need to think strategically and creatively. Explore and exploit new opportunities.	2/7/2017 2:22 PM

549	limited jobs and limited pool of talents	2/7/2017 2:18 PM
550	Falling oil prices, and layoffs in the professional design sectors. Crime.	2/7/2017 2:13 PM
551	Lack of new, affordable housing. Lack of large information technology companies. Lack of transportation network service companies like Uber/Lyft. High property taxes. High cost of living.	2/7/2017 2:13 PM
552	Lack of Oil & Gas production and poorly designed and planned housing communities in the metro area. very questionable zoning decisions	2/7/2017 2:12 PM
553	The decline of the oil and gas cost	2/7/2017 2:10 PM
554	Companies too slow to change and innovate; stagnant, "us vs. them" thinking; an aversion to importing good ideas and talent and Alaskan'sizing' it.	2/7/2017 2:04 PM
555	The selfish politicians. The ones who who give their friends the higher hands or the better bids, etc. The waste of money of certain projects. All of that money could have been used in different BETTER ways.	2/7/2017 1:57 PM
556	Downtown area and certain areas of town that homeless population frequent discourages women/families from shopping or doing business. Certain businesses like taxis are monopolized by a small number of vendors without competition from alternative businesses like Uber and Lyft. Cost of living here takes away expendable income families have to spend in other business sectors, driving down the cost of utilities and rent/mortgages is only part of the issue; many people paid more for their home in the last 5 years at the peak of this housing bubble many potential buyers are waiting for it to burst but current owners are dreading if their property value declines.	2/7/2017 1:37 PM
557	bureaucratic hurdles to business on all levels attitude of residents that we are in a decline lack of support from mayor's office and governor's office	2/7/2017 1:08 PM
558	lack of industry	2/7/2017 1:00 PM
559	Reliance primarily on oil, gang violence.	2/7/2017 1:00 PM
560	There are not an abundance of new industries to support the growing economic need. We spend far more than we bring in and the muni continues to cut spending, wasting millions of unnecessary projects (like the overpass at Tikhatnu Commons or the failed roundabout in Mountain View, etc). The cost of living hurts big time for a great many.	2/7/2017 12:47 PM
561	Dependence on oil	2/7/2017 12:30 PM
562	Crumbling infrastructure. All of the buildings and housing in Anchorage are very old. They don't look very nice to potential investors. Also the high crime rate.	2/7/2017 11:59 AM
563	Lack of diversity in industry. Also, big business support for small and medium business could be so much stronger (buy local initiatives).	2/7/2017 11:35 AM
564	Weak Anchorage government.	2/7/2017 8:16 AM
565	Lack of leadership accountability and decisions made on popularity instead of what makes the economy strong, the cost of starting a new business is extraordinarily expensive because of regulations and permitting.	2/7/2017 6:50 AM
566	Crime and poor citizenship, people not caring.	2/7/2017 4:57 AM
567	Current reduction of workforce within oil industry and multiple ripple effects of layoffs.	2/6/2017 5:07 PM
568	Lack of access in downtown parking.	2/6/2017 5:01 PM
569	Lack of investment in public services like public transport, job skills training, libraries, etc.	2/6/2017 4:02 PM
570	lack of development opportunities. Geographical location.	2/6/2017 3:33 PM
571	- Lack of diversification	2/6/2017 3:15 PM
572	Trading our identity for an influx of "everywhere" stores and businesses. Losing our unique flavor will ultimately damage the allure of the city and result in the loss of local businesses. In that regard, the advent of online shopping has also been damaging to the local economy as more people choose convenience over the good of their community (and ultimately the loss of local choice).	2/6/2017 2:59 PM
573	Lack of tax incentives to invest large commitment. Increase in crime- lack of law enforcement.	2/6/2017 2:42 PM
574	Politicians that make poor decisions without taking in considerations of the public. They have tunnel vision and can't look past their own agendas. Consider a sales tax before forcing an income tax that only a portion of the public would pay. There are entire communities that their income level would exclude them in paying.	2/6/2017 2:25 PM
575	Anchorage is unwelcoming to those that are different. We are behind the times, and we drive away talent and the people that we need to make this city better. Public transport and housing are abysmal.	2/6/2017 2:22 PM

576	also oil	2/6/2017 2:06 PM
577	Reliance on oil, weak local and state gov.	2/6/2017 1:46 PM
578	lack of diversity in economic drivers. Close-minded populous.	2/6/2017 1:28 PM
579	Our inability to balance our states budget problems	2/6/2017 1:16 PM
580	Dependence on oil & gas.	2/6/2017 11:59 AM
581	Relying on one or only a few industries, not spreading the burden (tax-wise), reliance on federal money to the exclusion of local businesses	2/6/2017 11:10 AM
582	Business closures, cutbacks, employee layoffs, and job eliminations.	2/6/2017 10:27 AM
583	The trend to shop on line. More importantly Anchorage is quickly becoming perceived as an unsafe city. If we don't change this perception more people will be less likely take employment or business opportunities as to high a risk for their families safety. Business as well will begin to look to the Mat Su valley as not only as cheaper opportunities but customer safety as well. Alaskans will quickly find alternatives for their disposable income rather than risk a safety issues in Anchorage. The citizens of Anchorage are quickly becoming to scared to use the wonderful public spaces and ammonites we have today. We better wake up and take charge.	2/6/2017 9:46 AM
584	Cookie cutter places	2/5/2017 11:54 AM
585	Lack of security and education.	2/5/2017 9:33 AM
586	Not investing in community infrastructure Laws that slow down progress - permitting time is extensively long and painful Not attracting new industry Not embracing our core industry - harvesting of our natural resources	2/5/2017 8:51 AM
587	Poor pedestrian routes. Meaning the lack of foot ways & limited bike paths in busy areas of town	2/4/2017 11:27 PM
588	Not sure	2/4/2017 10:35 PM
589	Too great a dependency on the oil industry, same as the State.	2/4/2017 12:02 PM
590	Fear, negative thinking, pessimism.	2/3/2017 6:02 PM
591	legislators who don't understand or take action on state budget items efficiently and effectively, career politicians elected from all areas of the state	2/3/2017 5:06 PM
592	The condition of the state budget. This will and is having an impact on local businesses. I believe the high level of panhandling has a negative impact on the economy too. It determines when and where I go to spend money.	2/3/2017 4:07 PM
593	Unions. Political infighting.	2/3/2017 1:47 PM
594	short sighted policy, poor road maintenance, lack of professional training opportunities, poor public safety (perception)	2/3/2017 10:51 AM
595	big box stores	2/3/2017 10:50 AM
596	Too much dependence on government and the oil industry. The growing "bubble" in the heath care industry.	2/3/2017 10:19 AM
597	Heavy reliance on oil & gas industry makes us vulnerable to market swings. Poor zoning has led to drawn out business districts which don't encourage community interaction.	2/3/2017 9:40 AM
598	Reliance upon oil/gas and government Significant portion of residents that are transient	2/3/2017 8:07 AM
599	Reliance on oil, and placing the burden of its tax base on property owners versus a sales tax.	2/3/2017 8:01 AM
600	Anchorage lacks a facet to the economy that is not reliant on the volatile oil industry, and government funding.	2/2/2017 8:53 PM
601	Too much crime is scaring away businesses.	2/2/2017 8:18 PM
602	When chains come in and drive out local small businesses. The initial lower costs look good to consumers but as time goes on the prices will increase to the same if not more than what the local business had offered.	2/2/2017 2:21 PM
603	Lack of infrastructure to attract new business Housing, education, high crime	2/2/2017 1:08 PM
604	rising crime, poor schools, bad roads and maintenance, homeless population	2/2/2017 12:47 PM
605	When people are without work.	2/2/2017 12:12 PM
606	Overdependence on oil and resource extraction as the main drivers that the rest of the economy is dependent on.	2/2/2017 11:22 AM
607	Cost of living	2/2/2017 11:21 AM
608	Reliance on government spending, susceptibility to downturns of other economies (reduced tourism, reduced spending from outlying communities, oil and gas cut backs).	2/2/2017 11:08 AM

609	Unbalanced dependence on oil & gas development and State government.	2/2/2017 9:59 AM
610	Lack of solutions on fiscal crisis. Reliance on oil and gas. Lack of diversification in finances and revenue makers.	2/2/2017 9:01 AM
611	Federal funds- no real way for businesses to make money without relying heavily on federal funding.	2/2/2017 8:35 AM
612	1-Tour companies that move passengers through Anchorage without stopping. For example, cruise passengers that go straight from Seward to the Anchorage Int'l Airport. 2-Tourists and commuters that use the Anchorage infrastructure for "free". They pay no sales taxes, etc. to support roads and other protection. 3-North slope workers that live out of state and pass through Anchorage twice a month.	2/1/2017 3:39 PM
613	Lack of diversification. Incompetent government officials - more interested in parroting the party line and getting per diem than resolving the budget crisis. Lack of oil and gas taxes.	2/1/2017 2:29 PM
614	Its dependance on the Oil and Gas Companies and to a lesser degree the military.	2/1/2017 2:10 PM
615	Too reliant on oil and gas, not diversified enough, degrading port infrastructure/too much reliance on the port, it seems as though much of the community is uninvolved and unaware of important conversations regarding local decisions and movements.	2/1/2017 1:14 AM
616	Anchorage's personal arrogance disguised as erudition. I'm sure at first glance this would upset a person from Anchorage but it is the truth and is very noticeable to educated people from the outside. This in turn prevents people from actually hearing ideas from others as "that is not the way we do things in Alaska."	1/31/2017 9:24 AM
617	lack of affordable housing & general cost of living	1/30/2017 12:41 PM
618	basic services are not met, bureaucratic government, government is not able to be open to new ideas to move ahead	1/30/2017 10:58 AM
619	Over-reliance on single commodity industry.	1/30/2017 10:47 AM
620	Bureaucratic red tape on development.	1/30/2017 10:04 AM
621	Uncertainty about the state economy and how the Legislature will resolve the budget gap.	1/30/2017 9:19 AM
622	Title 21 is impacting construction and pushing developments to the Mat-Su valley. It is reminiscent of California-type regulation.	1/30/2017 9:02 AM
623	Lack of income tax for seasonal workers	1/28/2017 10:46 AM
624	Statewide budget constraints, poor schools in many areas, not enough incentive to keep educated professionals, lack of a top tier university, high childcare costs, poor policing, too many mendicants.	1/27/2017 10:29 PM
625	CRIME--its getting worse and worse	1/27/2017 4:36 PM
626	inflated property value in Anchorage, lack of efficient transportation infrastructure, blithering politicians,	1/27/2017 4:18 PM
627	Reliance on oil and gas, poor and limited housing stock, under-educated workforce, expensive healthcare, lack of affordable childcare options, lack of buy-in for paying our own way (in the form of a progressive income tax), lack of food security (dependent on imports), poor public transportation/walkability, racism	1/27/2017 1:18 PM
628	Holding onto outdated notions that fossil fuel development will save Alaska from economic ruin.	1/27/2017 12:56 PM
629	Lack of progress towards renewable energy use, lack of state/federal funding to make improvements (i.e. Schools, Roads)	1/27/2017 7:43 AM
630	Uncertainty of oil prices, increased government spending, reduced state revenues and threat of new taxes	1/26/2017 9:50 PM
631	The potential instability and great amount of infrastructure needed for the non renewable resource extraction makes it weak although with subsidies it inflates the production and makes it appear otherwise.	1/26/2017 8:23 PM
632	Dependence on cook inlet natural gas and outside food infrastructure makes it vulnerable	1/26/2017 2:23 PM
633	State legislators who can't get their act together and are destroying the economy for the whole state.	1/25/2017 8:27 PM
634	Politicians who promote their own agenda instead of what's in the best interest of the community	1/25/2017 7:40 PM
635	Politics. An inability to see that making Anchorage livable would draw tourists and companies. Wasting money on poorly designed infrastructure (like the port and the railroad station at the airport). The port clearly needed improvement, but it was nearsighted management that chose poorly thought out solutions. We continue to spend money	1/25/2017 7:32 PM
636	Depending on oil taxes too much. We need an income tax to pay for services.	1/25/2017 7:22 PM
637	Over-reliance on state and federal government funding of municipal services and infrastructure projects. State revenues are too dependent on oil prices.	1/25/2017 9:36 AM

638	Employees who call in sick all the time, don't want to work, would rather take advantage of government handouts.	1/24/2017 8:08 PM
639	Dependence on State (oil) money.	1/24/2017 7:14 PM
640	Lack of pedestrian infrastructure, auto orientated. Sprawling communities/lack of housing density	1/24/2017 6:04 PM
641	Over reliance on oil/a couple of specific industries. High housing costs. High medical costs.	1/24/2017 4:21 PM
642	lack of diversification and an industrial base other than oil/gas	1/24/2017 3:04 PM
643	People not trying to make everyday better.	1/24/2017 2:40 PM
644	Lack of affordable housing and health care, gender and LGBT inequality, high rental market, high turn-over rate in job sector, unemployment rate of 5.2% as of 12/2016, inefficient public transportation, lack of pedestrian/bicycle facilities.	1/24/2017 1:42 PM
645	dependence on oil industry personnel	1/24/2017 12:03 PM
646	Political leadership not having the balls to come up with an oil exit plan. The predominant Rights lack of progressive perspective. Not embracing the future that has to be carved in symbiosis with native people, cultures and the environment which is a resource in itself, and which may very soon turn against us whether we're properly prepared or not.	1/24/2017 8:25 AM
647	Lack of opportunities, high cost of housing	1/23/2017 10:15 PM
648	Lack of locally made products	1/23/2017 9:35 PM
649	Low oil prices, Inability to use our Natural Resources, locking up valuable land i.e. Anwar	1/23/2017 8:39 PM
650	Reliance on the oil business, lack of light manufacturing.	1/23/2017 7:07 PM
651	Lack of a long-term state fiscal plan and the negative impact of that lack on businesses	1/23/2017 2:43 PM
652	Lack of diversity. Too much dependence on oil & government. Most of that is really the SOA, but I think our local economy is very much tied to what is going on in the state.	1/23/2017 2:31 PM
653	High energy and living costs, mid-level paying jobs, one track mind on the oil industry.	1/23/2017 1:40 PM
654	Many professional level jobs in Anchorage are based on volatile industries. Downturns in the oil and gas and mining industries lead to layoffs and the loss of many qualified professionals from Anchorage. The overall instability of the state economy and stops and starts in state-funded projects contribute to this harmful trend as well.	1/23/2017 11:32 AM
655	State regulations	1/23/2017 9:47 AM
656	Lack of local support for services	1/23/2017 6:24 AM
657	Lack of Police force, lack of enforcing laws, weak laws SB91.	1/23/2017 5:48 AM
658	Too reliant on oil and gas industries	1/23/2017 12:04 AM
659	Climate change. Dependence on shipment of goods from outside Anchorage.	1/22/2017 10:24 PM
660	Not having new industries to rely on instead of oil and gas. Drugs, crime, poor education, broken down neighborhoods, not having world class colleges and healthcare. Politicians that have big industries backs and not the best of intentions for the people of Alaska.	1/22/2017 10:19 PM
661	crime, unemployment and street drugs	1/22/2017 9:12 PM
662	Isolated from the lower 48, high cost of goods	1/22/2017 7:55 PM
663	Poor leadership	1/21/2017 7:03 PM
664	Lack of affordable housing, lack of sales tax, high cost for inner-state travel.	1/21/2017 10:00 AM
665	Negative Mind Sets that share with the community the gloom & doom message instead of buckling down and striving for a better goal.	1/20/2017 2:43 PM
666	High cost of living, over-reliance on the oil and gas industry	1/20/2017 1:37 PM
667	Not hiring local, not having a balanced budget and not managing our resources efficiently. Also not planning for our future, not investing in education and not diversifying our economy.	1/20/2017 9:01 AM
668	Homeless population, use of alcohol and drugs (particularly among those from villages being shipped to live on the streets of Anchorage rather than being effectively dealt with in their home communities), lack of education, homeless youth population, aggressive panhandlers (and those who give to those standing on street corners, give to a real charity that will attempt to get them the help they need, not to the individual to support their lifestyle choices).	1/20/2017 8:01 AM
669	Poor leadership.	1/19/2017 10:47 PM

670	Over-reliance on the oil boom (State spending has followed the revenue graph and Prudhoe Bay scale revenues are a statistical outlier). Lack of an outside-the-box solution for affordable housing, and health care costs, which also have effects on people taking risks on new ventures. Lack of consistent drive for many youth to graduate, and attain vocational or higher education levels.	1/19/2017 8:32 PM
671	Reliance on oil income.	1/19/2017 6:16 PM
672	Training programs/retraining programs offering alternative skills in a challenging economy. The west coast economies are red hot it is difficult to convince millennials to stay in Alaska if the opportunities are so much economically in Canada, Washington, Oregon, California.	1/19/2017 4:32 PM
673	The folks constantly complaining that we are over taxed. Our taxes support teachers and fire fighters, police and parks and rec employees. These folks are our neighbors and work really hard to make Anchorage a great city to live in. By undercutting the funding of the departments we all lose.	1/18/2017 4:51 PM
674	Too much reliance on single industry. Small community so negative news can raise concern and stop economic expansion and personal spending. Distance to resources - products must be shipped in which increases costs and adds time - time & money means industry may look elsewhere.	1/18/2017 1:20 PM
675	Lack of government spending - city, state, fed. Cost fluctuations - fuel, electric, nat gas, food, etc. ** Lack of variety of jobs available to all aptitudes, aspirations, and skill sets. ** If you institute an income, sales, more property, or other bundled (gas, liquor) taxes, you get no revenues if less than half the population is working. You tax those that are working (with income and property taxes) to pay for programs that support those that don't/won't/can't work. It's just wealth redistribution. If you want the State and its residents to be prosperous, all need to work. All need to pay for their share of government services and societal amenities (roads, parks, etc.). The city's responsibility is to provide a safe environment to live, work and play and foster economic development and commerce. Let families, churches and charities take care of those in need -- that is not the government's charge.	1/18/2017 1:07 PM
676	big box stores	1/18/2017 11:37 AM
677	Lack of a stable tax structure	1/17/2017 5:40 PM
678	negative comments on housing, jobs low oil prices poor legislative decisions	1/17/2017 4:37 PM
679	State politics and lack of decision making towards a more stable future. This unknowing position exacerbates MOA budget impacts and lack of certainty.	1/17/2017 3:29 PM
680	Few revenue streams and a heavy reliance on the military population	1/17/2017 2:28 PM
681	Anchorage relies too much on oil and gas as its primary economic engine	1/17/2017 1:03 PM
682	Crime and lack of community supports for families.	1/17/2017 11:46 AM
683	Not taxing enough. Especially with commercial fishing by nonlocals....	1/16/2017 11:49 PM
684	Cost of living dependent on fluctuating fuel costs and shipping costs which are passed onto consumers.	1/16/2017 9:44 PM
685	over reliance on a single sector, over reliance on government, weak universities and public school system, not taking advantage of niche markets, reliance on only property taxes	1/16/2017 6:05 PM
686	Lack of respect in the downtown area (particularly around bar closing times). Our inability to find help for homeless and mentally disabled people.	1/16/2017 6:04 PM
687	Competing with large online retailers	1/16/2017 3:58 PM
688	Underperforming schools, the over-reliance on social capital to gain employment, high cost of living - especially telecoms, healthcare, and housing, the perception that Anchorage and Alaska are tech-wastelands (e.g. slow internet service and an economy relatively closed off to the sharing-economy apps and more popular commercial apps), outrageous shipping costs imposed by online providers among others, and the fact that as diverse as the city is it cannot overcome the state's relatively oil-dependent economy.	1/16/2017 12:57 PM
689	Disregard for diversity of economy, failure to look forward mindfully enough to develop education for incoming industries with strong potential, failure to develop a way to train and monitor people who have fallen through the criminal and drug abuse cracks. If we do not rehabilitate these people who have gotten into trouble, they will continue to drain our resources. The prisons are full and the Legislature is loosening the drain and letting unrehabilitated people back onto our streets with little or no help. This bodes well for neither the released criminal, the economy, nor the community.	1/16/2017 10:08 AM
690	We do not support Local Business like we should	1/16/2017 9:04 AM
691	Reliance on single sectors (oil etc) of the economy for the majority of our economic base. We need further diversification.	1/16/2017 9:01 AM



692	State budget deficit	1/16/2017 6:16 AM
693	Not taking care of our infrastructure, buildings, police. Poor mass transit system. Medical care is much more costly than warranted. We sort of have a single payer system because there's only one insurance company in Alaska and the costs for self employed are prohibitive.	1/15/2017 10:45 PM
694	Our education system and our lack of interest or respect for it; both public and higher ed.	1/15/2017 10:19 PM
695	Inability to pivot when oil revenue is depleted	1/15/2017 10:14 PM
696	Weak and divisive political policy, lack of support for families in need or at risk	1/15/2017 8:15 PM
697	We benefit from the statewide economy and that economy is pegged on finite natural resources.	1/15/2017 9:59 AM
698	Taxes on oil companies	1/15/2017 12:59 AM
699	Job losses, empty school desks and homes/apartments. Closed businesses	1/14/2017 9:51 PM
700	Reliance on oil & gas to fund our government	1/14/2017 8:29 PM
701	Higher taxes on individuals combined with lower taxes on cooperations	1/14/2017 5:27 PM
702	Heavy reliance on oil.	1/14/2017 5:23 PM
703	A reliance on petroleum and government spending.	1/14/2017 5:00 PM
704	Lack of leadership in state government	1/14/2017 4:55 PM
705	Lack of affordable housing and inability to treat mental illness across all demographics, most notably the homeless/unemployed and veterans	1/14/2017 4:53 PM
706	Lack of diversity. Many barriers to entry for new development. Many of the businesses here seem to be owned by the same people.	1/14/2017 3:52 PM
707	Lack of diversification, a dependence on oil & gas but also negative attitudes toward any incentives that encourage investment or growth of the industry (and some other sectors)	1/14/2017 2:26 PM
708	No sales taxes	1/14/2017 10:17 AM
709	Reliance on an oil generated economy.	1/14/2017 9:54 AM
710	Liberal tax and spend policies	1/14/2017 6:09 AM
711	Dependence on a single industry- oil.	1/14/2017 6:07 AM
712	Cost of living, particularly artificially high markups on goods and services just because "that's how it is in Alaska."	1/14/2017 2:02 AM
713	Decrease Crime, homelessness, Alaska has a weak child support system, safe state children's home, safe state assistant living homes, lack of drug & alcohol programs, high healthcare costs, unsafe roads,	1/13/2017 10:37 PM
714	Volatility of oil prices and our dependence on oil revenue	1/13/2017 10:04 PM
715	Lack of opportunity via weak education that isn't supported by innovation and direction, below average public assistance that can't provide temporary and permanent help for all who need it, an infrastructure that can't provide the basics of transportation to the community that is outgrowing what is already in place.	1/13/2017 8:43 PM
716	Underlying reliance on oil and gas industry jobs still prevails	1/13/2017 8:37 PM
717	The lack of sustainable economic diversity. The over reliance on Big Oil and its supporting industries.	1/13/2017 8:21 PM
718	Anti-tax mentality, dependence on oil	1/13/2017 7:56 PM
719	Crime and perception of trails and public spaces not being safe	1/13/2017 7:52 PM
720	Bad customer service	1/13/2017 7:43 PM
721	the high cost of medical care, including dental. it is absolutely absurd housing costs for low income families; I believe adequate housing is a foundation for community economics	1/13/2017 7:26 PM
722	high cost of homes, poor public transportation, downtown is run-down and parts are not safe and is not a nice enough destination for families or tourists, poor level of education provided from ASD, road system is not adequate for travel between east and west sides of city or north-south through down-town (too much time wasted in traffic).	1/13/2017 6:50 PM
723	Lack of demand for Anchorage products.	1/13/2017 6:31 PM
724	Low paying jobs in tourism, local government, national retail, non-professional services.	1/13/2017 5:54 PM

725	Tax structure for businesses. Attitude towards oil and gas companies. Property taxes. Not business and entrepreneur friendly	1/13/2017 5:52 PM
726	The rising retail industry with the cheap chain restaurants and material goods frightens me. So do the lack of services for lower middle and poorer class citizens. Health care is a weak spot, as is the dismantling of the ACA without a replacement. We don't have a med school so we aren't even producing our own doctors. We don't have a law school, so we aren't producing our own lawyers. Our standards are very low when it comes to education. You can see this because for some reason Amy Dembowski was nearly elected as mayor, despite being dumber than a box of rocks and openly racist. Our education system is not great. It's a trickle-up effect with education - you invest heavily in education, you lower crime rates, saving money on police. You invest in education and high-tech businesses could grow organically out of Anchorage.	1/13/2017 5:38 PM
727	Reliance on one or just a few industries.	1/13/2017 5:04 PM
728	An over dependance on oil revenue and oil jobs.	1/13/2017 5:01 PM
729	An economy that is dependent largely on oil	1/13/2017 4:29 PM
730	There could be more support for small businesses	1/13/2017 4:22 PM
731	Our dependency upon oil and little focus on renewable energy.	1/13/2017 4:16 PM
732	Lack of city Road and community clean up. I mean snow removal of main roads should happen around 5am every morning it snows not a few days later. It is horrible driving in fairview in the winter.	1/13/2017 3:55 PM
733	Lack of openness to new ideas by our, "leaders."	1/13/2017 3:50 PM
734	The high cost of living that leads to a lack of quality labor.	1/13/2017 3:35 PM
735	An affordable housing crunch and a depressed jobs market.	1/13/2017 2:28 PM
736	Not enough economic diversity	1/13/2017 12:13 PM
737	job reduction	1/13/2017 8:55 AM
738	All the free handouts and bad decisions that are being made. An example is the 5.75 million settlement with an Alaska Native Corp. The revenue didn't come from the land...it came from man-made structures on the land. Land owners that rent building space to a company don't get paid anything but rent. This is the same thing. Another is some of the projects going on in town like bike paths in areas that a low percentage of people will actually use. We need to make better decisions with spending! A sales tax is also needed to offset property taxes and gain the city revenue from tourism!	1/13/2017 8:19 AM
739	Dependence on "outside" manufacturers for most all of our products, including our food. Long distances of travel that are expensive and not supported by dependable forms of mass transit such as buses and trains, or by very expensive and unreliable transport by air.	1/12/2017 11:54 PM
740	Dependence on oil, fearful politicians, lobbyists.	1/12/2017 10:31 PM
741	Crime threat to livability	1/12/2017 9:55 PM
742	Dependency on oil and tourists	1/12/2017 9:01 PM
743	Too much crime	1/12/2017 8:34 PM
744	Too much dependence on big oil.	1/12/2017 7:32 PM
745	Poor urban planning, lack of strong higher education institutions detracts from our ability to attract highly skilled and educated individuals. And, obviously, dependence on oil.	1/12/2017 2:28 PM
746	When we send jobs to other states, countries. My children are concerned about the lack of jobs/businesses being closed and what that means for their own futures.	1/12/2017 12:15 PM
747	Reliance on the oil industry	1/12/2017 12:14 PM
748	The reliance on one primary natural resource - oil - for revenue, as handed down from the state. Crime also makes us weak, because it turns people away. Building the same type of overpriced, overbuilt, housing makes us weak because it turns away young professionals whom we need to attract! Anchorage could bolster its economy by imposing a sales tax, because most of the rest of the state shops here at least once a year. With the additional revenues, it could increase employment in the Parks, PME, and other departments and better care for its infrastructure, clean its sidewalks so walking in winter would be less hazardous.	1/12/2017 10:25 AM
749	Reliance on aging infrastructure, being tied to the highs and lows of the oil industry, and the constant struggle for equality for all citizens.	1/12/2017 10:07 AM

750	Old-fashioned thinking of people who are waiting for extraction industry to solve all of our problems, instead of tackle our problems head-on and realistically preparing for what the future holds.	1/12/2017 9:23 AM
751	Dependency on fluctuating oil related businesses and an expectation that homeowners will support nearly everything with property taxes.	1/11/2017 10:58 PM
752	Principal issue is the failure to face the state's economic challenges head on. I am concerned that budget cuts, particularly indiscriminate budget cuts, will sacrifice our educational system and other factors affecting quality of life. The cost of health care is a challenge, particularly with the threatened loss of the Affordable Care Act. Independent of the ACA, costs are out of control. Instead of sending patients Outside, let's focus on lowering costs.	1/11/2017 9:40 PM
753	Graffiti, litter, crime and high property taxes	1/11/2017 8:31 PM
754	Lack of diversity. Loss of State revenues due to low price of oil. Here is the lack of diversity in our state. We should have had other streams of revenue before the fall of oil prices.	1/11/2017 7:39 PM
755	Reliance on oil industry jobs and other resource based but transient jobs.	1/11/2017 7:31 PM
756	Lack of diversification from question 2	1/11/2017 7:21 PM
757	The lack of competition in the substantial costs of living in the area, e.g., health care, travel.	1/11/2017 5:52 PM
758	Short term resource extraction goals, not long term preservation goals.	1/11/2017 5:24 PM
759	dependency on natural resources extraction to the exclusion of others, challenging housing market (lack of affordable housing--rental and ownership), isolated from Lower 48, risk of outmigration of young population	1/11/2017 4:53 PM
760	Dependence on oil industry, whose employees comprise one of the most well-compensated sectors of the population. As these people depart, all other businesses will suffer. Also, high health care costs negatively impact all sectors.	1/11/2017 4:34 PM
761	Lack of diversification in industries, high cost of living, lack of affordable and quality housing.	1/11/2017 4:25 PM
762	The state legislature is a joke and has its priorities completely mixed up. For example, all Alaska municipalities would benefit from state funding for education, but our legislature is more concerned with handing out corporate welfare to the some of the world's largest corporations. To make matters worse, the legislature also believes that funding medicare, community health centers and ensuring that the citizens most in need receive help constitutes unwarranted "welfare" apparently based on the prevailing religious views of the members of the legislature. Our over-reliance on the oil industry is also a drag on our long term economic success.	1/11/2017 4:19 PM
763	Location (isolated from L48) shipping etc, seasonality (long winters, dark.)	1/11/2017 4:16 PM
764	Real estate expensive, costly to live and work in Anchorage. A large population could use more, higher paying jobs. Muni taxes fall primarily on prop owners, not diversified with sales, other.	1/11/2017 4:04 PM
765	Budget cuts, particularly in education	1/11/2017 3:56 PM
766	Lack of diversification	1/11/2017 3:49 PM
767	Our economy does not seem weak to me. We are so dependent on oil that there is a great loss of jobs and that means people move, sell out and people start thinking they are in crisis. Loss of oil jobs means and we don't have the income. All our eggs are in one basket. We are weak when we don't work together to keep our quality of living high in Anchorage.	1/11/2017 3:21 PM
768	Special interest groups. Anchorage and Alaska are run for the benefit of the special interest groups that fund the candidates. Mostly public employee unions. Forbes rates Alaska as one of there three worst states for business. Mostly because of bureaucrats and judges who make laws.	1/11/2017 3:17 PM
769	bashing minorities in any shape or form blocking off neighborhoods either by design (gated neighborhoods) or unintended consequence (poor planning of transportation corridors)	1/11/2017 3:04 PM
770	High health care expense, especially escalating health care premium cost for municipal workers and teachers, loss of higher wage oil industry jobs, lack of a balanced state budget	1/11/2017 3:02 PM
771	High crime rate. Pan Handlers on most high traffic intersections. Area around Beans Café looks like a war zone. What do tourists think about this.	1/11/2017 2:41 PM
772	Subject to the ebbs and flows of natural resource production. Periods of decline in oil and gas production decrease demand for goods and services in town.	1/11/2017 2:11 PM
773	The many changes in the State's oil tax policy that have left the oil industry questioning whether or not to make investments in Alaska. The oil industry is not experiencing stability and sustainability in Alaska right now and this has the main impact on Anchorage's economy.	1/11/2017 1:53 PM
774	Alcohol related industry	1/11/2017 1:23 PM

775	Oil prices	1/11/2017 1:13 PM
776	Low oil prices	1/11/2017 1:02 PM
777	Reliance on state finances.	1/11/2017 11:43 AM
778	Reliance on oil, apathy towards local businesses, low investment in education	1/11/2017 11:24 AM
779	Assembly and Administration along with ASD spend, spend, spend. Unions and ACLU and the Alcohol/Drugs, Gangs seem to be guiding the direction of the MUNI.	1/11/2017 11:08 AM
780	Dependency on oil & gas Inefficiencies in legislature Crime and petty theft statistics	1/11/2017 10:40 AM
781	Reliance on the oil economy	1/11/2017 10:32 AM
782	Reliance on property tax income. Reliance on goods from outside the state.	1/11/2017 10:28 AM
783	Not enough support for entrepreneurship	1/11/2017 10:11 AM
784	Right now, the struggles with the State's economy.	1/11/2017 9:57 AM
785	Anchorage economy is weakened when we tie ourselves too closely with one area or when we pull funding away from education.	1/11/2017 9:56 AM
786	Undiversified, reliant on natural resources and outside funding. Unmet social needs, the crime, Drunks, and the homeless. Outside ownership and control of resources. High property taxes and cost of housing.	1/11/2017 9:16 AM
787	Over reliance on decades of oil	1/11/2017 9:09 AM
788	Lack of diversification from the oil industry, PFD, no seasonal sales tax, Anchorage School District not cooperating with other Anchorage groups mentioned above, State Legislature marching to a different drummer which does not fully benefit Anchorage and its diverse residents. Getting labor unions to cooperate better and agree to cuts on jobs during the next 3-5 years until our economy turns around. Better city bus/van transportation for everyone, especially disabled and seniors. Current city plan actually takes away current bus routes and Federal and State dollars are not allocated for improvements.	1/11/2017 9:04 AM
789	Housing crisis, rents too high wages too low. Low oil prices and removal of military personnel.	1/11/2017 8:52 AM
790	Dependency on just once economic sector	1/11/2017 8:42 AM
791	liberal agendas - taxes and government spending	1/11/2017 8:29 AM
792	Drastic cuts by the legislature in the 80s when oil revenue was down caused a huge recession that lasted far longer than it did in the lower 48, which found other revenues to tide them over. Many people left the state, houses were impossible to sell, businesses closed.	1/11/2017 8:17 AM
793	No manufacturing, nothing to sustain it.	1/11/2017 8:16 AM
794	No taxes other than property.	1/11/2017 8:13 AM
795	Dominance of the oil industry, vulnerability to employment rises and falls due to oil price	1/11/2017 7:59 AM
796	Taxes and Crime	1/11/2017 7:54 AM
797	No oil production. Public Sector unions making more money than anyone in private sector and employees unable to cut their pay or benefits	1/11/2017 7:21 AM
798	Excessive spending on social project and trying to reduce wages of blue collar workers. Money spent helping less fortunate is absolutely needed, however I do not feel at the extent it is sometimes spent. An example is the amount of money we will spend on refugees. When you add up all of the money that goes towards helping them relocate, that money could go a long way toward helping people who are already here and struggling. We are not having a lack of population crisis, we should not be spending so much money for individuals or specific families to relocate here. It is simply not in our budget right now.	1/11/2017 6:28 AM
799	Over dependence on oil.	1/11/2017 5:22 AM
800	State fiscal uncertainty, oil based/focused economy, parochialism	1/11/2017 3:41 AM
801	Shipping cost & cost of living.	1/10/2017 11:58 PM
802	Lack of adequate public transportation. The weather. Divisiveness amongst various political philosophies that prevent meaningful legislation. Unreasonable moral objections to things like the marijuana industry. General feeling that the city is NOT friendly to all types of people. Too much property tied up in churches and other entities that don't pay property taxes.	1/10/2017 11:15 PM

803	Constantly changing policies, arbitrary tax regimes, lack of good faith interaction with industry, export or raw commodities, no incentive to develop value-adding products and services locally. Out of control social programs and organized labor incentives that are way out of touch and proportion from private industry and modern economics. Government thinking it can do better than industry at developing commercial opportunities.	1/10/2017 11:05 PM
804	Too many of our "eggs" are in the oil basket. We need to diversify our economic revenues if we are to survive. We need to support our small locally owned businesses.	1/10/2017 10:32 PM
805	Need for a balanced Budget Process and the need to stop issuing Bonds everytime an election comes around. . The few carry the many when it comes to taxes in Anchorage. Assemble is very fiscally Liberal and spends spends spends	1/10/2017 10:26 PM
806	Oil has an outsize impact on the economy.	1/10/2017 10:12 PM
807	Over-reliance on oil money. Lack of investment in basic services. Unwillingness to institute a sales tax. Low wages.	1/10/2017 9:06 PM
808	Low income jobs are replacing higher level paying jobs	1/10/2017 8:59 PM
809	Special interests, promoting projects that are not in the public's interest.	1/10/2017 8:51 PM
810	Crime! It is hindering more middle class people from moving here. Job market is more focused for lower class. Also, high property taxes. Lower class, middle class are rent poor and mortgage poor. Homes are over priced.	1/10/2017 8:50 PM
811	Our legislature has been lazy relying on oil. Anchorage has sauntered along with it. Our port is a mess and our senators cry over ANWR. We are a coastal community and our coast is not accessible, the most attractive coastal feature, the trail has been locked down without hope of extension. (Chris Birch) We haven't utilized the resources in this city. Our weakness is the people who only want to expand oil.	1/10/2017 8:42 PM
812	So many service jobs providing the bulk of opportunity to so many. They don't pay well, they have little opportunity overall. An university system getting weaker and more expensive. Most young people I know end up out of state or online with outside colleges	1/10/2017 7:48 PM
813	cost of health care, reliance on income streams from the oil industry statewide, too much money spent propping up those who produce nothing or very little for the greater good	1/10/2017 7:29 PM
814	Lack of planning	1/10/2017 7:23 PM
815	Th fact no one, not the citizenry, no one really has skin in the game. Having lived here now for more than 20 years, I've still never been able to understand why we have sales or income tax. Travel anywhere else in the country and you pay something.	1/10/2017 7:22 PM
816	Lack of established State Budget, inability to predict state expenditures.	1/10/2017 7:06 PM
817	Dependence on Oil money	1/10/2017 6:57 PM
818	Burocracy High taxes	1/10/2017 6:40 PM
819	Ineffective state and local governments looking at cutting to the bone instead of smart, sensible solutions to economic problems. It's all about balance.	1/10/2017 6:05 PM
820	Property Taxes, Non reimbursement from the State on Senior Citizen and Disabled Veterans Property exemptions, approximately \$33 million dollars.	1/10/2017 5:56 PM
821	the lack of safety for pedestrians and people riding bikes	1/10/2017 5:30 PM
822	Low oil prices	1/10/2017 5:29 PM
823	People not supporting "Buy Alaska" and going online to shop Amazon and other E-tailers and get it delivered without getting off the sofa! Heard this many times from the smaller businesses!!!!	1/10/2017 4:58 PM
824	Government is over-bloated	1/10/2017 4:39 PM
825	We probably should pay taxes so the roads get plowed and such.	1/10/2017 4:38 PM
826	Reliance on single industry or only a few. Especially those who economic homes are elsewhere.	1/10/2017 4:25 PM
827	Same as Alaska, very little industry	1/10/2017 4:19 PM
828	reliance on non-renewable natural resources for lifestyle and as basis of economy; instability of these resources	1/10/2017 4:13 PM
829	Most of the higher paying positions are in the volatile energy sector.	1/10/2017 4:06 PM
830	Chain stores, national companies without a stake in our community	1/10/2017 3:54 PM
831	State's fiscal challenge and legislature not willing to take the steps to stabilize our state economy.	1/10/2017 3:51 PM

832	It's boundaries plus no bridge to knik, future growth, lack of housing	1/10/2017 3:48 PM
833	(in no order) Cost of living, distance from global and regional markets, conservative attitudes about development and use of government mechanisms to incentivize growth, big generational turnover and shifts currently (retirements, current lack of upward mobility for next generation), assumptions about who will pay for things and how (not enough tax base), state fiscal issues, dependence on oil and government jobs	1/10/2017 3:43 PM
834	Healthcare costs, health insurance costs, and the looming threat of paying for state and government retirement healthcare.	1/10/2017 3:39 PM
835	Big government with too many ideas on how to spend money.	1/10/2017 3:28 PM
836	The lack of planning and zoning, poor transportation planning, and overly complicated Title 21 requirements. Also, the high number of outside or franchise businesses.	1/10/2017 3:23 PM
837	Low skill and education levels of workers. Lack of availability of affordable housing.	1/10/2017 3:22 PM
838	Reliance on oil industry and federal government payroll.	1/10/2017 3:21 PM
839	Less family's making less than 100k a year.	1/10/2017 3:18 PM
840	Low oil price, liberal government	1/10/2017 3:00 PM
841	Concentration on one economic sector: O&G	1/10/2017 2:55 PM
842	Anti-government attitude, that it is evil or the enemy and that its workers are only worthy of scorn. Local government is vital in the protection of our liberties and opportunities.	1/10/2017 2:55 PM
843	Not going forward with Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline and alternative means for reliable 24x7 transportation and freight infrastructure to Anchorage.	1/10/2017 2:51 PM
844	Lack of investment in quality of life, including poor walkability (except in Downtown), especially in winter.	1/10/2017 2:41 PM
845	Too many big box stores	1/10/2017 2:34 PM
846	Too often decisions are made by uninformed decisions makers. Whether it is their bias or lack of accurate information, the less informed we are the worse our economy is going to be because it doesn't represent the true Nate of the issues.	1/10/2017 2:27 PM
847	unfortunately, we are seeing more and more growth in lower-wage jobs, such as retail and service industry positions, which often fail to provide full-time employment and benefits.	1/10/2017 2:10 PM
848	High number of homeless	1/10/2017 2:09 PM
849	The city needs to offer incentives to draw more small business start-ups, perhaps in global tech, who would enjoy our marvelous scenery and unique position in the world that make living here more attractive than other crowded urban centers in the US. More businesses need to consider designating a space for quality childcare in the same building as their place of business. Employers don't need to pay for the care, but should make it convenient for employees who work in the building to use. Credit Union 1 has been doing this for years.	1/10/2017 1:57 PM
850	Lack of ability by new businesses to get help with starting new businesses	1/10/2017 1:57 PM
851	Political division.	1/10/2017 1:39 PM
852	Homeless producing situations manipulation of laws to make the outcome improve for bad decisions.	1/10/2017 1:36 PM
853	Crime rate, safety perceptions	1/10/2017 1:30 PM
854	Like Alaska's economy, it is not quite diverse enough. Too much depends on the oil industry and the price of oil. There is embarrassingly little I am proud to show off to my out of town guests, and most tourists want to leave the city and get to the real Alaska ASAP. Tourism would be one great thing to increase in town, and I think this could be accomplished by increasing the livability as a whole. If the hip retail area of Spenard (near REI) was easier to be a pedestrian in, and had a couple more draws for the tourist, and looked just a touch nicer (which hopefully it will after the road project and future Spenard Corridor Improvements), that would help. If there were more ways to get visitors (and residents) around town and to the chugach park, Kincaid, museums, etc that would be great. The bus is nice, and I'm glad PeopleMover is making smaller, more frequent routes, but maybe some other options for those who don't want to rent a car - Uber, shuttle vans, etc? Reykjavik is a city of the same size in a similar environment, but it so much more interesting and easy to visit.	1/10/2017 1:26 PM
855	The failure of the State of Alaska's Legislature to find a financial solution to the current economic deficits. Obviously, this greatly impacts Anchorage's and other communities in the State. Also gangs and violence in our City.	1/10/2017 1:25 PM
856	Its small size. It has limited services, you have to go "outside" for many things. Their is less competition making prices higher. Also, it lies within a state with an economy dependent on boom and bust natural resource commodities.	1/10/2017 1:24 PM

857	Extreme Environmentalism and Excessive Union Power	1/10/2017 1:23 PM
858	Low oil prices, lack of support for small businesses, instability in our government (always changing laws/ too many restrictions)	1/10/2017 1:22 PM
859	Unemployment	1/10/2017 1:20 PM
860	High crime	1/10/2017 1:15 PM
861	inability of muni to raise adequate revenue, dependence on petroleum industry, lack of opportunities to diversify and strengthen economy	1/10/2017 1:12 PM
862	Non Diversified economy..too dependent on oil and gas.	1/10/2017 1:11 PM
863	Stagnant resource development in the state, too much red tape for small businesses, its challenging starting and growing small businesses with the current policies and bureaucracy. For example... when it costs more money for a business owner to purchase a permit to install a new sign than the actual sign and installation itself. These types of policies stifle business growth.	1/10/2017 1:07 PM
864	Our fishing industry, high prices with eating/drinking.	1/10/2017 12:58 PM
865	Need more places for companies to do business up here aside from support and retail.	1/10/2017 12:57 PM
866	Reliance on oil & gas jobs. High cost of living. The city is ugly and unsafe, it is not pleasant to spend time downtown and the trails and parks no longer feel safe.	1/10/2017 12:56 PM
867	Tax and spend liberal politicians	1/10/2017 12:55 PM
868	Public safety is of incredible concern. Lack of revenue diversification, too much of a burden on property owners.	1/10/2017 12:55 PM
869	Low oil prices & excessive federal, state and municipal government regulations. Why restrict access to oil - Alaska's primary income generator?	1/10/2017 12:48 PM
870	Too dependent on government and oil	1/10/2017 12:46 PM
871	Leadership, political and otherwise, that has a fundamental misunderstanding of what drives Alaska's - and Anchorage's - economy.	1/10/2017 12:41 PM
872	To me, Anchorage's economy is weakened by people's aversion to recognize and address poverty. The effects of poverty cost us greatly when they manifest in health disparity and education deficiency. It costs 3x as much to react to the problems caused by a chronic inebriate or homeless person versus the cost to proactively house them or provide mental health treatment. Our economy can not possibly operate at its maximum efficiency if we do not turn off the fountain of disparity that is undermining all of our efforts to bring jobs.	1/10/2017 12:38 PM
873	Lack of diversity. Took much dependence on oil. Poor fiscal responsibility w large budget deficit and lack of services, seems to shrink community rather than grow it.	1/10/2017 12:38 PM
874	Lack of educated people and opportunity for quality higher education.	1/10/2017 12:33 PM
875	Dependance on oil	1/10/2017 12:32 PM
876	Over regulation, excessive government spending, and raising property taxes.	1/10/2017 12:31 PM
877	The state cutting spending on education and social support at all levels. Vulnerability to military cuts. Too much crime.	1/10/2017 12:28 PM
878	Overall state economy, and the complete and utter, cowardly failure of the State Legislature to come up with realistic sources of income, now that oil prices and production have dropped, and federal give-aways are drying up. Providing corporate welfare to the most profitable corporations on earth, while not requiring transparent accounting for oil company subsidies, without requiring that those subsidies actually be spent in Alaska, while cutting our schools and university are just 2 examples of legislative decisions that are either corrupt or just plain stupid. Other statewide wastes of money that affect the local economy are crazy mega-projects, like the Susitna/Watana dam, Juneau road, Knik Arm Bridge, Road to Ambler, and state sponsored gas-line (if it made economic sense, the oil companies would be jumping to build it). I have made several personally paid-for trips to Juneau to discuss issues with Legislators, and am frankly surprised that some of them have enough brain cells to tie their own shoelaces and get to the office. The Legislature is solely about power and ideology, and very few are willing to put aside politics to come up with solutions that are for the good of the state. While the cultural diversity of Anchorage is a positive thing, there are structural issues that help keep our neighborhoods economically stratified: Lack of a real functioning public transportation system that people want to use, and neighborhoods with a lot of crime or poverty where people would prefer to not live are problems. Lack of affordable housing keeps many in those impoverished neighborhoods.	1/10/2017 12:27 PM
879	Anchorage is too reliant on oil money.	1/10/2017 12:25 PM

880	High housing costs and cost of living, challenges for commuters using public transportation, few training & workforce development opportunities that are accessible and meet needs of residents, high economic segregation (low-income / unemployed population is concentrated into a few neighborhoods).	1/10/2017 12:20 PM
881	Large intrusive government, high taxation and over-regulation.	1/10/2017 12:15 PM
882	Expensive Health Care and lack of facilities for older and retired citizens. Lack of a state budget that the general public can understand. Decline of public safety within neighborhoods of Anchorage.	1/10/2017 12:10 PM
883	Carcentric, stuck in old ways, too much bending over backwards for national chains while local businesses are ignored, poor infrastructure, too much "I got mine" attitude from successful businesses, poor winter maintenance of sidewalks, contractors more interested in making construction expensive as opposed to efficient, market price is artificially high.	1/10/2017 12:03 PM
884	We haven't attracted high tech companies, start ups . Brain drain of young people interested in that field. We rely too heavily on oil industry. We don't seem interested in being a research center for anything.	1/10/2017 11:47 AM
885	Lack of a sales tax. Bad oil prices. High crime rate.	1/10/2017 11:46 AM
886	Out of control social spending	1/10/2017 11:46 AM
887	In general, there is an anti-tax/entitlement mentality in the State of Alaska. People do not contribute enough to support the services that they receive from the Municipality.	1/10/2017 11:42 AM
888	uncertainty	1/10/2017 11:41 AM
889	reliance on oil	1/10/2017 11:40 AM
890	Trying to be like everywhere else in the US.	1/10/2017 11:40 AM
891	Current weakness in oil and government spending. Sole reliance on property tax and on oil taxes to fund government	1/10/2017 11:39 AM
892	Heavy reliance on oil-related income Dependence on property tax to fund city services	1/10/2017 11:35 AM
893	Unemployment, voluntary homelessness (not those with mental illness or addiction issues those who choose to live in free housing, couch surf, etc	1/10/2017 11:31 AM
894	Oil & gas industry	1/10/2017 11:30 AM
895	States lack of revenue from taxes.	1/10/2017 11:27 AM
896	Declining oil and gas revenues, lack of diversification, undeveloped tax base.	1/10/2017 11:24 AM
897	our municipal government now about 40% of the cost of any new home in a new subdivision is directly related to municipal regulations and processes	1/10/2017 11:22 AM
898	Too much reliance on the oil industry; need to diversify	1/10/2017 11:20 AM
899	Too much concentration in the oil/gas sector.	1/10/2017 11:19 AM
900	Relying solely on big oil.	1/10/2017 11:19 AM
901	lack of diversified businesses, no significant IT jobs	1/10/2017 11:18 AM
902	Population, geographic challenges, lack of commitment to sustainable population based development rather than specific industry based growth such as oil.	1/10/2017 11:18 AM
903	Our dependence on state funding and the cyclical nature of tourism, and construction. The high cost of medical care is a problem.	1/10/2017 11:17 AM
904	Major downturns in important sectors of the economy.	1/10/2017 11:14 AM
905	Alaska state government being so reliant on oil income and the trickle down impact on Anchorage. Diversification of income streams is needed so Alaska has a fiscal plan which will help stabilize other sectors.	1/10/2017 11:12 AM
906	The absence of any significant 21 century industry	1/10/2017 11:11 AM
907	remote location, expansion limitations	1/10/2017 11:08 AM
908	Giveaway programs encouraging low income people to come to Alaska.	1/10/2017 11:07 AM
909	People who are unwilling to be taxed appropriately	1/10/2017 11:07 AM
910	lack of good paying jobs and good work force, lack of state funding for road projects and schools, lack of funding for police and fire, lack of new business opportunities. lack of land for future development	1/10/2017 11:07 AM



911	The good ol' boy network that cuts out the small guy and is geared towards big business rather than small local business development and those who call downtown Anchorage home. There is a Visit Anchorage book that is handed out to pretty much every tourist that arrives. It is geared towards big business - both national and out of country, with little about local activity directed from a small business - locally owned and operated.	1/10/2017 11:03 AM
912	Small size, remoteness and lack of diversity.	1/10/2017 11:03 AM
913	Lack of advanced professional services jobs other than lawyers	1/10/2017 11:02 AM
914	Reliance on extraction of natural resources to provide for a strong economy. Short sighted, variable, undependable.	1/10/2017 11:02 AM
915	The weakness that is Alaska's economy - over-reliance on oil, lack of a sensible tax structure, lack of vision among state leaders for innovation in the economy, and the university is not supported by the local community for the way it could spur innovation and entrepreneurship.	1/10/2017 10:58 AM
916	federal government development restraints	1/10/2017 10:51 AM
917	government regulation	1/10/2017 10:43 AM
918	Lawmakers unable to agree on budget Decrease PFT, poor price of oil	1/10/2017 10:42 AM
919	Too much emphasis on oil/gas/mining -- rape and pillage	1/10/2017 10:41 AM
920	Focus of economy is too narrow.	1/10/2017 10:39 AM
921	Cost of living.	1/10/2017 10:39 AM
922	Lack of strong support of education and its funding at all levels	1/10/2017 10:38 AM
923	too much reliance on a single industry. Housing expenses are very high.	1/10/2017 10:38 AM
924	Reliance on petroleum industry, influx of big box stores	1/10/2017 10:38 AM
925	Lack of significant business diversity	1/10/2017 10:37 AM
926	Crime and danger in the downtown corridor	1/10/2017 10:34 AM
927	Too much dependence on a single industry - oil	1/10/2017 10:34 AM
928	Reliance on limited revenue sources (e.g. property taxes) and state revenue sharing.	1/10/2017 10:32 AM
929	Overpaid politicians. Not hiring within the State	1/10/2017 10:32 AM
930	state and federal spending	1/10/2017 10:32 AM
931	An uncertain future because of a 3.8 billion dollar deficit in State funding starting June 30.	1/10/2017 10:32 AM
932	Income stream is limited to property taxes, and bonds. Limited resources. No longer is the State able to provide funding as it did in the past.	1/10/2017 10:31 AM
933	Municipal restrictions on development	1/10/2017 10:30 AM
934	Lack of infrastructure and quality personnel. We do not have the developed infrastructure needed to attract and maintain new businesses. Transportation and the cost of getting goods to Alaska is prohibitive. Finding quality personnel that are willing to work is still difficult in Alaska -- even with high unemployment	1/10/2017 10:30 AM
935	Relying on the oil and gas sector.	1/10/2017 10:29 AM
936	very undiversified economy	1/10/2017 10:28 AM
937	Drugs, alcohol, homelessness	1/10/2017 10:27 AM
938	Reliance of State and Federal money.	1/10/2017 10:27 AM
939	Poor city planning/zoning and lack of good business sectors. Safety and crime issues	1/10/2017 10:25 AM
940	Dependence on Juneau and the tax cap.	1/10/2017 10:25 AM
941	Lazy workers with bad attitudes.	1/10/2017 1:03 AM
942	The fiscal gap of the State of Alaska and the reticence of the legislature to act to address it, other than spending savings to cover the short fall.	1/10/2017 12:54 AM
943	reliance on one source of revenue oil and refusal of Anchorage citizens to pay for any services through taxes.	1/9/2017 6:56 PM
944	It's overwhelming reliance on one primary business sector. Oil/gas	1/9/2017 5:16 PM
945	ALL Reality TV about "Alaska" making real Alaskans look like clowns.	1/9/2017 4:17 PM

946	City government that holds back development rather than promotes it. Thriving mat-su	1/9/2017 3:23 PM
947	High crime rate, lack of affordable housing	1/9/2017 12:53 PM
948	Too much dependence on the oil industry and the federal/state government spending.	1/9/2017 11:37 AM
949	Far too much State revenue impact, with a political process that is poorly equipped to address the problems. Also the "booming" medical sector that draws 100 percent of its gains out of every other pocket in Alaska. Very spotty business segments, not diverse. Very little value upgrading to products and services produced.	1/9/2017 11:23 AM
950	Lack of skilled business. Like drug or computer companies	1/9/2017 10:51 AM
951	Not developing a local based product.	1/9/2017 9:59 AM
952	Lack of development and Title 21.	1/9/2017 9:11 AM
953	The fact that businesses conduct lay offs during slow economic growth. By retaining employees, even during times of recession, these businesses are making a commitment to the people of Anchorage which in turn helps to boost the economy.	1/9/2017 8:37 AM
954	Property taxes out of control, too liberal.	1/9/2017 7:59 AM
955	Heavy reliance upon a single industry sector for wealth creation.	1/9/2017 7:47 AM
956	Local Government.	1/9/2017 7:09 AM
957	Our major weakness is that we don't have enough manufacturing plants to help boost the economy.	1/8/2017 9:27 PM
958	Fear (Public Safety, Economic security), better opportunities elsewhere, lack of professional education (medicine, law, architecture)	1/8/2017 9:17 PM
959	dependence on oil	1/8/2017 8:30 PM
960	Politics most definitely, it should not be left up to a few as to what will and won't happen, what we can and can't do, or what changes are or aren't made. Everyone needs to be held to the same standards, what's good enough for me should be good enough for everyone.	1/8/2017 7:25 PM
961	As Alaska is subject to oil/commodity price/volume, so is Anchorage; As the world economy and global trade is important to U.S. so is Anchorage and especially international freight; Similarly we are dependent upon AK and U.S. public policy and investment and such is now a challenge.	1/8/2017 6:46 PM
962	Oil and Gas uncertainty, the legislatures inability to make key decisions to improve consumer confidence and the long term outlook.	1/8/2017 5:42 PM
963	Too much dependency on oil and gas salaries.	1/8/2017 4:04 PM
964	Not sure -	1/8/2017 4:04 PM
965	all the crime that is going up and all the homelessness	1/8/2017 3:45 PM
966	Unemployment	1/8/2017 3:15 PM
967	Overpopulation of box type stores. Over reliance on trickle down from oil field salaries with no other means of revenue (sales tax, etc)	1/8/2017 2:22 PM
968	Our industries here are not as diversified as they should/could be. We depend a lot on government, local, state and federal. We also must get our arms around the crime in our city. The number of murders make potential incoming residents think about whether they want to live here.	1/8/2017 2:16 PM
969	Low oil prices	1/8/2017 2:13 PM
970	legislatures giving too much back to the BIG OIL companies.	1/8/2017 12:39 PM
971	Lack of diversity	1/8/2017 10:02 AM
972	Dependence on commodity valuations and poor governance	1/8/2017 9:03 AM
973	Over-reliance on a few industries - oil, government, and tourism. Additionally, Anchorage is very effected by the economics of the state.	1/8/2017 7:42 AM
974	Oil, Anchorage economy seams very one sided. Not diverse.	1/8/2017 6:41 AM
975	Bad politicians who take advantage of disabled people with out a voice - oil executives at Veco running a prostitution ring oh underage girls & Feds dropping the case	1/8/2017 2:05 AM
976	The surge in crime	1/7/2017 10:44 PM

977	High property taxes, large welfare population, government overspending, over-compensated public employees, unaffordable health care/insurance, unjustified overpriced everything, high crime, lame identity	1/7/2017 10:25 PM
978	Unemployed citizens	1/7/2017 9:58 PM
979	Lack of jobs/unemployment rate high	1/7/2017 6:20 PM
980	Not optimizing the university as an asset. Poor retention of some of our brightest young adults. Declining public schools with not tax base not diversified. Too much dependence on oil industry as employment source.	1/7/2017 6:06 PM
981	Lack of revenue sharing out of Juneau; lack of seasonal sales tax	1/7/2017 5:55 PM
982	Over-dependence on the oil industry and it's volatility	1/7/2017 5:47 PM
983	Losing natural resources, losing dividends, crime and lack of training/job placement programs for low income citizens. Low income citizens not willing or looking to better their lives and content to live on welfare.	1/7/2017 5:17 PM
984	Chain stores and chain anything really. Bad oil prices that mean no investment in infrastructure.	1/7/2017 4:56 PM
985	Relying too much on oil recovery	1/7/2017 4:18 PM
986	Current crime rates will discourage new business investment. A current tendency to minimize the focus on and investment in education at all levels. Outrageously expensive healthcare.	1/7/2017 4:04 PM
987	The oil industry Lack of community feel within neighborhoods	1/7/2017 3:52 PM
988	Cost of living	1/7/2017 3:39 PM
989	Simply gutting government.	1/7/2017 3:27 PM
990	Cutting government services	1/7/2017 2:54 PM
991	Unemployment. More government. High crime.	1/7/2017 2:40 PM
992	Dependence on oil and gas; high cost of living; lack of support for small businesses; aging infrastructure and buildings; unprepared employees, especially recent HS graduates and dropouts; lack of access to high-quality child care and family-friendly workplaces/policies	1/7/2017 2:35 PM
993	Exposure to federal spending and oil price; naturally higher costs of importing commodities such as food, clothing, building materials, and other staples	1/7/2017 2:25 PM
994	Not enough affordable housing. There is no affordable land. Rentals are way too expensive and a majority of people spend a significant portion of their paychecks on rent. The supply is way less than three demand for rentals.	1/7/2017 2:14 PM
995	High property taxes. High housing costs. Government union jobs paying more than private jobs, non essential government spending and wasteful/unnecessary government spending.	1/7/2017 2:05 PM
996	Too much dependency upon energy sector for underlying employment and resulting multiplier effect.	1/7/2017 1:58 PM
997	Oil reliance, negative media, UAA lack of local recruitment in Students, athletes, post secondary Ed.	1/7/2017 1:47 PM
998	Unemployment	1/7/2017 1:39 PM
999	Closed minded thinkers	1/7/2017 1:38 PM
1000	The reliance on the oil and gas industry for direct and indirect jobs and services makes the economy vulnerable to fluctuations in petroleum prices and the business decisions of the industry.	1/7/2017 1:32 PM
1001	Weakness in the oilfield due to low prices and falling production.	1/7/2017 1:31 PM
1002	Jobs solely based on a single area	1/7/2017 1:22 PM
1003	Cost of freight causes our cost of living to be extremely high.	1/7/2017 1:20 PM
1004	Government waste and crime. Lack of treatment for addicts	1/7/2017 1:20 PM
1005	No local resource to market other than subcommercial amounts of seafood, a lot brought in from Homer and Dutch. Too big a reliance on retail which depends on other sectors employing lots of people to purchase retail. Too large a migrating population; most are only here for a short time to work (i.e., nurses at the hospitals, slope workers, tourism employees). The state and industry have done a very poor job training locals in the good paying longer term jobs.	1/7/2017 12:56 PM
1006	making the cost of a service to high	1/7/2017 9:15 AM

1007	Two things: 1) the fact that a significant portion of economic activity in Alaska "leaks" Outside, such as the fact that many tourism operations are run by non-residents and that 95% of the food Alaskans buy comes directly off the barge/plane and has not been grown or value-added in Alaska. And 2) We Alaskans sometimes measure our self-worth in terms of which businesses we can attract (e.g. Krispy Kreme) to our state as opposed to valuing which businesses we can create and nurture locally.	1/7/2017 9:01 AM
1008	Cost of shipping to Alaska, lack of economic diversity	1/7/2017 8:42 AM
1009	Dependence on too few resources and barely existing industry. Our small population base does not support many "deep pockets" for developing major grassroots business.	1/7/2017 8:41 AM
1010	Isolation, cost of products, and lack of growth due to limited land area and lack of expansion.	1/7/2017 7:33 AM
1011	Dependence on oil, only having a property tax instead of broader tax base	1/7/2017 7:22 AM
1012	Public safety issues and lack of adequate public transportation.	1/7/2017 6:15 AM
1013	Reliance on the listed for what makes it strong (oil and military). We've seen/felt the military decrease - as someone that has a desire for a more "green" lifestyle - I wish the reliance on oil wasn't so large	1/7/2017 5:22 AM
1014	Anchorage's homeless population and crime wave	1/7/2017 4:03 AM
1015	Overly heavy reliance, both directly and indirectly, on a single fickle resource industry like oil.	1/7/2017 1:25 AM
1016	too much reliance on oil industry and government to provide jobs	1/7/2017 12:46 AM
1017	The Unknowns is in the oil industry at this time. Also the unknowns of hate your interest-rate's	1/7/2017 12:26 AM
1018	taxing homeowners to death....paying too much for poor road maintenance	1/7/2017 12:14 AM
1019	Heavy reliance on government (including military) and oil. When one thing tanks, it pulls the entire system down. And of course the cost of health care (chiefly coverage) which raises budgets and most of the doesn't actually stay locally...	1/6/2017 11:38 PM
1020	Relying on one type of industry like mining, gas and oil.	1/6/2017 11:07 PM
1021	High housing and healthcare costs, lack of substance abuse facilities, poor wage and benefit packages for most big box store employees, lack of living wage jobs for poor residents and what appear to be excessively high wage and benefits for many government jobs that are not available to private employees.Lack of active participation in many civic organizations.	1/6/2017 11:07 PM
1022	Depending to much on oil and PFD	1/6/2017 11:07 PM
1023	Corporations from outside, chain restaurants, imported items that displace products that could be produced here	1/6/2017 10:31 PM
1024	Lack of resident's understanding of how the economy works, lack of investment in infrastructure. Philosophy of selfishness toward our tax burden which is almost non-existent compared to lower 48 communities.	1/6/2017 8:30 PM
1025	The economic presence and economic contributions of the military, federal agencies, state government agencies, universities, major healthcare facilities are the core group that provides streams of jobs and revenue. Anchorage has always been dependent on this core. Our population growth is reflected in good times and shrinks when this core is struck with downturn. Unless a vibrant new industry(s), with longevity, comes into the mix, the cycle will never change. Any change to business operations has a downside: encourage public transportation to reduce cars in downtown and parking lot owners are threatened with less revenue is an example.	1/6/2017 7:44 PM
1026	Socialist Assembly	1/6/2017 6:44 PM
1027	Our dependence on OIL. Prices high, good economy. Low, terrible. That is ridiculous. We need to diversify.	1/6/2017 6:30 PM
1028	Low oil prices	1/6/2017 6:28 PM
1029	location- being so far from food sources	1/6/2017 6:01 PM
1030	I've only just moved here a year ago but feel very land locked from the lower 48. I miss the restaurants and the choices for shopping. It is very limited here.	1/6/2017 5:13 PM
1031	Threats from Oil and Tourism companies to cut back if things don't go their way. The attempt to rule by fear..	1/6/2017 4:41 PM
1032	Lack of diversity, heavily dependent on resource development, housing and healthcare are expensive,	1/6/2017 4:22 PM
1033	Over-reliance dollars from a natural resources based economy, in particular the booms & busts of the petroleum industry.	1/6/2017 4:15 PM
1034	Our dependence on the oil industry! Our longtime ability to be attractive to potential incoming businesses due to our current high crime rate which includes: robberies, car theft, murder, etc.	1/6/2017 4:05 PM
1035	Reliance on oil	1/6/2017 3:54 PM

1036	Insufficient industry diversity and revenue base. We rely too heavily on property owners for municipal revenue; we need alternative sources of revenue. Also, at least the perception, if not a real increase in crime and homelessness.	1/6/2017 3:52 PM
1037	The decline in oil prices.	1/6/2017 3:50 PM
1038	Probably relies too much on oil without having another big, standalone industry to support.	1/6/2017 3:45 PM
1039	Giving contracts to outside companies rather than focusing on local solutions. Also relying too much on unsustainable and uncontrollable resource development and not diversifying- leaves us vulnerable if that commodity loses value. This is moreally of a state problem, but seems it can carry over to anchorage as well.	1/6/2017 3:41 PM
1040	That we are so dependent upon resources from the lower 48. I'd love to see year-round indoor farming in Anchorage to allow better access to fresh produce.	1/6/2017 3:37 PM
1041	Relying on oil as the only money maker for the state	1/6/2017 3:34 PM
1042	Relying on one industry to sustain Alaskan's and the economy.	1/6/2017 3:31 PM
1043	Too much focus/investment on a few businesses and industries — we can't rely on the traditional modes of business anymore, to move Anchorage's economy forward.	1/6/2017 3:30 PM
1044	Dependence on oil jobs and income	1/6/2017 3:30 PM
1045	Too much reliance on oil companies and large corporations which hire from outside of alaska and bring families up here then do not provide job stability or liveable wages which in turn ends up creating unemployment and homelessness.	1/6/2017 3:29 PM
1046	High unemployment rate, lack of factory and unskilled jobs. Need more workforce training and education opportunities.	1/6/2017 3:19 PM
1047	The excessive amount of government jobs: state, local and feds One dominant industry Poor post secondary education system Marginal primary and secondary education system	1/6/2017 3:09 PM
1048	Not enough diversity in our economy	1/6/2017 3:07 PM
1049	Too many retail jobs compared to higher end jobs	1/6/2017 3:05 PM
1050	Lack of affordable housing & liveable wage jobs.	1/6/2017 3:05 PM
1051	Shortsighted-ness of our legislators.	1/6/2017 3:04 PM
1052	Reliance on oil and gas for most high paying jobs	1/6/2017 2:44 PM
1053	Policies regarding homeless.	1/6/2017 2:43 PM
1054	Currently, oil.	1/6/2017 2:41 PM
1055	Lack of sales tax, not taxing development companies more	1/6/2017 2:30 PM
1056	Non-diversification	1/6/2017 2:28 PM
1057	City unions and the eight assembly members they control.	1/6/2017 2:19 PM
1058	Crime	1/6/2017 2:19 PM
1059	Multiple factors, many beyond one's control. The cost of shipping everything into this state. The high cost of housing. For lack of a better term, carpet bagger mentality, how much can I take out of the economy,state before I leave for other places. Limited markets as far as population,very few business can grow to the point of exporting a product up here.	1/6/2017 2:19 PM
1060	Always buying online or in big box stores.	1/6/2017 2:17 PM
1061	Crime	1/6/2017 2:15 PM
1062	Lack of training/resources to build skilled workforce, Cost of housing and commercial real estate, Poor quality housing and lack of new housing development, City innavigable and unconnected for non-motorized transit, Scattered and isolated investment focus areas, Lack of Muni and State resources for civic improvement	1/6/2017 2:13 PM
1063	Crime	1/6/2017 2:13 PM
1064	failure of state to adopt normative tax structure	1/6/2017 2:13 PM
1065	High property taxes. Serious crime in city Limited public transit	1/6/2017 2:01 PM
1066	Inefficient public transit	1/6/2017 2:01 PM
1067	Lack of future planning from previous governments	1/6/2017 1:59 PM

1068	That we are not as diversified as we should be. Akin to the State's dependence on oil, Anchorage, too, is impacted greatly by the fluctuations in that industry. Possibly doubly so, as Anchorage is also dependent on State money, which is in short supply these days.	1/6/2017 1:55 PM
1069	Over reliance on the oil industry	1/6/2017 1:53 PM
1070	Expensive, high cost of government services (including pensions & salaries), Davis/Bacon act Assembly ordinances against business freedoms	1/6/2017 1:53 PM
1071	Welfare	1/6/2017 1:52 PM
1072	not being more diverse	1/6/2017 1:50 PM
1073	not enough investment in education and local business	1/6/2017 1:49 PM
1074	No real producing economy within the city. Residents either serve exterior industries (oil, military/gov, transportation) or services/retail for people who work for those exterior industries. While this is an economy, there are I think few people who are in Anchorage producing products because of what the city has. That is to say, the economy of Anchorage does not build and reinforce itself to make and bring in new industries, rather it is dependable on the existence of the exterior industries ultimate. If those diminish, so do the service providers and the economy will contract.	1/6/2017 1:43 PM
1075	Still so much emphasis on a weak oil and gas industry. The recession makes me nervous and if I were moving here today I might think twice.	1/6/2017 1:36 PM
1076	High taxes	1/6/2017 1:31 PM
1077	We have a weak economy from many reasons-disparity in public education, lack of available jobs that support families, infrastructure (like pedestrian friendly roads and a lackluster bus system) that make it difficult for families without cars. H	1/6/2017 1:26 PM
1078	Declining oil prices and output. No manufacturing.	1/6/2017 1:24 PM
1079	Small minded people. No bridge across the Inlet.	1/6/2017 1:23 PM
1080	Gas/Oil	1/6/2017 1:11 PM
1081	Violence and crime; lack of cultural understanding; insensitivity.	1/6/2017 10:38 AM
1082	Big oil tax giveaways. Temporary or transient workers who come to Alaska to work but aren't invested or interested in the long-term health of the community.	1/6/2017 10:26 AM
1083	Being held hostage by the muni employees who have no business working for the muni and the unions that protect them. If your confused by what I mean take a stroll through building safety.	1/6/2017 10:26 AM
1084	Closed-mindedness	1/6/2017 10:24 AM
1085	1) Dependence on Oil or employment with the State of Alaska which is dependent on oil. 2) We're blessed with beautiful scenery and proximity to natural areas and tourists pass through but Anchorage should be a destination as well.	1/6/2017 9:19 AM
1086	Unaffordable housing.	1/6/2017 8:40 AM
1087	homeless, hunger, lack of manufacturing, transient population, lack of public transportation, crime	1/6/2017 8:32 AM
1088	Not seizing opportunities, Not providing opportunities	1/6/2017 8:31 AM
1089	We have significant headwinds, elected official seem unwilling to govern or plan for our future, over reliance on oil industry to pay for government, limited vision for our path forward (oil is our past, not our future).	1/6/2017 8:12 AM
1090	1. Dearth of industries that create downstream jobs (E.g. Oil/Gas demands education & services) 2. Reliance on government as a major employer, especially in times of State economic duress 3. Talent pool is too shallow for certain investment opportunities (E.g. Software, biotech)	1/6/2017 7:48 AM
1091	Schools	1/6/2017 7:43 AM
1092	Poor leadership and bad business policies.	1/6/2017 6:58 AM
1093	seasonal jobs that don't become full time jobs. Seasonal tourism & travel jobs.	1/6/2017 5:33 AM
1094	White boring, stick with past boom industries	1/5/2017 11:27 PM
1095	Ugly man made structure, lack of decent transportation system	1/5/2017 11:25 PM
1096	Government waste	1/5/2017 11:20 PM

1097	Fiscal irresponsibility. Too many fingers in the pot. The Chiefs want their Scouts to do more for less and yet the Chiefs grant themselves their own pay raise. The Gas and a Water companies all whine and apply for rate increases and they are always granted an increase. My salary hasn't gone up anywhere near my cost of living....we should all suck it up and learn to plan ahead and spend accordingly.	1/5/2017 11:08 PM
1098	Depending on oil companies	1/5/2017 10:05 PM
1099	Over-reliance on oil industry. Lack of resident's awareness of negative impact of internet buying. Lack of a sales tax to help put money back into city government to improve the city, that would improve services and people wanting to stay.	1/5/2017 9:02 PM
1100	Lack of diversity in industry. No large scale manufacturing. Large reductions in State of Alaska funds to Municipality. Reliance on oil industry for support jobs.	1/5/2017 9:01 PM
1101	Loss of jobs	1/5/2017 8:52 PM
1102	Non productive programs, give always, and lack of fiscal accountability by elected officials.	1/5/2017 8:47 PM
1103	High taxes, a thicket of laws and regulations, and people who do not understand basic economics. High taxes and regulations increase costs and discourage businesses from forming, expanding, and hiring employees. People who do not understand basic economics do not know where the money comes from to support their lifestyle. And (frightfully) some of these get elected to the Assembly and make policy based on their ignorance.	1/5/2017 8:27 PM
1104	Too few significant sectors/industries. Need to diversify.	1/5/2017 8:15 PM
1105	The lack of public transportation and high crime rate	1/5/2017 6:39 PM
1106	Local and state government	1/5/2017 6:20 PM
1107	Crime	1/5/2017 6:18 PM
1108	Limiting businesses Over involved taxing and paperwork	1/5/2017 5:48 PM
1109	Lack of economic diversity	1/5/2017 5:48 PM
1110	Oil	1/5/2017 5:18 PM
1111	The lack of diversity in the economy. Residents' regressive attitudes towards those that are different. The hateful nature of many residents is driving out young people that will never come back.	1/5/2017 5:14 PM
1112	Oil, we are too focused on this one resource	1/5/2017 5:02 PM
1113	Ever rising cost of schools, shift in population, younger, less involved. We need residents that are committed to making Anchorage their lift time home.	1/5/2017 4:58 PM
1114	oil revenue is declining	1/5/2017 4:57 PM
1115	Lack of leadership from our Government and their inability to work together to make decisions that affect the state.	1/5/2017 4:53 PM
1116	Fluctuating oil prices, lack of north slope gas and season changes in tourism.	1/5/2017 4:53 PM
1117	Poor education	1/5/2017 4:51 PM
1118	Dependency on oil and gas Industry; Geographic isolation	1/5/2017 4:49 PM
1119	Dependence upon state revenues; low-paying service jobs.	1/5/2017 4:34 PM
1120	Violent crime	1/5/2017 4:30 PM
1121	No state wide income tax. Slope workers live out of state and take their income earned here out of state.homelessness.	1/5/2017 4:01 PM
1122	THE LACK OF JOBS .	1/5/2017 3:54 PM
1123	Crime and Republicans	1/5/2017 3:43 PM
1124	Lazy people! People who come from other places looking for easy money. Many, many, people coming from perpetually poor and crime-ridden localities who bring their gang-banger brats to Anchorage to "straighten them out" and just bring their own customs and bad habits here. No acculturation at all anymore. They know nothing and bring nothing to the table. Alaska has changed too much and not in a good way.	1/5/2017 3:26 PM
1125	No jobs	1/5/2017 3:24 PM
1126	Relying on big oil, on big corporations.	1/5/2017 3:24 PM
1127	Oil	1/5/2017 3:12 PM
1128	Lack of diversity in industry.	1/5/2017 3:05 PM

1129	Oversupply of places to ship money outside (thinking of all the restaurant and retail chains that have popped up over the years that people celebrate even though they're based outside Alaska and ship the profits out while paying low wages to local workers) and an undersupply of locally grown businesses that keep money circulating in the economy.	1/5/2017 2:07 PM
1130	Too many social services	1/5/2017 1:45 PM
1131	lack of integrated vision for metro area	1/5/2017 1:23 PM
1132	Over reliance on any one sector - oil, government, or tourism. A change in any one of those causes a rippling effect. Additionally, when the costs of food, housing, retail that takes advantage of our isolated economy.	1/5/2017 1:19 PM
1133	Oil	1/5/2017 12:09 PM
1134	Can be too reliant on the oil and gas field. Double-edge sword. They pay so much for wages it is hard for other (small) businesses to compete when oil & gas does lay-offs. People's sense of what they are worth is misconstrued.	1/5/2017 11:39 AM
1135	Too much dependence on oil/gas not enough diversity. Not attracting or marketing to creative professionals and companies. Not updating our city with amenities and lifestyle oportunities that attract talented workers.	1/5/2017 8:12 AM
1136	High cost of living, transportation, and crime.	1/5/2017 3:17 AM
1137	Too many programs for the non-working class and/or not enough regulation monitoring the programs given out to non-working class.	1/5/2017 1:30 AM
1138	Housing/rent prices, crime, lack of educational opportunities, cuts to university system, public schools and police force.	1/4/2017 11:11 PM
1139	Governments large spending bill and their inability to solve the problem. Just to let the legislatures know, you cause allot of doubt in the alaskan people.	1/4/2017 10:54 PM
1140	I do not think there are a lot of weaknesses to the Anchorage economy, however I can think of three off hand I would be worried about. 1. Statewide recession. While Anchorage is big enough to create its own economy, there are a lot of jobs here dependent on overall economic vitality in the state. As we slide into a recession Anchorage will be spared most of the problems, but we won't be spared of all of them. 2. Politics - namely anti-business actions by conservative members of the Anchorage legislature when it comes to marijuana (namely Dick Traini) as well as coming off years of a Sullivan Mayorship that saw declining numbers of police officers leading to the crime wave we are experiencing (which will only get worse as the economy declines). 3. Overpriced real estate - Anchorage's housing costs are some of the highest in the nation. Having just recently moved back from Denver (I was born and raised in Anchorage) I am appalled at the prices for the ghetto apartments around Anchorage. Combine that with the ever present threat of crime, especially property crime, living in Anchorage becomes less and less appealing daily. Almost all of my friends from high school (Dimond High School) have moved away or are planning on it. Why would you spend \$1,200 a month for a bad apartment in the ghetto in Anchorage when you could pay that much for an apartment with a pool/garage in downtown Denver? This also combines with politics as well. Our legislature needs to promote more housing through land zoning and lessening regulations on home builders. It's pathetic the amount of new apartments/houses that have been built in Anchorage over the last decade.	1/4/2017 4:27 PM
1141	Reduced spending is going to have a large impact on less skilled employment.	1/4/2017 4:19 PM
1142	Overreliance on oil & gas: Whether it's industry employment/spending, or tax dollars, we can't depend on a single, cyclical industry as our economic base. Isolated job market - makes hiring challenging Cost of shipping Lack of curb appeal/beautification-- Anchorage has a beautiful setting, but the buildings are not those of a thriving metropolis. Showing visitors around Anchorage can be embarrassing. Lack of vision -- Most cities know what industries are there bread and butter, and work to support them. What are our target industries? Cost of healthcare: outrageously high, especially given that it's a service-based business. Lack of development incentives - Municipality/State could do a lot more to encourage investment in Anchorage. They need to develop the tools/resources to make Anchorage an attractive place to invest. Lack of training incentives: We talk a lot about hiring Alaskans for Alaska jobs, but where is the support from the State or Municipality? UAA-- Pretty much a trade school at this point. Even at \$100 oil and robust State funding, where was the research output? Thriving cities have a high-quality university system for attracting workforce, ideas, and innovation. We don't have a high-quality university system in Anchorage. High cost of construction -- Lack of incentives/good financing mechanisms to off-set construction costs.	1/4/2017 3:24 PM
1143	No new industry to retain displaced oil and gas employees. Overspending by city government. Inflated property taxes leading to less money for consumers to spend.	1/4/2017 3:18 PM
1144	Cost of living discourages people from setting roots, mainly thinking of housing with this comment. Lack of affordable healthcare (need more supply of healthcare professionals).	1/4/2017 1:52 PM
1145	Not enough support to develop Alaska resources. It baffles me that we do not have more mining companies in Alaska. I understand the challenges they face, with regulatory issues from state and federal. With low oil prices being a major contributor to a weaker anchorage economy we need to be able to diversify who lives and works in anchorage.	1/4/2017 11:03 AM



1146	Social support programs, too many allowances for diversity of languages in our school district equals HUGE waste. ( Assimilate as Americans and use English or go back to where you came from). State Government incompetence to fund only mandatory vs. want to have programs.	1/4/2017 11:01 AM
1147	Oil prices and lack of retail.	1/4/2017 10:48 AM
1148	Lack of clear, strategic leadership from the MOA to differentiate Anchorage during a time of depressing economic news for the State. We are focusing on solving the homeless and safety issues, but lack any visionary component related to quality of life and investments that excite our community. Its all bad news. We have to change this dynamic or we will simply ride the tsunami. The MOA must lead, invite investment and not just wait for the private sector to act on its own. It is possible Anchorage will bear the burden of in-migration from Rural Alaska with the related decrease in the State's investment. Is Anchorage ready for this growth in population that may not be job ready or economically stable?	1/4/2017 10:22 AM
1149	Economy needs more economic diversification . . . to avoid historic over-reliance on energy sector. Ideally state should expand value-added manufacturing/resource upgrading to its energy and natural resource harvesting sectors. Using oil and gas, for example, to manufacture products would reduce the economic swings that follow energy price cycles . . . because manufacturing sector would benefit when energy prices drop and energy sector would thrive when they climb. State should also figure out how to turn its remote location and/or extreme climate into a business advantage . . . e.g., server farms and data vaulting that would benefit from isolated location and cool climate.	1/4/2017 9:46 AM
1150	having a limited number of resources to pull revenue from	1/4/2017 9:29 AM
1151	Lack of government support, poor pedestrian access and limited multi modal choices	1/4/2017 9:22 AM
1152	gangs and killings	1/4/2017 9:13 AM
1153	Not enough activities in our community for our pre-teens and teens. Not enough activities for new mothers, mothers, and stay at home moms. Not enough family friendly activities.	1/4/2017 8:43 AM
1154	We don't manufacture anything! We are a service-based economy in large part--a self-licking ice cream cone; a single tax as a base--property tax; insufficient trade-related education opportunities for people who just don't a college degree; a small population when compared to other US major population areas.	1/4/2017 8:38 AM
1155	Messing with oil taxes and limiting production. Of course low oil prices hurt bad too.	1/4/2017 8:25 AM
1156	Reliance on resources sector	1/4/2017 7:41 AM
1157	Geographic isolation, negativity, current local tax regime, lack of unified efforts by the economic engines, lack of educational opportunities, weak entrepreneurial culture, dependence on natural resource extraction industries, the Alaska Legislature.	1/4/2017 6:35 AM
1158	Low paying wages.	1/4/2017 6:12 AM
1159	Limited competition in the public and private sector. Limited local GDP.	1/4/2017 5:22 AM
1160	Underutilization of port	1/4/2017 4:58 AM
1161	Dysfunction in Juneau. Shrinkage at UAA and in key state gov and natural resource sectors. Overdependency on the price of oil. If too many people for too long, it will have a strong long lasting negative impact.	1/4/2017 1:37 AM
1162	Loosing some of the oil industry's business, loss of retail jobs,	1/3/2017 11:31 PM
1163	Over dependence upon extraction industries and government spending; high costs of housing and healthcare, third world-like exporting raw materials and importing foodstuffs and manufactured goods.	1/3/2017 9:18 PM
1164	Not diversified economy	1/3/2017 8:03 PM
1165	Infrastructure (if that is indeed the word). The public transportation system is archaic, expensive & underserved. Many more people would use it if it were marketed correctly & if there was simply more service. There are so many sectors in Anchorage - aviation, huge health conglomerates, the port, education, etc, & the city is so big that a really efficient bus or tram system would connect parts that currently take 1 hour to reach, in 10 minutes. And this in turn opens up the "suburbs"of Anchorage & that means the city doesn't have to become overcrowded.	1/3/2017 7:19 PM
1166	Too many free or subsidized services with no return on investment. Lackluster schools that cost too much. High property prices. High rents.	1/3/2017 7:14 PM
1167	Alaska Dispatch News and other news media who report gloom and doom in Alaska's economy which seems to be holding its own despite them.	1/3/2017 6:48 PM
1168	Reliance on O&G professional jobs, lack of a technology start-up scene	1/3/2017 6:22 PM
1169	Budget is too high for tax base	1/2/2017 5:31 PM

1170	Property taxes too high	1/2/2017 5:25 PM
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## Q4 In your opinion, what are opportunities for Anchorage's economy?

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#	Responses	Date
1	Tourism, international and local, summer and winter is an opportunity. Anchorage's growing trail network for skiing, biking, and hiking are worthy of stays in our city. I do believe if we focus on things that are supported by Anchorage residents, they will also attract tourists. Local districts have great promise but need investment and leadership -- Spenard, Downtown, UMED. We need to harness the energy in these emerging districts by investing in infrastructure and places, getting creative with redevelopment opportunities, and fostering neighborhoods close in to Anchorage where people want to live. We are becoming a very diverse city, but have not as of yet figured out how to leverage this diversity in entrepreneurship or community building.	3/16/2017 3:59 PM
2	Any chance to lessen our dependence on fossil fuel extraction.	3/1/2017 9:19 AM
3	drawing young people from out of state	3/1/2017 8:16 AM
4	fixing our broken systems. IT. a better university	3/1/2017 8:14 AM
5	fixing our bad budget	3/1/2017 8:11 AM
6	using natural gas to produce custom order high tech materials such as the new carbon fibre like materials. We have the power, natural resources and people.	3/1/2017 8:08 AM
7	Trying out new things - even if they fail.	3/1/2017 8:07 AM
8	I don't know, that's not my job. Hire someone to find that out.	3/1/2017 8:04 AM
9	Mirroring other succesful places like Alaska. Maybe geothermal energy? Who knows unless we try soemthing different.	3/1/2017 8:01 AM
10	We just need to figure out something that we're good at doing that is SUSTAINABLE	3/1/2017 7:58 AM
11	Developing new housing, and job opportunities etc.	3/1/2017 7:56 AM
12	Trump	3/1/2017 7:54 AM
13	Green energy, expanding public transportaion, IT.	3/1/2017 7:52 AM
14	New infrastructure.	3/1/2017 7:50 AM
15	TOURISM. Even during winter, we need to promote more! It's a renewable resource... which also brings me to RENEWABLE resources- not just energy, but sustainable living on all levels. Research, jobs, solutions - more people staying and working = better economy	2/28/2017 11:25 PM
16	Small businesses. Locally grown or made product to keep costs down and create jobs.	2/28/2017 10:26 PM
17	Tourism, technology, university research	2/28/2017 7:39 PM
18	High tech , high tech energy development, major investment in medical research.	2/28/2017 7:27 PM
19	The positive spirit of the community to work together.	2/28/2017 5:20 PM
20	Anchorage will never steal Microsoft away from Seattle or Google away from Silicon Valley, but that doesn't mean it couldn't be a second-tier hub for the growing technology industry. Tech companies can locate offices anywhere, and Anchorage has several of the quality-of-life advantages other west coast cities share - most notably access to outdoor recreation. This is just one example of an innovative sector that may choose to locate here, but it requires the city to be an attractive place for people to meet and feed on each other's knowledge, just as it is for the engineering and environmental sectors I mentioned before.	2/28/2017 5:01 PM
21	logistics - capitalizing on our near-polar location, and the emergency of a northwest passage expanding tourism beyond the cruise ship to encompass well-heeled independent travelers with a thirst for adventure	2/28/2017 3:06 PM

22	Right now we should be pushing our new pot industry, craft beer, outdoor adventures/great outdoors and other healthy aspects of our city and state. If we boost our profile worldwide we could draw tourists from around the globe. People who partake in these activities have expensive hobbies like biking, skiing, kite boarding, etc generally have money to spend and are willing to go on expensive adventures. Anchorage could be an adventure hub.	2/28/2017 1:54 PM
23	Recreational opportunities Enhancement of convention and tourism industry Enhancement of transportation industry by investing in infrastructure (e.g., port, railroad) Ecotourism Renewable resources (e.g., wind power)	2/28/2017 1:45 PM
24	More natural resources like water.	2/28/2017 1:23 PM
25	Commitment to investing in making Anchorage both a great place to live (the trails, bike and pedestrian paths, low crime, diversity in food/culture, thriving arts scene, etc.) and a great place to grow up and work (strong K12 educational system, high-quality university offerings, opportunities for meaningful employment for Alaskans along the socioeconomic spectrum, etc.)	2/28/2017 1:13 PM
26	Tourism, healthcare, and education	2/28/2017 12:46 PM
27	Focusing on businesses that cater to younger populations and growing the millennial sector.	2/28/2017 12:44 PM
28	Tourism growth. High tech and innovation possibilities. Artists and creators of all kinds.	2/28/2017 12:19 PM
29	Investment in human potential.	2/28/2017 11:43 AM
30	A strong economy is cyclical. If we have quality infrastructure and high quality of life amenities (see above), we will attract innovators and professionals to our city who will be willing to bring their families and invest in a future here. We will also attract more tourists who want to spend their money here. Many of the people who contribute greatly to our community have immigrated from outside the US. They have a lot at stake, and work hard to make Alaska their home, starting businesses, and creating community. Establishing markets for value-added goods, manufactured or grown locally, creates jobs and a healthy community. We need to do much more of this and not send our raw commodities elsewhere for processing.	2/28/2017 11:27 AM
31	Concentrate second stage of development (rebuilt houses, renovation of existing buildings, fill in buildings around existing development) in centers - Tikahtnu, University/Medical, downtown, midtown, and south anchorage, which can then be connected. Pray for oil and gas prices and a stabilized state budget.	2/28/2017 10:36 AM
32	Continue to host conventions, meetings, & activities to bring in tourism. Promote UAA	2/28/2017 9:40 AM
33	What is the city doing to encourage investment from business other than fossil fuel industry? Can Anchorage make a bigger investment in renewable energy?	2/28/2017 9:39 AM
34	Concentrate more on developing jobs that will help Anchorage become a safer city, one that encourages all residents and visitors to experience the wonderful natural amenities that we already have.	2/28/2017 8:36 AM
35	Invite a more diverse business community to Anchorage.	2/27/2017 10:32 PM
36	Tech & renewable resource development	2/27/2017 10:14 PM
37	Entrepreneurship, younger worker force	2/27/2017 9:41 PM
38	I would hope and strongly urge Anchorage to be at the forefront of research and development for green/alternative energy and adjustments to lifestyles as the climate changes (which it IS doing). Develop Anchorage into a vibrant Scandinavian-style city that is highly liveable to attract a skilled and educated population.	2/27/2017 8:49 PM
39	Internet based companies; altumative energy; tourism.	2/27/2017 5:58 PM
40	Entry location for tourism.	2/27/2017 3:43 PM
41	People creating the work that they want to do.	2/27/2017 2:37 PM
42	Small business	2/27/2017 1:58 PM
43	Healthcare	2/27/2017 1:16 PM
44	Diversify! Maybe more into the tech industry -- Alaska's climate would be good for server farms, and tech companies shouldn't be as affected by Alaska's distance from the Lower 48	2/27/2017 12:40 PM
45	During these hard fiscal times, it is more important than ever to contract and come together as a community, by building partnerships with the University to the business community or ASD and the University... and work on strengthening these relationships.	2/27/2017 11:35 AM
46	Tourism, airport operations, and remaining the hub of Alaska.	2/27/2017 10:58 AM
47	New small businesses, farmers markets, investment in tourism	2/27/2017 10:30 AM

48	Renewable resources / generating alternative energy sources (Tidal, small-scale hydro-electric, Wind, clean water, bio-mass), becoming a center for research and development, promoting the arts.	2/27/2017 10:03 AM
49	Diversify industries Support renewables and find new industries to attract	2/27/2017 9:44 AM
50	Recreational and arts center, University of Alaska Anchorage as a hub for community research, and post-secondary educational needs. Promote entrepreneurial development. Alaska is a small place, the individual really can make a difference. Locally-grown and locally developed talent and services and companies will deepen our economy.	2/27/2017 9:30 AM
51	Create more inviting "districts" within the city that both locals and visitors will want to spend time in and walk about.	2/26/2017 9:05 PM
52	Tourism, global logistics, nurturing new AK start ups	2/26/2017 8:52 PM
53	The people that live here	2/26/2017 7:53 PM
54	cannabis industry; green energy	2/26/2017 1:07 PM
55	Tourism. Alternative energy industry. Transport	2/26/2017 12:33 PM
56	Increased tourism, particularly local providers who hire residents and live here year round, not simply more Princess cruise passengers on Princess buses that take the tourist dollars out of AK after the summer season. We could become the hub for Arctic development (both military and commercial (shipping, etc.)). Increased local food production so that we are not so dependent on food imports. Alternative energy research and application...use our universities to explore this important industry. Financial market - our strategic location might allow a greater quality of life for employees of the financial industry who work with Asian markets.	2/26/2017 11:21 AM
57	Visitor industry	2/26/2017 9:31 AM
58	Diversification and manufacturing Global position	2/25/2017 7:16 PM
59	Diversify & increase number and types of startups. Expand "seasonal" industries to year-round, e.g. tourism, agriculture.	2/25/2017 4:54 PM
60	We need to create a culture of innovation. Push the boundaries of technology. Redesign the city to be a city of the future. make it a place people can use as an example the way they use the nordic european countries. we should invest our savings account into pushing the tech envelope. Create a new silicon valley in the anchorage bowl that is focused on robotics and artificial intelligence. We should develop digital manufacturing and also keep the natural wonder that draws our tourism.	2/25/2017 12:30 PM
61	Tourism, our resources in fishing and keeping our marine life and ecosystems healthy, and for sure, having a strong university and quality lower education system that attract capable people who grow business and our economy. We must also encourage and offer good health care and healthy lifestyles. We need to quickly start investing in renewable resources and lessen our dependence on the oil industry.	2/25/2017 12:10 PM
62	Support the school system, hire excellent teachers and robustly support the programs, like language immersion, that energize students and attract families. Tear down blighted buildings and provide incentives for landlords to upgrade the look of their buildings. Make it easier to get around by walking, bike, or public transit.	2/25/2017 10:12 AM
63	Tech industries/ Distance not an issue because the internet makes us all connected. Care for the aged (as we have increased aging population, and insufficient housing/assisted living/services). More technical training in up-and-coming areas of potential growth (if we had a trained workforce). Adventure- and eco-tourism.	2/25/2017 10:11 AM
64	Grow small businesses	2/24/2017 7:33 PM
65	Visitor, Health occupations and diversifying our power systems off of carbon combustion. (mini-grids, solar, and wind generation)	2/24/2017 7:22 PM
66	A diverse population full of motivated, first-generation American young adults, and Anchorage-raised college students who go Outside, receive good educations while living in progressive, affluent college towns or big cities and bring that sensibility back to Anchorage.	2/24/2017 6:07 PM
67	Investment in education: from early childhood up to and through K-12 and into post-secondary. There is NO downside to this strategy. With an educated populace and intellectual capital, the city - and state - would enjoy an even more skilled workforce AND new areas of innovation and entrepreneurialism.	2/24/2017 4:38 PM
68	Software development Tourism in rural Alaska Microgrid - solar and wind research and development	2/24/2017 3:03 PM
69	I don't see good opportunities other than working for government state or Fed.	2/24/2017 1:19 PM
70	Alaska owned oil companies like the rail road. Developing renewable energy and expanding our highway into more rural areas to connect our state for the transportation of resources	2/24/2017 12:41 PM

71	I think we need to, ought to, and should be investing in renewable energies to help sustain Alaska into the future. I am aware renewable energies like wind and solar are not revenue kings and queens like oil and gas, but I think it will save the municipality and the state a lot of money in the long run.	2/24/2017 12:26 PM
72	Continue to beautify all areas with flowers and more colorful trees, keep trails and parks clean and improved, institute a tax (I prefer a sales tax - then everyone pays - not just the workers), continue to host conventions from outside here, work with travel industry to keep cruise liners in Anchorage longer than one day, find more inventive ways to have more travelers stay in the MoA during their visit, continue to invest in farmer markets and community gardens, continue to make MoA beautiful, safe, and a welcoming environment.	2/24/2017 10:24 AM
73	Continue to underpin our basic industries at the same time as seeking to develop new ones. Think differently - get off dependency on commodities. Attract young talent and entrepreneurs who can springboard new products and services.	2/24/2017 9:38 AM
74	Tourism, state lottery, legalization of marijuana	2/24/2017 9:32 AM
75	Sustainable, creative, functional multi-unit housing that promotes community, walking and human interaction (see Bjarke Ingels - danish architect - who designs such buildings "Mountain House"). We can grow more and more of our own food. We could be a potential IT hub.	2/24/2017 9:22 AM
76	Continue to attract businesses,(yes even pot businesses) to Anchorage and to build on the services that are available to help visitors. Save historic buildings like the 4th Ave Theater and making more walkable spaces safe for visitors. Sales tax. We all know that maintenance and improvements take money. At least a seasonal sales tax. Sharing Facilities between UA, municipality	2/24/2017 9:17 AM
77	Increased investment in it's current residents and local businesses. We are starting to make cost of local business too expensive and selling to outside companies (e.g., Texas Road House, Victoria Secret, Olive Garden, Tivana). Why not support and encourage local businesses like Summit Spice and Tea, About Face, Chepos, Simon and Seafords, etc.	2/24/2017 8:59 AM
78	Taxes on purchases, raising the gas tax, investing in alternative energy sources.	2/24/2017 8:54 AM
79	De-regulation	2/24/2017 8:53 AM
80	Marijuana	2/24/2017 8:48 AM
81	I think we are ripe for further diversifying our economic interests in order to insulate the Muni from the impact of oil and gas price dependency, as seen at the state-level. With the growth of the microbrewery and marijuana industries, planned redevelopment or improvements to neighborhoods like Spenard, tourism opportunities, and more; the more we diversify our economic interests, the stronger our economy becomes.	2/24/2017 8:38 AM
82	See question 3.	2/24/2017 8:29 AM
83	Shipping center/warehouse facilities for online vendors	2/24/2017 8:22 AM
84	New small alternative power projects.	2/24/2017 7:15 AM
85	Tourism, medical jobs, 2 universities, research	2/23/2017 7:54 PM
86	Arctic research and the expansion of other research opportunities.	2/23/2017 5:36 PM
87	Manufacturing and tourism	2/23/2017 5:11 PM
88	encouraging community members to spend their money locally (local business and issues)	2/23/2017 4:27 PM
89	Health care development, mental health and other social services. Further development of infrastructure which can support interaction with smaller communities within the State.	2/23/2017 4:13 PM
90	Military spending, oil industry recovery, vast natural resources.	2/23/2017 4:05 PM
91	Tourism; Business Development outreach to new industries; growth in other strong industries such as tourism.	2/23/2017 3:38 PM
92	Any resource development project in the state!	2/23/2017 3:35 PM
93	The tech industry, consulting,tourism, (industries not requiring physical export of goods)	2/23/2017 3:15 PM
94	small business, tourism, international commerce, arctic policy and national strategic center - get it established and running before it is based and built out of DC, support for the rocket launch centers in Kodiak and Fairbanks, Anchorage's trail system is fantastic. It needs to be both maintained and extended (I know there is no money for anything, however, it is a big tourist draw). Lack of real estate room to grow. Ok so we don't have the money for a bridge are fast ferries a solution? Our growing senior population is both an opportunity and a challenge. We need to build a large number of well thought out and designed senior housing facilities here and around the state.	2/23/2017 1:26 PM
95	specialty manufacturing, recreation, tourism	2/23/2017 1:17 PM
96	health care	2/23/2017 11:16 AM

97	tourism, nearby fishing, glaciers, uaa, anchorage international	2/23/2017 10:47 AM
98	Oil, of course. Alternative forms of energy	2/23/2017 10:39 AM
99	Having spent the majority of my career in such, the human services field is an abundant source of opportunity for Anchorage's economy. By taking a hands-on, community driven approach implemented at the municipal level the vast array of social services can expand as not only a jobs creator (for individuals and organizations providing services) but as means to introduce a greater number of economic participants in those receiving services. Namely behavioral/mental health, I/DD, homeless, substance abuse, and employment services are sectors in which Anchorage is in prime position to expand, innovate, and lead the nation.	2/23/2017 10:22 AM
100	Continue to I'm prove the quality of life so young and old will want to continue to live here and encourage people to visit.	2/23/2017 10:15 AM
101	Clean up downtown and promote business opportunities like mining. Keep licensing more AK focused to bring fishing to AK and not Seattle. Also promote and promote tourism.	2/23/2017 6:51 AM
102	Increased tourism marketing budget and more cohesive focus on tourism. Incentives for small business owners to grow.	2/22/2017 11:56 PM
103	Diversity on economic issues and the diversity of the people who call Anchorage home.	2/22/2017 10:58 PM
104	Preparing students to invest in our local economy - as small business owners or as creative and hardworking employees. And promoting healthy and stable homes.	2/22/2017 8:34 PM
105	Development of the waterfront for local attraction and tourism, the development of farming technology to grow more of our own produce	2/22/2017 7:32 PM
106	Creating education opportunities for more trades/crafts to encourage youth to gain marketable skills. This would include more bridging opportunities beginning in middle and high school.	2/22/2017 6:58 PM
107	Developing tourism in the model of Iceland, and focus on research and development of cold climate technologies and sustainable energy resourcing	2/22/2017 5:36 PM
108	Tourism!!!! Both increased Local and outside development is needed. Also social/ welfare programs that require drug testing (paid for by potential recipient) and some form of volunteerism that benefits the MUNI. It could be any number of services that are needed on both private and state run programs that need help. Most folks on disability are not COMPLETELY disabled. There is ALWAYS a way for someone to contribute. Why not develop these sorts of programs to help even those getting GOVT assistance some dignity in that they ARE actually doing something to earn those moneys.	2/22/2017 5:18 PM
109	Strong Investment in diversified industries beyond O&G, manufacturing, import/export (transportation) LNG, mining. Trade schools	2/22/2017 4:36 PM
110	income and/or sales taxes	2/22/2017 4:34 PM
111	Additional cargo business at the Anchorage International Airport.	2/22/2017 4:11 PM
112	Supporting the Arts and small businesses. Supporting the creation of local products and exports. Creating a "scene" like Seattle and Portland the people just gravitate to.	2/22/2017 2:58 PM
113	Diversify (tax incentives) for alternative energy, call centers (low wage, but could result in providing low income jobs). Also, develop IT/knowledge based industries where working remotely does not negatively impact product. Sales tax would provide income while 'hitting' visitors and residents alike. Consider income tax, in which all (even out-of-staters and MatSu residents) pay for working in Anchorage.	2/22/2017 1:35 PM
114	I think there is a real opportunity to get rid of wasteful, egregious government spending on bonuses, high salaries, and such. What good is it that some people earn large six-figure salaries when other people can't make it? If Anchorage is to survive and thrive - then EVERYONE that can sacrifice should sacrifice for the greater good. Take care of the basics. Offer training and skills development for people. Use our citizens to revitalize neighborhoods and areas. Why couldn't we pay even minimum wage to a workforce made of the homeless or refugees to clean, paint, repair things around town?	2/22/2017 1:31 PM
115	Diversification from the 90% general fund revenue dependance on resource extraction industries. Increase in defense spend in Alaska under new administration.	2/22/2017 1:11 PM
116	Diversifying the types of businesses that are here and making parts of town better known and easily accessed by tourists.	2/22/2017 10:00 AM
117	investment in downtown, UAA, hospitals, local businesses for more goods - food/farming, clothing, etc	2/21/2017 11:41 PM

118	Gambling. Agriculture. Sales tax / seasonal sales tax. Incentivize the building of privately run senior healthcare complexes (LTC, ALF, SNF). A Government run or private skilled nursing facility would provide desperately needed beds to people who stay one to twelve months in acute care hospitals simply awaiting placement. It would create additional healthcare jobs which is one of the only sectors still growing. Hospitals in the anchorage area are currently operating at or above capacity a majority of the time.	2/21/2017 11:28 PM
119	Investing in green technologies and green energy. Our reputation as a city that loves it's recreation, animals and parks is our greatest strength and we can show that Anchorage is dedicated to conserving the beauty of Alaska.	2/21/2017 10:05 PM
120	Tourism, marijuana, and refugee acceptance.	2/21/2017 8:56 PM
121	Develop tax incentives for job growth, investment in marketing Alaska to outside business and tourism, invest in workforce development (such as paid training to low skill workers to ease burden on businesses/lower their risk in hiring less desirable candidates; more people working equals more people spending). Many things need to be done at state level, but Anchorage as a city is more nimble and can lead the way. Entrepreneur support to strengthen gig economy.	2/21/2017 8:41 PM
122	IT, tourism, recreation, health, education	2/21/2017 8:31 PM
123	Alaska is a blank palette, there is room for competition in all areas in our economy.	2/21/2017 7:11 PM
124	trouble in the mid-east	2/21/2017 6:57 PM
125	To do everything better	2/21/2017 4:40 PM
126	Tech, free-lance, young creative professionals.	2/21/2017 4:23 PM
127	Sales tax, state income tax, diversify economy; diverse population and strengths of people that thrive here	2/21/2017 3:36 PM
128	Increase global services market (companies that have virtual offices) Grow our import export and delivery hub capabilities (i.e. we are centrally located for import and export of goods from Asia, Japan, and eastern Europe) Increase desirability of our city for young up and coming businesses, individuals, etc. Increase the value of living here (decrease overall cost of living and increase downtown community as a center for activity)	2/21/2017 3:29 PM
129	Enhancing tourism by building a thriving downtown, maximizing activities and natural beauty, and being a jumping off point for larger adventures	2/21/2017 3:20 PM
130	To support private businesses and privatize many of the services that government is currently (supposed to be ) providing. ADOT and the municipality are in all kinds of contracting businesses they should not be in. They unfairly compete with private enterprise, over-regulate them and they pay no taxes on any of their vehicules, equipment or facilities. Plus they rack up massive unfunded liabilities that we can't pay.	2/21/2017 3:14 PM
131	Cannabis development and agricultural expansion. Port and bus and train coordination. Collaboration with Jr Achievement for futuristic forecasting.	2/21/2017 3:13 PM
132	Anchorage continues to be a hub for air, land, and sea freight transportation. We need to build industries that takes advantage of our location. To do so, we need Anchorage to become an attractive location for industry to want to invest in.	2/21/2017 2:57 PM
133	Tourism, recreation, alternative energy, agriculture.	2/21/2017 1:19 PM
134	We are being forced to seek alternatives to reliance on the oil industry. We have a lot of talented young professionals in our city who can hopefully help figure out new ways to move forward. These young professionals have often been educated here in AK.	2/21/2017 1:10 PM
135	Resources, land, clean air and fresh water.	2/21/2017 12:10 PM
136	Better tourism activities and jobs. Capital improvements that increase energy, water, waste water savings. Improvements to the transportation hub infrastructure.	2/21/2017 11:41 AM
137	Diversification of our industries. Anchorage needs to target the tech companies that have moved out of Silicon Valley to the PNW. With more and more connections to the "lower 48," this seems like a logical industry to pursue.	2/21/2017 11:03 AM
138	Being a jump-off point for the changing Arctic (tourists, scientists, etc); Anch is the business and service center of the state; lots of creative entrepreneurs; marijuana legalization	2/21/2017 10:49 AM
139	Renewable energies	2/21/2017 10:44 AM
140	There's a more or less captive set of consumers, which means that monetary flows can remain largely internal	2/21/2017 10:10 AM
141	Imposing a State income Tax	2/21/2017 9:36 AM

142	Anchorage needs to take advantage of the opening of the Northwest Passage and the wide open Asian market and start manufacturing produces for sale in China. Rare material can be brought from Asia, manufactured into products here is Alaska then sent back to Asia for sale or distributed within the United States. Alaska and Anchorage are in a unique position to take advantage of these future opportunities.	2/21/2017 9:16 AM
143	With oil declining there is an opportunity for Anchorage to focus on getting a more diverse business community. More entrepreneurs, software development, education, product development. Maybe ship building for Arctic conditions.	2/21/2017 8:22 AM
144	There is an opportunity to build a diverse local economy focused on supporting locals rather than mega corporations.	2/20/2017 8:27 PM
145	hi-tech manufacturing for world wide distribution	2/20/2017 8:20 PM
146	Commuter train from Wasilla to Anchorage with stops/parking lots along the way. Leagalize, taxed, marijuana stores. State income tax for residents. There is opportunity for more alpine skiing closer to Anchorage during winter and mountain biking in summer which brings in affluent tourists and people who want to move here.	2/20/2017 7:49 PM
147	Making consumers aware of where their dollars go	2/20/2017 5:51 PM
148	Government should encourage tourism andnsport fishing this has much greater potential than we realize, leaving it to the big operators like Princess is not ideal for our city. They take too much of each tourism dollar and not enough stays behind. Government should promote local businesses and discourage internet shopping and national chains from taking over our city.	2/20/2017 5:08 PM
149	Large projects like the Susitna Damn project & Donlin Creek projects.	2/20/2017 4:53 PM
150	Growing new and existing industries, a commitment to the entrepreneurs in our schools and community.	2/20/2017 3:16 PM
151	Innovations, open minds to change and opportunities	2/20/2017 1:02 PM
152	Expanding tourism, especially eco-tourism, through development and maintenance of our parks, hiking and biking trails, and waterways.	2/20/2017 12:18 PM
153	Tourism for in dependent travelers, healthcare, education, retail hub for Alaska (hub for Alaska in general)	2/20/2017 11:50 AM
154	DIVERSIFY OUR ECONOMY!!!!!! I came to Alaska from Michigan in 2007. My wife and I both worked in the automotive industry when it was tanking, and we were homeowners when the housing market was crashing. Michigan had all of their eggs in one basket (automotive), much like Alaska. And Michigan was hurt very badly....more than you Alaskans know. I believe the opportunity lies within learning. Send some of our brightest political figures, our brightest educators, and our brightest business people to various meetings in Michigan with their representatives (and they will meet with you) to see how they dug themselves out, and learn from their successes. Anchorage is obviously not in a position to figure it out on their own. So, go learn from those who have been successful. Again, DIVERSITY THE ECONOMY. We need light manufacturing and assembly. We need to take advantage of alternative energy opportunities. We need to produce what would be perceived by the consumer as a true 'value'.	2/20/2017 8:38 AM
155	Learning how to tighten our belts and institute state tax	2/20/2017 7:26 AM
156	Build super domes to grow food in rural areas. With today's tech, we could make them cost effective and high output. Start communities for the homeless(private sector) where they are provided very efficient type room/houses with the essentials and make them work in all sorts of public/private works such as área beautification, farming, etc. promote the feeble minded to strive for themselves and they will become strong/ dependent. Also, make prisons in very rural areas and exploit that opportunity( think about it, in the summer time if they escape they will be eaten by mosquitoes or bears and shit and in the winter time they will freeze. Bring all prisoners to these areas and charge the states where they came from.	2/20/2017 7:16 AM
157	trails	2/20/2017 7:09 AM
158	ldk	2/20/2017 3:06 AM
159	Investing in small businesses & investing in our young adults.	2/19/2017 11:56 PM
160	technology	2/19/2017 9:12 PM
161	Become a better stop pover hub so folks would visit for a few days in the off season instead of a few hours. Get the Muni to ramp up the efforts to get the marijuana licenses processed without continually moving the goalposts and costing potential business owners 5 times what it should cost to open. We need the tax revenue. Put a tax cap on the churches. anything over xxx pays taxes. Clergy residences also.	2/19/2017 7:50 PM
162	Despite the economic downturn, we should continue expanding on community features that retain and attract people. No matter what jobs may be available, unless people WANT to live in Anchorage, they won't take them.	2/19/2017 7:35 PM
163	add a sales tax	2/19/2017 6:24 PM
164	Tourism, lower cost medical services, education (higher education, vocation training)	2/19/2017 4:15 PM



165	Tourism. Outdoor recreation.	2/19/2017 3:55 PM
166	Better housing options and more competition, more organized local food movement, seasonal sales tax, marijuana and hemp sales and production	2/19/2017 1:18 PM
167	Less taxes	2/19/2017 1:15 PM
168	Our geographical location. Supply of natural resources, if used wisely and environmentally friendly. Our diverse population. Our ability to endure tough times.	2/19/2017 10:40 AM
169	Healthcare will continue to grow; diversity is a strength;	2/19/2017 10:27 AM
170	Tourism, entrepreneurship and medical fields as well as higher education.	2/19/2017 8:27 AM
171	Tourism, construction, promoting more sport activities in Anchorage,	2/19/2017 8:22 AM
172	The use of facilities that may be empty for dances, youth organizations, public fun, at a door price	2/19/2017 4:24 AM
173	Marijuana taxes, supporting tourism, and maybe casinos.	2/19/2017 3:06 AM
174	We really need more manufacturing jobs. We also need to grow, process and preserve more food locally.	2/18/2017 4:36 PM
175	Encouraging and supporting Alaska businesses. Keep Alaska dollars in Alaska. Improve safety and decrease crime. Development of Ship Creek but not to the detriment of fishing. That's what makes Ship Creek unique. More mixed use residential downtown. We would love to live downtown -- if housing weren't so expensive and it was a safer part of town.	2/18/2017 4:12 PM
176	I think bi-partisan politics have created a no-win situation that have boiled over into economy...especially in relation to not neighbors not wanting policies proposed to succeed. I think positivity would go a long way in actually creating resolutions. Additionally. I hate saying this, but taxes.. we live in Alaska where MANY areas are remote - and as a whole, other demographics pay for it. Our state in ONE - AND I understand that it is going to cost more to help fund other areas. This affects Anchorage and that constituents don't want to pay more for taxes - and I don't WANT to, but I really a think sales tax would be fare. There just needs to be transparency where that money will be allocated to benefit Anchorage. When people hear general fund, they're often immediately averse to any additional tax.	2/18/2017 2:31 PM
177	Incentives for small and mid sized businesses to locate in and around Anchorage.	2/18/2017 1:27 PM
178	Native Alaskan tourism, peony production and outdoor recreation infrastructure: when one travels to Hawaii, Polynesia or New Zealand, we expect to see and experience their individual Indigenous cultural wealth - I still don't see that here. Peonies - plant them and they will come - think of The Netherlands and their tulip tourism season and lastly - more infrastructure support for outdoor recreation enjoyed by baby boomers - hiking, botanical nature walks, and vista viewing.	2/18/2017 1:05 PM
179	Oil and gas and tourism	2/18/2017 11:20 AM
180	Better barge services, more restrictions on commercial fisheries allowing sport fisheries greater access to draw more tourists.	2/18/2017 11:00 AM
181	Get rid of corruption and that would really help.	2/18/2017 10:52 AM
182	A sales tax, and figuring how to make tourism a better revenue source. Alternative revenue is something we need to start looking at	2/18/2017 8:17 AM
183	encouraging small business	2/18/2017 6:24 AM
184	?	2/18/2017 5:38 AM
185	More local training projects to hire our locals and keep the economy circulating in State.	2/18/2017 2:56 AM
186	Encourage shoppers to buy from local vendors and businesses.	2/17/2017 9:42 PM
187	More promotion of Anchorages outdoor opportunities? Having anchorage become a mecca for conferences?	2/17/2017 9:04 PM
188	I think we could be a great city if we got the drugs and homeless taken care of that would be better if we got homeless work. And getting drugs off the street will make people feel save on the streets.	2/17/2017 7:40 PM
189	Making Anchorage a year around place to go see and make it more affordable to come to Alaska to ski ... downhill or crosscountry ... but the industry is hardly in place to accommodate tourism in the winter because a considerable number of residents live here just because of the long winter season.	2/17/2017 7:38 PM
190	New business for lower experience levels	2/17/2017 7:14 PM
191	Better advertising of tourism opportunities combined with better deals for tourists. Promote our "Made in Alaska" products to the Lower 48.	2/17/2017 7:13 PM

192	Sales tax to help pay for extra security down town. We stay in hotel downtown and at night dont feel safe later in evening walking to hotel.	2/17/2017 5:36 PM
193	Oil Tourism	2/17/2017 5:29 PM
194	Connections to all south central communities	2/17/2017 5:11 PM
195	Educational opportunities	2/17/2017 4:55 PM
196	New ideas, not just recycling old ones. Branch out in new areas that have hope for future growth.	2/17/2017 4:25 PM
197	continued property development; advertise openness of city and outdoor activities	2/17/2017 4:09 PM
198	Increased international passenger traffic into and through the airport. Increased IT related businesses.	2/17/2017 3:56 PM
199	Land expansion.	2/17/2017 3:54 PM
200	Education, influx of immigrants/refugees,	2/17/2017 3:48 PM
201	Continues growth in retail	2/17/2017 3:22 PM
202	locally grown businesses and tourism	2/17/2017 3:21 PM
203	More direct flights from different countries to bring tourism	2/17/2017 3:14 PM
204	Building a tax structure for expanding business opportunities. We could utilize entrepreneurship to look at manufacturing of small technology parts. Once we get away from Seattle and its stranglehold on our economy we will not have to import so many goods. The opportunity is there for expanding our failing four legged economy.	2/17/2017 3:04 PM
205	no idea	2/17/2017 2:08 PM
206	For business people to use structures that are already vacant instead of new construction	2/17/2017 2:07 PM
207	Attract new type of industry to diversify economy.	2/17/2017 2:04 PM
208	Quit taxing property owners for relatively useless programs like apartments for street people - relocate the street people to some remote location where they live dormitory style and get meals there.	2/17/2017 1:58 PM
209	- Take advantage of fisheries like the old fish plant except well run and smaller scale -	2/17/2017 1:55 PM
210	Local agriculture done in a price-competitive way, via incentives. Marijuana industry. Overturning property like 5th Ave theatre and Northern Lights Hotel from inactivity in prime real estate.	2/17/2017 1:43 PM
211	Mostly tourism.	2/17/2017 1:40 PM
212	Attracting business opportunities for the state. Keeping taxes low.	2/17/2017 1:38 PM
213	Clean up drug use	2/17/2017 1:36 PM
214	Internet startups and anything involving remote work.	2/17/2017 1:33 PM
215	We should look to other energy sources and becoming a better cultural hub for alaska	2/17/2017 1:32 PM
216	World center for art and creativity.	2/17/2017 1:29 PM
217	Tourism, sales tax	2/17/2017 1:15 PM
218	Renewable energy, trade with Asia	2/17/2017 12:54 PM
219	Keep high paying oil jobs and the supporting industries	2/17/2017 12:36 PM
220	Being a hub with the largest population in the state we have opportunities to expand businesses	2/17/2017 12:13 PM
221	Continuing, and increasing where possible, to take advantage of the ecotourism and recreational opportunities provided by our many wild areas, including many nearby. Helping pursue diversification from too much reliance on the oil and gas industry that responds to global, rather than local, event and actions.	2/17/2017 12:05 PM
222	Strong risk taking populace to create individual businesses for market specific opportunities	2/17/2017 11:51 AM
223	Entrepreneurship and innovation	2/17/2017 11:07 AM
224	More interesting housing (stores/housing/recreation/entertainment ) in one place; better planning instead of sprawl, concentration on smaller retail and inviting tech type business, partnerships with in profits and rural Alaska and Native corporations.	2/17/2017 10:50 AM
225	restaurants	2/17/2017 10:47 AM
226	Partnerships between gov't and business	2/17/2017 10:41 AM

227	Investment in better education of our children, encouraging more small business and increases in tourism all have opportunities for stronger economy.	2/17/2017 10:20 AM
228	Attracting footloose industries - ones that can locate anywhere - by maintaining good infrastructure (communication networks) and by supporting high quality of life (well designed urban centers, excellent recreation facilities, non-discriminatory practices, arts and culture, native culture).	2/17/2017 10:14 AM
229	of course tourism .....and other visitor related industries	2/17/2017 10:02 AM
230	Anchorage should start a film office to encourage, somehow, the resurrection of the film industry. UAA is a huge economic driver and funding for the university should be encouraged. Restaurants or coffee shops near the trailheads of state and city parks should be encouraged to take advantage of local and tourist dollars (see Banff and other Canadian parks for the mountaintop tea house concept). Uber could help with congestion and transportation issues. Technology companies that can be based anywhere could thrive here with their young and active employee base, so how about a Technology Park or similar concept (I think Honolulu is working on this).	2/17/2017 9:59 AM
231	Implement a sales tax to gain income. Partner with high tech industries to build job market	2/17/2017 9:21 AM
232	Tourism, but we need more things for people to do in Anchorage when they visit. They have bypassed us for years and we need to find things that will make them stay awhile. We need things for teenagers to do that are safe and fun for them. Make our downtown a safe place to visit and also affordable time spent to go shopping. I don't think residents should pay to go shopping. Maybe once a month a free pass for residents only. Also add a drug store downtown.	2/17/2017 9:13 AM
233	Clean up the crime - kick these guys out or lock them up. Implement an income tax that is waived for those who qualify for a PFD. Implement a sales tax (seasonal) Get rid of the property tax assessors office and have property tax based on the selling price of the property. (don't change from year to year - just the sales price - if buyer won't share this with the city the city will assess it based on Zillow).	2/17/2017 9:12 AM
234	We need to invest in our community. From smart planning and infrastructure design and maintenance we can create the city we want to live in. We should be competitive in attracting innovative tech businesses and more because look at our city--Anchorage is amazing! People should want to live here and feel strong community working together to keep them here.	2/17/2017 8:55 AM
235	some of the best opportunities have been support for Oil and Construction, with some mining. once your are in will be used and allow the company to expand to other areas of the economy..	2/17/2017 8:53 AM
236	An outdoor boutique/dining strip along the coastal trail.	2/17/2017 8:51 AM
237	We can draw new business by promoting the Alaskan lifestyle. Anchorage and the surrounding areas offer incredible opportunities to get outside for various activities. Specifically, anchorage should focus on jobs in education, agriculture, and renewable energy.	2/17/2017 8:48 AM
238	SWAT analyses are best accomplished through brainstorming sessions. Please consider attending the many strong community council meetings around Anchorage.	2/17/2017 8:47 AM
239	I am an optimist, and I think there are many. Health care is a strong performer in as far as jobs and wages are concerned. Looking forward to what an ice free arctic passage might look like, I think we need to be making plans to capitalize on Alaska being on the doorstep of this new shipping route, albeit from tragic and irresponsible causes. A long shot, but the natural gas pipeline.	2/17/2017 8:47 AM
240	Small business entrepreneurs	2/17/2017 8:31 AM
241	Public transport, focus on Alaskan made products, renewable energy (solar, wind), Whole Foods stores/restaurants, indoor sports arenas for community use (like Dome), rail line to valley and Gwood for public use	2/17/2017 5:04 AM
242	Invest in expanding tourism and other growth opportunities.	2/16/2017 8:10 PM
243	Attract more tech companies and expand airport and trade.	2/16/2017 7:37 PM
244	Tourism, more support for natural resource management such as fish, wildlife, wild areas. Build on Alaska's strengths not cater to a dying oil industry.	2/16/2017 6:47 PM
245	Tourism, international hub	2/16/2017 5:15 PM
246	Sharing platforms such as Uber, AirBnB, opportunities for Web based support services	2/16/2017 2:11 PM
247	Creating natural resource companies. Keeping the PFD so people will Spenard money. Focus on tourism.	2/16/2017 2:07 PM
248	More tech companies!!	2/16/2017 1:48 PM
249	Tourism, leadership in diversity and alternative energy	2/16/2017 10:40 AM

250	More winter/spring tourism. Cloud storage facilities. Keep taxes (no AK income tax) low and promote Anchorage as a retirement destination. Utilizing the University as a more vibrant arts and cultural destination.	2/16/2017 9:54 AM
251	Focus on what we can develop and sell; location geographically; what makes us different than other cities in the lower 48 and the world; tourism; cross sell additional events and services to visitors to extend their stay.	2/16/2017 9:17 AM
252	Anchorage had a large growth or restaurants and retailers over the last 4-5 years. All of these places needed to hire employees. Now that the growth has slowed down so has the spending.	2/16/2017 8:19 AM
253	Alaska could create marijuana-themed tourism partnerships (blaze and graze hiking trips)	2/16/2017 7:05 AM
254	Dont know	2/16/2017 7:04 AM
255	More winter indoor opportunities	2/16/2017 6:48 AM
256	Make Anchorage a tech-savvy city.	2/16/2017 5:47 AM
257	State sponsored tech schools located in Anchorage easier for local high school kids who are builder types could learn a trade ohht get some kids off streets Crime affects the economy	2/16/2017 5:08 AM
258	The opportunities for the economy exist both at the large and small scales. The existing infrastructure of the airport, JBER, the Port, and the Railroad could boost growth through trade and travel. Although expansion is expensive, perhaps maintenance and minor upgrades could ensure continued competitiveness. At the small scales, investments in start-ups and small-scale manufacturing insofar as tax or trade incentives would encourage growth. New, local, and innovative business and production can revitalize derelict areas of town, attract population and commerce, and stimulate the sense of civic pride that many seem to lack. Further opportunities exist in the development of local resources, not extracted from the earth, but the renewable energies present in the winds and tides, and the embodied carbon in trees.	2/15/2017 10:02 PM
259	Unsure of the context of "opportunity"	2/15/2017 7:34 PM
260	Increased exploitation of the states extractive industries will result in increased economic opportunity on Anchorage	2/15/2017 7:15 PM
261	Bike lanes	2/15/2017 5:35 PM
262	Tourism	2/15/2017 4:43 PM
263	Not an economist.	2/15/2017 4:37 PM
264	Military, medical, climate change research& tourism growth	2/15/2017 4:17 PM
265	- Diverse, locally owned shops / restaurants that capitalize on ethnic diversity. - revamped city centers / revitalization projects - enhanced medical facilities so that out-of-state care isn't necessary (including addiction treatment centers!)	2/15/2017 1:39 PM
266	Training for all ages, for many different positions. Have a history that isn't that great for employment, be trained in an industry that anyone can excel and make a livable wage in.	2/15/2017 1:23 PM
267	Joining the 21st century.	2/15/2017 12:54 PM
268	Create a culture of angel investors in Alaska.	2/15/2017 12:11 PM
269	Encouraging entrepreneurship is fine, but it will not solve the fundamental weaknesses in our economy. It is a nice amenity, but those businesses will fold without strong economic activity from natural resources, tourism, and transportation and distribution.	2/15/2017 11:49 AM
270	Alternative energy, increased diversity in tourism opportunities.	2/15/2017 11:43 AM
271	Investment in renewable resources and those who LIVE here rather than companies and corporations from "outside". Staying ahead in our abilities to EDUCATE our youth and others interested in furthering their education.	2/15/2017 10:21 AM
272	Expand recreational opportunities to lure younger people to visit. Reduce ridiculous spending. Get rid of unions for muni positions. Eliminate pensions for new muni employees while offering a reasonable 401k match. People can save for their own retirements.	2/15/2017 8:42 AM
273	Tourism and growth	2/15/2017 7:10 AM
274	Tourism, resource development	2/15/2017 6:24 AM
275	Tourism, reduced city budget to a more sustainable level, give incentives for native corporations to create local jobs, or nice offices to Anchorage.	2/15/2017 6:11 AM
276	Construction and tourism	2/15/2017 4:17 AM

277	Tourism. Stop making new ordinances and regulations for at least a year. Reduce the size of government. Stop hiring outside or overpriced consultants.. Why hire consultants anyway? A good government should have competent employees in nearly every field already. Ask them instead! Hold Juneau accountable and have them follow your lead in responsible government. Support new business ventures. Cap wages and fees so they can't ever go beyond a certain point.	2/14/2017 10:37 PM
278	A sales tax. Someone at the Mayors level to audit each dept. and cut budgets accordingly.	2/14/2017 8:04 PM
279	Investing in the arts and education, and parks and recreation. Promoting small businesses.	2/14/2017 8:03 PM
280	Not sure. I run a remodel/carpentry business, and feel pretty good about the opportunities in anchorage. Lots of work.	2/14/2017 7:52 PM
281	Tourism, arts, foods, outdoor activities-events	2/14/2017 6:42 PM
282	more services geared toward the elderly (aging population)	2/14/2017 6:02 PM
283	Enormous, from the home-grown to high tech. New arrivals from all over the world bring novel perspectives to us, open delightfully diverse restaurants, and raise their children here. More and more of our young adults have chosen to work and live here rather than migrate away--reversing an injurious trend, a great measure of our quality of life and opportunities. Our young, active, diverse population makes us ready to meet any opportunity as it arises.	2/14/2017 6:01 PM
284	I think improving the port of Anchorage will help immensely, as will allowing other companies/business models to come here, like Uber and Lyft.	2/14/2017 4:13 PM
285	UBER or Lyft City owned indoor sports facility (like the dome)	2/14/2017 4:05 PM
286	Build toursit industry so people stay in Anchorage longer.	2/14/2017 4:03 PM
287	Growth industries like tourism, health care and new technology.	2/14/2017 3:50 PM
288	Sales tax on entertainment- applicable to restraurants, theaters, etc, omitting clothing & grocery store tax. University Education growth- Two Universities within one mile of 2 hospitals, 5 miles of another hospital, KCC, and a Community College yet our medical degree seeking is weak. Why? Education is a long term goal but something immediate is creating economic incentives for tourism companies. We are beginning to price ourselves out of tourists. Also creating a greater community watch program could cut down on over time expenses in law enforcement.	2/14/2017 3:21 PM
289	diversity (strong and opportunities coincide)	2/14/2017 3:15 PM
290	Digital services -- e.g. cold server farms. Global industries, global logistics.	2/14/2017 2:17 PM
291	I believe Anchorage's economy could be improved with new businesses, more controls to insure that educational offerings are of quality, and investment into the tourism industry (this includes keeping our city clean, our streets safe, and promoting outdoor spaces)	2/14/2017 1:50 PM
292	To change the old ways we think about city planning, create better housing for seniors, create vibrant urban downtown and U-Med areas for young adults, do SOMETHING with 4th Avenue Theatre such as arts market/shopping/local fresh market while renovating the building.	2/14/2017 1:47 PM
293	Creating strong infrastructure (educational opportunities, public transportation, roads, parks, police, fire dept, cultural events, etc)so companies will desire an Anchorage presence.	2/14/2017 12:07 PM
294	the opening up of the waters across the north pole	2/14/2017 12:06 PM
295	Build off airport/accessibility to Russia and Asia. Visitor industry- tourism in Anchorage itself/as a gateway point to rest of state.	2/14/2017 11:46 AM
296	manufacturing-ability to ship worldwide; create more housing options-utilize empty/derelict properties	2/14/2017 10:41 AM
297	Breaking down barriers to entry for all Alaskans	2/14/2017 9:01 AM
298	Tourism continues to grow and Anchorage can add marketing dollars to keep it growing.	2/14/2017 7:56 AM
299	Alaska has limited locational advantages. Although Anchorage is a natural gateway to the rest of the state, we need to be focused on what our role could be in the larger world. The FedEx and UPS hubs are great examples. I would love to see a world class remote communications industry. If remote communications can be made to work here, where our satellite position and severe weather are extreme, it can be made to work anywhere in the world. We should market that. We are not a natural for the cruise ship industry, but we could do more to attract non-cruise ship tourists, both in terms of those just passing through, and for those wanting to base here while they check out the surrounding area. Anchorage has the beautiful Chugach Mountain range right in our backyard. We have beautiful, continuous trails throughout the city that can be used year-round. Girdwood has a world-class ski resort. These are great assets.	2/14/2017 7:54 AM
300	Collaboration between native corporations and the university system to create tech jobs in app development and other jobs that can be done remotely . Addressing high health care costs through partnerships between public employee health insurance and Alaska Native Medical Center.	2/14/2017 7:01 AM

301	Location-couldn't we manufacture something here that we can sell to Asia? We're closer to Asia than the West Coast.	2/14/2017 4:56 AM
302	The new Marijuana legislation.	2/14/2017 4:12 AM
303	Not taking half the PFD away would help. People tend to spend those locally	2/14/2017 12:45 AM
304	Urban and community gardens, farmer's markets could be expanded, ensuring the Cottage Industry stays robust and isn't regulated to death. Start giving incentives for renewable energy...invest in long-term viability (renewables) not short-term profits (oil).	2/13/2017 11:56 PM
305	Providing a primary shipping hub for the state.	2/13/2017 10:04 PM
306	Affordable Health care coverage, education vouchers, infrastructure upgrades and replacement, aviation	2/13/2017 9:28 PM
307	Alternative energy. Value added commodities. Technology	2/13/2017 8:02 PM
308	Leveraging our location - i.e. financial markets, entrepreneurs and utilizing our vastness as a trial-arena for technologies to be used in the 3rd world	2/13/2017 7:17 PM
309	Tourism, alternative energy, value-added fisheries, local food production	2/13/2017 7:06 PM
310	Innovation and experimentation. The failure of a business is only a needed step toward business success.	2/13/2017 6:55 PM
311	Expand tourism creativity/ideas. Explore IT industries. Increase School- Business connection. Lead in Arctic research.	2/13/2017 6:03 PM
312	Attracting new businesses not linked heavily to oil.	2/13/2017 5:46 PM
313	Adventure tourism could be developed further. Technical education could be developed further. Senior living/care definitely seems in great need and could be an area of great business opportunity. Child care/day care needs great expansion - but it would need some kind of public support. This would allow more parents to enter the workplace.	2/13/2017 5:29 PM
314	Sales tax and increased emphasis on tourism.	2/13/2017 5:00 PM
315	Beautiful place to live. Focus on outdoor green space to bring companies in. Tourism.	2/13/2017 4:45 PM
316	Technology, alternative energy, sustainable resources.	2/13/2017 4:40 PM
317	1. Exports gas to Asia	2/13/2017 4:39 PM
318	Selling land for homes between anchorage and eagle river. Expanding our port capabilities to allow for cruise ships. Embracing marijuana revenue.	2/13/2017 4:32 PM
319	The development of value-added industries that take advantage of Anchorage's central location between North America, East Asia and Europe. Perhaps encouraging the development of server farms in Alaska's interior that take advantage of the cold climate in the winter months to provide a natural cooling system for these farms, which generate enormous amounts of heat that could be used to help heat remote villages. Strengthening and diversifying the state economy will strengthen Anchorage's economy.	2/13/2017 2:17 PM
320	mid-size incubator office/ warehouse development by the airport. increased public transportation to valley build the bridge move Stage Capitol to Anchorage continued expansion of air freight hub social program to support reduction in recidivism for drug/criminal offenders.	2/13/2017 2:05 PM
321	Jobs; some benefits for children, senior citizens, and the like. Some people choose works that gives more pay but its not productive.	2/13/2017 12:58 PM
322	We have a diverse population, a beautiful environment, and a quirky frontier-city personality. I think if we can tie together the loose ends such as crime, unemployment, and ... poor city planning, this place will be so much more enjoyable for everyone.	2/13/2017 12:50 PM
323	High tech manufacturing, software engineering, startup entrepreneurs	2/13/2017 12:17 PM
324	tourism, diversifying economy (as we move away from solely oil funding the state); our downtown core is becoming more of a destination and a place to be	2/13/2017 12:14 PM
325	Lots of different people with diverse opinions and solutions for the situations that Anchorage is dealing with.	2/13/2017 11:10 AM
326	Sales tax on tourism related areas - tour companies, souvenir shops, etc. An increase in public transportation, that is reliable, on time, increased frequency. Winnipeg, MB is a winter city that has great bus service.	2/13/2017 10:43 AM
327	I think there is a lot of room for growth in the health care industry and tourism industry.	2/13/2017 10:31 AM
328	when belt tightening happens, companies have to be more efficient. More partnerships can be created.	2/13/2017 10:05 AM
329	Going with the above theme, I see an opportunity for stylish, durable consumer goods at a lower price point.	2/13/2017 10:01 AM
330	Stable tax structure with everyone paying their fair share. A sales tax would relieve the property owners taxed	2/13/2017 9:49 AM

331	SHIPPING! The ice caps are melting, and northern routes will soon be open. As a major port on the Pacific, Anchorage needs to be able to take advantage of this. Whether this means developing a better port infrastructure or a whole new port facility, I think we should use the money we have to improve our ability to be a part of the global movement of goods, and quit developing oil. That's a dead end, no matter which way you slice it. Global opinion is shifting. Anchorage also needs to lobby hard for the further development and research capabilities of the University. This brings growth and acts as a magnet to attract people who think to Anchorage, and innovation is what is needed if the city is to not decline in step with oil. The railroad needs to be preserved in order to bring agricultural goods into Anchorage for shipping. As the climate changes Alaska will be in a unique position of having good soil and enough water, and I think Anchorage needs to develop itself as an outlet for those products. It also needs to add value to them, so we aren't just going back to a natural resource economy. As a city that is the jumping off point for tourism, Anchorage needs a facelift. There are a lot of ugly buildings that are jumbled together, strip malls and such from the 80's, ugly signs, etc. This makes it an unappealing place for tourists to spend time in. I think also that Anchorage could do more to develop alternative energy manufacturing (i.e., a solar panel plant) and then ship those out of the port.	2/13/2017 8:33 AM
332	Retail and marijuana. Tourism is a big part but anchorage is the jumping off point. Visitors shop in anchorage and sight see the kenai peninsula and Denali. If we embrace marijuana tourism, anchorage would be the destination.	2/13/2017 8:23 AM
333	Sales tax. Alternative/renewable energy sources (solar, wind).	2/13/2017 6:27 AM
334	Personal responsibility	2/13/2017 6:22 AM
335	I think there would be more opportunity for creative thinking and entrepreneurship if we had better health coverage. People who are one illness away from bankruptcy aren't going to start businesses or be creative in developing services.	2/13/2017 4:33 AM
336	Healthcare, a top notch university and tourism	2/12/2017 11:17 PM
337	Global position. We have a desired life style that should attract many younger people to the state.	2/12/2017 10:13 PM
338	Innovative technologies to reduce inefficiency.	2/12/2017 9:09 PM
339	Improved telecommunications will open opportunities for workers in Alaska to remotely provide services to Lower 48. We should be an exporter of oil and gas; but use renewable energy for our local economy - wind and tidal especially. Especially tidal.	2/12/2017 9:02 PM
340	Public education and outreach to repair and maintenance.	2/12/2017 6:59 PM
341	Honestly finding a way to work with uber	2/12/2017 6:58 PM
342	Urban revitalization of downtown	2/12/2017 2:52 PM
343	More businesses using ANC for thier corporate headquarters	2/12/2017 2:24 PM
344	The chance to explore alternatives to oil and gas, we have very little to loose	2/12/2017 2:11 PM
345	Marijuana, craft beer and tourism.	2/12/2017 1:58 PM
346	Unleash the power of our resource companies and their private capital. Use tax incentives to incentivize venture capital as we unleash our creativity.	2/12/2017 1:50 PM
347	Anchorage should support the gasoline if it comes down to anchorage and leverage the cheap energy and power for the technology industries.	2/12/2017 11:12 AM
348	Oil, more oil, and gas.	2/12/2017 11:06 AM
349	The development of small businesses.	2/12/2017 10:22 AM
350	encourage air freight business (upgrade airport?) Athletes would travel to Alaska to participate in biKe races, marathons, trail races etc. There isn't much outreach to the rest of the world for those opportunities. It's another type of tourism that could really be developed.	2/12/2017 7:07 AM
351	Building a local food economy, Coastal cimate research and construction, improvement of current residential housing and new housing.	2/12/2017 12:13 AM
352	Knowledge based business.	2/12/2017 12:13 AM
353	Promote more National and International meetings and sports events on a year round basis. Personally I feel a pedestrian zone in the heart of Anchorage as was previously proposed would greatly enhance our community for visitors and local residents. In many other major cities this has a primary factor in the growth of business in the downtown areas.	2/12/2017 12:09 AM
354	Find a way to tap in to a burgeoning industry that provides high paying jobs and offers sustainable benefits to Alaska	2/11/2017 7:57 PM
355	Invest in education. Alaska could be the world leaders in tackling alternative energy and earth friendly industry.	2/11/2017 5:14 PM

356	LEGAL MARIJUANA	2/11/2017 3:54 PM
357	Our young people need to stay here and realize what a great place their home state is. We need to support the programs at UAA to entice kids to stay.	2/11/2017 3:32 PM
358	Medical service expansion in Alaska, natural resource development, solid and credible secondary education platforms and facilities, innovative local businesses, creative, grass-roots citizens groups, Anchorage port expansion, receptive government.	2/11/2017 3:06 PM
359	Pursuing grants like the technology grant the city just got; an increased focus on tourism that builds Anchorage as a place to visit - not just some random shops, but with tourist sites and a route through town (with map) of things to see; efforts to encourage small businesses	2/11/2017 1:38 PM
360	Being broad minded in such a way that supports the very personality of Anchorage -- it's history -- sole proprietors, individual thinking, new technological opportunities, etc.	2/11/2017 10:50 AM
361	We need to look into manufacturing opportunities. Diversify	2/11/2017 9:40 AM
362	Tiny Business Operation Consulting that can educate, communicate, & consult our diverse group of business owners among our immigrant population.	2/11/2017 7:54 AM
363	Diverse population	2/11/2017 4:56 AM
364	New energy sources and tourism.	2/11/2017 3:09 AM
365	Cruise ship tourism	2/11/2017 12:28 AM
366	We had a chance to develop the film and TV industry here and it was voted down. Developing our untapped oil and gas resources that fuel Anchorage jobs, increasing tourism, bringing back our fish stocks for salmon and halibut.	2/10/2017 11:08 PM
367	Advertising to attract businesses	2/10/2017 11:04 PM
368	Taxing Marijuana and getting rid of walmarts	2/10/2017 10:26 PM
369	Investing in renewable resources, such as alternative energy sources. Learning from successful business models but improvising as needed.	2/10/2017 9:59 PM
370	Support other industries that are strong, like tourism.	2/10/2017 9:12 PM
371	Job growth	2/10/2017 8:30 PM
372	Expansion of the petroleum industry through out Alaska.	2/10/2017 8:11 PM
373	Tax marijuana at a higher rate, tax liquor and beer at a higher rate, and tax tabacco at a higher rate. The revenue on these three items alone would help the community and budget. Build more income standard rental communities, and keep the roads cleared through the winter. This employees the people, provides housing and gives extra revenue from the tax to allow for this development.	2/10/2017 7:58 PM
374	I dont know for certain.	2/10/2017 7:39 PM
375	Moving forward with renewable energy opportunities	2/10/2017 7:36 PM
376	Increased small business funding opportunities, finding ways to retain youth post college.	2/10/2017 7:25 PM
377	Embrace ethnicity diversity of residents - ethnic restaurants, products	2/10/2017 7:20 PM
378	Tourism	2/10/2017 7:07 PM
379	Forming partnerships with other countries like Asia (and NOT Russia,) since we're the closest.Renewable energy jobs?	2/10/2017 4:16 PM
380	Expanding other industries, better places to live, the city working to make anchorage more attractive to young people, this city is sad.	2/10/2017 4:11 PM
381	Increased opportunity for resource development and expansion of local industry if regulations prohibiting such are loosened. Increased "hub" service via improved connections with the Mat-Su valley and the rest of the state as a whole.	2/10/2017 3:32 PM
382	Encouraging small businesses, further tourist industry growth, making or growing more of what we consume locally are all opportunities for Anchorage's economy. Alternative energy technology is another opportunity.	2/10/2017 3:20 PM
383	Corporation growth, leadership, Anchorage Port.	2/10/2017 3:15 PM
384	New businesses and startups diversifying the market and providing more competition - young population branching out and seeking more options, both for income and consumers.	2/10/2017 3:13 PM



385	moving away from oil. more affordable housing. more job diversity.	2/10/2017 1:59 PM
386	Resource development statewide would drive business growth in Anchorage	2/10/2017 1:02 PM
387	tech & entrepreneurs	2/10/2017 12:25 PM
388	Promoting year round tourism. Incentivizing business development opportunities. Public safety concerns, employee housing. Making it easier for small businesses to thrive and start up.	2/10/2017 11:51 AM
389	I think there is an opportunity to address the issue of pervasive distrust. I also think there is a tremendous opportunity to take advantage of the skills of our immigrant and refugee community.	2/10/2017 11:27 AM
390	Gotta go with new energy technology and developing responsible assistance/support for young people to succeed in the job market. We have a youth brain drain because we are so resistant to pissing off the energy giants by going our own way,.....Think Kodiak	2/10/2017 9:19 AM
391	I think Anchorage needs to look at other successful cities that are not dependent on a natural resource. Anchorage got to where it is given the oil industry, seems like we should look at other success stories and see if we can make our own version	2/10/2017 6:03 AM
392	Variety of new businesses.	2/10/2017 4:57 AM
393	We could be the American Amsterdam	2/10/2017 1:47 AM
394	Tourism, diversity, sanctuary city status, community gardens, shared transportation coops, medical care cost-saving measures, marijuana sales(tax income), wind/solar energy production	2/9/2017 11:41 PM
395	not sure	2/9/2017 10:42 PM
396	Pay off all bonds and stop passing bonds. Pay as you go. We spend about 50 million a year just in interest on bonds. What a waste of money	2/9/2017 10:06 PM
397	Local political & business leadership involvement and collaborative efforts to communicate closely to the community	2/9/2017 9:53 PM
398	Loosen up the regulations for canibus business, more jobs more money for state. Positive media, encouragement, good outlook.	2/9/2017 8:21 PM
399	Alternative energies, agriculture, new oceanic northern trade routes, education hub for rest of state and the PNW.	2/9/2017 8:08 PM
400	Unfortunately, climate change. As it gets warmer, orchards and hardy vegetables could be cultivated in warmer microclimates. Small scale niche businesses, like specialty breweries or distilleries seem to thrive here and also draw visitors.	2/9/2017 7:23 PM
401	Nationalizing our resources. Viva LA Russia! Also, socialized health care.	2/9/2017 7:06 PM
402	Now that we have a president that may open our oil fields to drilling we may make a recovery but still have to cut our freebie budget	2/9/2017 6:18 PM
403	Mineral, tourist development	2/9/2017 4:45 PM
404	Tourism is always an opportunity for growth, and more quality higher educational opportunities.	2/9/2017 4:24 PM
405	As I mentioned before I believe there are a lot of young, smart, passionate people in Anchorage. There just has to be better long-term opportunities. Those opportunities come from attracting new businesses and keeping them in Alaska.	2/9/2017 4:10 PM
406	Tourist	2/9/2017 2:25 PM
407	Further park and infrastructure investment and more active recruitment of tech and alternative energy businesses	2/9/2017 2:20 PM
408	The marijuana legalization up here couldn't have come at a better time. Our budget crisis up here is ridiculous. Not to mention it doesn't help that gas prices are going down, and governor walker uses dividends to pay for it. Now imagine a fund that is primarily funded by the marijuana industry. After 5-10 years down the road, you have a steady fund; that if done correctly like the pfd, the money and interest is held in a t Rowe account. Then, we wouldn't have such big budget deficits.	2/9/2017 12:51 PM
409	Harnessing alternative energy to bring down living and operating costs, increasing trade with Pacific rim countries, attracting entrepreneurs with our beautiful location.	2/9/2017 12:44 PM
410	Improve the infrastructure around small and local businesses to improve accessibility. Find ways to make public parking downtown less expensive and prevent summer price gouging; tourists don't want to pay \$12 for 2 hours of parking to visit a more expensive small, local restaurant if there are cheaper options available.	2/9/2017 12:07 PM
411	Sales tax to shore up other government revenue losses and to capture more tourism dollars, expanding the marijuana market, server farms to take advantage of our cool climate, shipping hub between the US and Asia	2/9/2017 11:54 AM

412	Invest in our people. We are a city that was built on helping one another because of the adversity of our climate. We should build on that. Sure we need to buckle down and save money where we can, but ultimately, if you do not invest in the basics of health, safety and education, you pay more as a community in both the risks as well as the increased costs of crime, burdens on our social safety nets.	2/9/2017 11:44 AM
413	We need to focus on making Anchorage a "destination" city that is able to attract and retain young, educated, and entrepreneurial people.	2/9/2017 11:43 AM
414	Redevelopment of lots for housing and mixed used density, hydroponics and local food sources, tourism, marijuana, University system	2/9/2017 11:24 AM
415	Raise the minimum wage, expand public transit, encourage workers to unionize.	2/9/2017 11:16 AM
416	Tourism, e-commerce, marijuana.	2/9/2017 10:36 AM
417	If the Municipality could own some of the services currently owned by the state, it would help our budget. We also know that certification leveling needs to happen for some of our talented immigrants, otherwise their skill goes to waste.	2/9/2017 10:27 AM
418	alternative and green energy sources.	2/9/2017 10:17 AM
419	Opportunities are out there, but needs a change in mindset.	2/9/2017 10:17 AM
420	Well certainly not more marijuana sales. We should capitalize on encouraging more tourism and keeping jobs in Alaska for Alaskans. too many of our jobs are going to the lower 48. Especially jobs at Providence Hospital.	2/9/2017 10:03 AM
421	developing a smart growth plan for real estate and looking at how workforce promotes local and long term employment- I think that Anchorage employers require overqualification for base and mid level positions.	2/9/2017 9:48 AM
422	Job training if you have the money to go. Trade schools opportunities.	2/9/2017 8:44 AM
423	Immediate: lowered housing market will making living more affordable for middle/lower class, increasing their desire to stay in a downturn economy. long term: Gas line: could provide lowered energy costs, heat for greenhouses to produce extend growing season. Hydro power in the inlet: feasibility studies have been conducted, would create cheap clean energy, if it ever made it past Anchorage's tight environmentalists.	2/9/2017 8:20 AM
424	Capitalize on the location in the North (like Tromso) and the diversity of cultures (unlike Tromso). Diversify the economy away from the oil and gas sector, or build on that knowledge, not so much the industry itself.	2/9/2017 8:18 AM
425	strong university system	2/9/2017 6:16 AM
426	innovation, tech, creative class, outdoor recreation/gear/tourism, renewable energy	2/9/2017 6:15 AM
427	Business opportunities and training centers for the chronically homeless. The enabling and long term care is a bottomless pit where we continue to dump resources. We can do much better. Teach/empower a man to fish/live/give back to the community. Creating more housing and cost effective rentals so that more people/families can use the money for other things. Bolstering the economy. Approaching the faith communities in Anchorage and work together. Our greatest resource in Alaska is vibrant, hard working, and strong people. Put together a list of the top 3-5 initiatives/needs/priorities that could help the people and free up resources and let the church step up and care for some of those needs. I hear it all the time, they want to get their hands dirty, so give them the opportunity. I'm not talking about proselytizing, I'm talking about loving people and genuinely taking an interest in them because they matter. We have a plethora of youth in our city. Show them why we need a healthy economy and good jobs. Show them that they matter and that we need them to win (not just youth but we need everyone to get some skin in the game) Start at a macro level. It's an ecosystem! When something is out of whack it effects everything else.	2/9/2017 5:38 AM
428	Diversify the economy outside of extractive activities and support servies. Maybe start to focus on other areas Anchorage can compete, location relative internationally make me think of additional operations logistics.	2/9/2017 12:44 AM
429	Letting people have the real alaskan home with a large yard, Two cars a pickup, motorhome, snow machines, 4 wheelers and the real Alaska from 40 years ago.Look at why people have moved to the Mat-Su. Build the Knick Arm Bridge and Build a bridge from South Anchorage to the Kenai so we can loop past Swanson River. Also great for tourist there would be a Kenai Hwy loop.	2/8/2017 8:24 PM
430	Right now? Unsure.	2/8/2017 8:23 PM
431	Providing well paying jobs for people with college degrees.	2/8/2017 7:45 PM
432	unknown	2/8/2017 6:48 PM
433	Less Regulation	2/8/2017 6:16 PM
434	New oil discoveries, mineral development, tourism	2/8/2017 6:00 PM
435	Implementing a Sales Tax. Make those who are visiting help with our economy.	2/8/2017 5:17 PM

436	Huge opportunities in Entrepreneurship, Technology, Tourism, Artist Community.	2/8/2017 5:09 PM
437	Becoming a leader in climate friendly businesses practices and policies. Becoming a leader in green city planning that focuses on healthy communities and opportunities to get outside in all seasons	2/8/2017 4:27 PM
438	Tourism - year round. Anchorage is the gateway to AK. Market it! Develop Alyeska as a year round destination, with Whistler/Blackcomb as a starting model (although do not develop Glacier Valley on the same scale as Whistler/Blackcomb). Infrastructure - build housing/communities for seniors, more trails for bikes/skis/walkers. Bring back the movie industry.	2/8/2017 4:19 PM
439	Hard to picture in this recession.	2/8/2017 3:41 PM
440	It's outdoors. Communication support for data centers. Arctic centered businesses.	2/8/2017 3:03 PM
441	There aren't many web or digital marketing firms in Anchorage and that's the future of marketing. That's the "now" of marketing, though Anchorage businesses seem behind in these trends.	2/8/2017 2:14 PM
442	Increases in public involvement in all aspects of government and social issues. Long range planning.	2/8/2017 1:43 PM
443	Marketing Anchorage as an air transportation hub for Asia and European cargo. Completing the port infrastructure to ensure continued barge traffic to Anchorage. Examining and changing the building permitting and inspection process, specifically, the lack of flexibility in interpreting code makes new real estate development difficult and costly.	2/8/2017 1:40 PM
444	Sales tax	2/8/2017 1:14 PM
445	Take advantage of airport location and customs status, build out our Alaska-owned tourism opportunities, esp. eco and cultural tourism	2/8/2017 1:04 PM
446	Health care Technology	2/8/2017 12:57 PM
447	Jobs, job training, education. After school Child care for parents of school age children who want to work but can't.	2/8/2017 12:39 PM
448	Tourism, welcoming immigrants/refugees.	2/8/2017 12:28 PM
449	The airport has not reached its full potential. The port has not reached its full potential. Building up the assets that we will only improve the opportunity for further growth.	2/8/2017 12:27 PM
450	Tourism and tech	2/8/2017 12:24 PM
451	Renewable energy, marijuana tourism	2/8/2017 12:14 PM
452	building more, affordable housing and investing in its ppl	2/8/2017 11:52 AM
453	We need a sales tax to discourage overconsumption and fill budget shortfalls.	2/8/2017 11:49 AM
454	Taxing internet sales not a sales tax in anchorage. Investing in a more beautiful city or doing something to. Are our housing more attractive (builder incentives). Have you in an "Alaskan fourplex", gross. Trying to have conventions held here, outdoor retailer is having controversy in Utah due to their protected parks view. If we could house it, Alaska would be great!	2/8/2017 11:42 AM
455	More business development.	2/8/2017 11:31 AM
456	Being more supportive of Rural Alaska and its needs. Fostering a healthy Rural Alaska is good for Anchorage because when our rural communities are prospering, they will bring their prosperity to Anchorage to procure goods and services.	2/8/2017 11:29 AM
457	Tourism, Technology, military, a manufacturing industry that takes advantage of it key location between the lower 48 and Asia. Natural Gas development, I believe one day will be needed on a larger scale and Alaska should continue to get ready to fulfill that demand.	2/8/2017 11:23 AM
458	Green tourism. Green technology let's go wind,solar, and thermal. Farmers markets, festivals.	2/8/2017 11:23 AM
459	The airport, military resource development.	2/8/2017 11:20 AM
460	Tourism	2/8/2017 11:10 AM
461	We need to incentivize more great large companies (and small ones too) to move here, like we did many years ago with FedEx. When they come in they bring many other ancillary companies with them. We have a good quality of life, recreational opportunities, not as cold as most people think, etc. We are losing our brain talent, not gaining it. If we had something like a world-class university or something we could attract much more talent.	2/8/2017 11:03 AM
462	Tourism. Responsible resource development (ANWR, Arctic off-shore, Pebble). Infrastructure investment.	2/8/2017 10:53 AM

463	Due to the Lower 48's economy growth we should focus more on travel and tourism. Get people/visitors who have the money to spend to travel here, spend money here. By foregoing a few dollars of revenue to make more than what we would have otherwise I see a great deal of opportunity. I also think that enforcing a state/ city tax would be beneficial. Palmer, Wasilla, Juneau, etc. already have a tax..... at this point there is NO reason why we aren't following those actions.	2/8/2017 10:35 AM
464	More forward thinking, i.e. build the damn bridge and develop Point McKenzie. Get a gas line to the area and use the feedstock to supply plastics/styrene manufacturing. Fund the completion of the rail line leading to Port McKenzie. Create a port authority with Anchorage, Mat-Su, and Kenai ports all working together. It's not rocket science!	2/8/2017 10:01 AM
465	More Diversity in Industries and investment in Downtown	2/8/2017 9:24 AM
466	More targeted tourism. The beauty of our state is one of our greatest assets. Marketing and developing markets for tourism should be a priority.	2/8/2017 9:08 AM
467	Global waypoint	2/8/2017 8:59 AM
468	Manufacturing if a reliable, affordable source of energy can be secured.	2/8/2017 8:57 AM
469	Expansion of oil development & mining. Focused marketing of the natural beauty of the many areas of the state and how to experience them while using Anchorage as the gateway or hub. Fixing the Port of Anchorage's flawed expansion project to attract more cruise ship activity. Work to build alliances between the Alaska State Rail Road, Anchorage (Ted Stevens) International Airport, the Port of Anchorage, People Mover, and the tour companies to offer and advertise more package tours and ala-carte options.	2/8/2017 8:56 AM
470	Trying to get something together to get teens involve to keep them busy and maybe talk about how important life is to them and how to make a change in their futures	2/8/2017 8:46 AM
471	Building TONS of affordable housing - moving away from an oil economy.	2/8/2017 8:37 AM
472	Redevelopment of communities and areas within Anchorage to accommodate more affordable housing.	2/8/2017 8:30 AM
473	Tourism	2/8/2017 7:11 AM
474	Tourism, education, small business development	2/8/2017 7:09 AM
475	tourism	2/8/2017 6:55 AM
476	new & much needed retail not yet in Anchorage	2/8/2017 5:32 AM
477	Growth in the private sector businesses.	2/7/2017 11:14 PM
478	Port expansion Medical industry increase tourism Be more attractive for new businesses and franchises attract new people to move the state for jobs	2/7/2017 10:24 PM
479	Small business growth into bigger business.	2/7/2017 10:19 PM
480	Anchorage needs more restaurants. The more choices the better. Uber and Lyft need to make a strong point in the city, to not only create more jobs but up the anti with the cab companies. Setting standards for the transportation industry will not only boost the anchorage economy, but it will allow anchorage to flourish as a more prestigious state. Special events like the Down & Derby (las Vegas) roller skating party coming to Alaska would be a great way to bring the community together as well.	2/7/2017 9:45 PM
481	Healthcare, tourism, diversity of our community.	2/7/2017 9:41 PM
482	Any form of unsubsidized diversification. Reduce government spending.	2/7/2017 9:09 PM
483	Renewable energy!! There is a lot of opportunity in this growing industry.	2/7/2017 9:01 PM
484	Unlike industrial production, web-based, information-based and creativity-based services do not suffer nearly as much competitive disadvantage from remoteness. And that will be even more true once we are connected to the new fiber optic cable joining Asia and Europe. Resurgence of North Slope oil and gas production, and the possibility that increasing demand of natural gas may yet support a gas line--potentially with development costs reduced by more streamlined federal oversight. Serving as a regulatory and staging support hub for greatly expanded arctic passage shipping and tourism between Asia and the East Coast and Europe.	2/7/2017 8:23 PM
485	Anchorage has great opportunities if the state government would come up with a plan to solve the state's budget crisis. The uncertainty of the state's fiscal problem is hurting the economy.	2/7/2017 8:15 PM
486	Tourism, oil and new energy and business opportunities.	2/7/2017 7:49 PM

487	Anchorage has potential for more in tourism and adding more companies/job in tech industries. I don't know how viable manufacturing might be in Anchorage, but it's a thought. We are a bit short on available land for developing large industrial complexes, but maybe something a bit smaller scale could repurpose some of the currently vacant industrial space we have (such as large abandoned buildings). Clean energy could have a great future in Anchorage, if the new administration in DC doesn't make it too difficult to implement in coming years.	2/7/2017 7:42 PM
488	Diversity and an increase in tourism.	2/7/2017 7:20 PM
489	Alternative energy sources.	2/7/2017 7:15 PM
490	Being a north of the border "tech" place that greatly utilizes "live work and play" motto.	2/7/2017 7:03 PM
491	New business developments that create more jobs (example: uber)	2/7/2017 6:49 PM
492	Increased tourism. Increased usage of the airport.	2/7/2017 6:39 PM
493	Oil	2/7/2017 6:03 PM
494	More educational institutes	2/7/2017 5:39 PM
495	Further tourism, global logistics, and increased development in the arctic. Possibly an increase in military spending and support services thereof.	2/7/2017 5:37 PM
496	Increase in tourism, more affordable housing, attracting incremental industry/commercial ventures through taxation concessions & promotion, further growth of air cargo opportunities, partnering with UAA/trade schools to improve work force capabilities	2/7/2017 5:33 PM
497	Transportation logistics, travel/tourism, eco-tourism, harnessing arctic opportunities as a hub for these types of development. Our transportation hubs (airport, port of Anchorage, Railroad) are vitally important to our current and future economic position of the State.	2/7/2017 5:05 PM
498	Continue to invest in what drives dollars and attracts people. Tourism & Oil. Marijuana Industry	2/7/2017 4:31 PM
499	Downtown New multi-use facilities Combined income housing developments Industrial factories to export any goods or services Marijuana industry	2/7/2017 4:30 PM
500	retail if there was more/better real estate in up and coming areas - spendard for example, however some retails are stressed about current leases (REI/Title Wave), more local brewing, more tourism, the port if it gets fixed.	2/7/2017 4:20 PM
501	1 - Marijuana tourism will provide a nice windfall to our economy, especially because we are currently the only state that allows consumption on the purchasing premises. Once there are Cannabis cafes downtown (and at Alyeska), we will see national news stories and subsequent marijuana tourism. 2 - There is a vibrant, strong and growing arts community that has yet to fully monetize their skills. 3 - The local brewing scene is strong and growing. 4 - Mixed income residential development downtown will go a LONG way towards cultivating our unique culture, hopefully making Anchorage even more of a hot-spot or must-visit destination.	2/7/2017 4:13 PM
502	Tourism, our airport - our location makes for a strategic hub, JBER, again our strategic location.	2/7/2017 4:11 PM
503	We are a growing city and state, outside money helps but if we want our own citizens to spend money locally we need some outlets.	2/7/2017 4:10 PM
504	unique geography, landscape, terrain, a lot of square footage (not in Anchorage proper, but outside the city a little).	2/7/2017 4:06 PM
505	Innovation. Leveraging assets like airport, geography.	2/7/2017 4:00 PM
506	The film industry, eco-tourism, grocery store and pharmacy in downtown (old tourists always forget their meds!, make downtown a walkable, livable, lively city center that doesn't die after the tourist season.	2/7/2017 3:59 PM
507	developing more infrastructure to lure more tourists - keep making anchorage more attractive	2/7/2017 3:55 PM
508	Trail Based Recreation - Adventure Travel	2/7/2017 3:54 PM
509	Re-investment in community, development of liveable communities	2/7/2017 3:54 PM
510	Its a given that we will need to have a sales tax soon. Just do it to balance the budget and get on with it. Bring back tax credits for film industry as that helps get the image of alaska out to the tourists. See question #2	2/7/2017 3:54 PM
511	Turnover in housing market, historic preservation, downtown redevelopment, Anchorage Land Use Plan Map adoption, make our schools better by supporting at-risk kids with proper food, learning, and training options. Outside investments including from Asia if we could understand the culture of Asian business. Many empty parking lots in downtown!	2/7/2017 3:47 PM
512	tourism	2/7/2017 3:47 PM

513	State budget sustainability (balance state spending with revenues, including some use of the PFD), stable oil/gas tax policy at state level, reduced regulatory environment	2/7/2017 3:47 PM
514	Tapping into more of our natural resources. Lowering healthcare costs so people don't feel trapped in their jobs and can be more entrepreneurial with their own ideas.	2/7/2017 3:46 PM
515	Focus on small business opportunities, possible manufacturing.	2/7/2017 3:42 PM
516	I am honestly not sure where I see significant upside.	2/7/2017 3:41 PM
517	Outside investment, military	2/7/2017 3:38 PM
518	Tourism, unique local businesses such as breweries.	2/7/2017 3:31 PM
519	Developing tech research center to spawn Internet startups. We need a strong post Education sector as partner.	2/7/2017 3:24 PM
520	Tourism World Location ( travel ) Expansive of Tech jobs Bringing new industries to Anchorage	2/7/2017 3:22 PM
521	We need to figure something out with our health costs and perhaps charge a sales tax to tourists. They are typically used to paying one anyway.	2/7/2017 3:18 PM
522	Increased international trade; expanding port of anchorage; recycling; public transportation	2/7/2017 3:01 PM
523	Lighten taxation of oil companies, make it easier to film movies here, initiate an ad campaign with model similar to Michigan	2/7/2017 2:55 PM
524	Start-ups and new businesses catering to younger crowds.	2/7/2017 2:54 PM
525	expand small business that is not resource based	2/7/2017 2:50 PM
526	Hotel management.	2/7/2017 2:42 PM
527	Hospitality and tourism	2/7/2017 2:41 PM
528	Entrepreneurial development of services that will "scale" and of high margin/low weight/low volume products. Beautification and "connectedness" projects (parks, trails, University access, entertainment venues) to improve Anchorage's ability to attract new residents. Expand "winter community" initiatives to get residents out of homes and into activities (rebuild The Dome as quickly as possible, increase number of "open-space" winter venues - possibly retool large warehouses to be able to "Get In and Play").	2/7/2017 2:35 PM
529	Building more interdependence with the Mat-Su Borough. Build the darn bridge already. :-)	2/7/2017 2:34 PM
530	New politicians. .	2/7/2017 2:29 PM
531	entice more big box stores to open here	2/7/2017 2:27 PM
532	Alternative energy -- wind energy, solar. Responsible development of the cannabis industry -- do not follow Seattle's model, which managed to kill downtown. Better real estate planning and investment. Tear down the awful eye sores downtown and midtown and make a modern city... build UP, like they do in Europe. We have the ability to be "quaint" and not a series of 70/80s strip malls.	2/7/2017 2:22 PM
533	more value added jobs, new jobs, secondary education	2/7/2017 2:18 PM
534	Further diversification of our business sectors. Growth at the airport (cargo). Growth of the health care market.	2/7/2017 2:13 PM
535	Increased entrepreneurship as people lose jobs in the oil/gas industry. Capitalize on Trump's presidency - infrastructure projects. Building of the Knik Arm Bridge.	2/7/2017 2:13 PM
536	Healthcare opportunities. Not much outside of that	2/7/2017 2:12 PM
537	Medical industry growth	2/7/2017 2:10 PM
538	Developing a community that talented, highly educated and motivated people find attractive enough to put down roots in. The opportunity that a recession has is people stop being OK with status quo and start innovating; the trick is to capitalize on this before it's too late. With proper urban development, Anchorage can offer the best of both worlds to younger generations; urban amenities and access to nature and adventure. Companies invest in communities with talent. Attract the right people and the opportunities will follow.	2/7/2017 2:04 PM
539	N/A	2/7/2017 1:57 PM
540	Tourism needs to continue to grow. Retail is maintaining but our population can only support so many retail operations and big box stores have made it hard for small businesses to thrive, unless they have a niche market. Would like to see if we could attract companies to create manufacturing plants here to create jobs and diversify what we do in Alaska, we are more than fish, oil and minerals.	2/7/2017 1:37 PM

541	treat businesses with respect and open the doors to more business get rid of elected officials who stand in the way let the world know that we are open for business	2/7/2017 1:08 PM
542	attracting industry (product-based)	2/7/2017 1:00 PM
543	The Port of Anchorage, diversified professional services with Alaska Native Corporations providing services to the federal government via employees in Alaska, military base construction.	2/7/2017 1:00 PM
544	This is a tough one. I would not be opposed to a sales tax but some sort of a progressive tax seems more equitable.	2/7/2017 12:47 PM
545	Healthcare, tourism	2/7/2017 12:30 PM
546	Diversification away from oil.	2/7/2017 11:59 AM
547	Technology, manufacturing and healthcare.	2/7/2017 11:35 AM
548	Many people are not working that could, an education system that could easily improve without union input, making the chances of succeeding in business possible with less government involvement	2/7/2017 6:50 AM
549	Strong leadership, corporate responsibility, stronger focus on education and homelessness.	2/7/2017 4:57 AM
550	Attract more US and international businesses/corporations. Offer more opportunity for local/small business to start and thrive. Ease building restrictions for homes in Anchorage.	2/6/2017 5:07 PM
551	A vibrant downtown.	2/6/2017 5:01 PM
552	If we make changes now, we may be able to make Anchorage a more attractive place for people to live and move.	2/6/2017 4:02 PM
553	potentially high oil prices.	2/6/2017 3:33 PM
554	- Continue to capitalize on tourists look at additional taxes aimed at targeting them - Opportunity to revitalize downtown - Don't have sales tax	2/6/2017 3:15 PM
555	Building on existing businesses. We have a great base of local businesses that can serve the local population if they don't have to compete so much with chain stores and restaurants. Marketing Anchorage as more than an Alaskan city, but also a hub of interesting and unique experience and shopping opportunities would create a more appealing picture of what is available here.	2/6/2017 2:59 PM
556	Tourism Manufacturing Developing a resource center	2/6/2017 2:42 PM
557	Not sure at this time. Maybe we should look at other cities that had growth and see what they did and if would work for us.	2/6/2017 2:25 PM
558	public transport, expanded housing, working on getting the cost of living down, attracting out of state businesses.	2/6/2017 2:22 PM
559	weed,	2/6/2017 2:06 PM
560	Renewable energy, high oil prices, more military spending	2/6/2017 1:46 PM
561	expansion of industries not oil - agriculture, entrepreneurship etc.	2/6/2017 1:28 PM
562	once the state's issues get resolved - encourage investment and growth	2/6/2017 1:16 PM
563	Youth, vibrant arts scene	2/6/2017 11:10 AM
564	Diversification, offering incentives for new businesses.	2/6/2017 10:27 AM
565	As stated. Make it safer. Remove permitting obstacles so the affordable multi dwelling housing can be built. Reduce government costs and provide incentives for businesses to be based out of anchorage	2/6/2017 9:46 AM
566	we have too many empty places - Cross Bar, Lone Star, etc. let's fill these places with LOCAL flavor - why are they vacant?	2/5/2017 11:54 AM
567	Growing our youth so that they stay after high school and college.	2/5/2017 9:33 AM
568	Innovation Restructuring permitting process to incentives development	2/5/2017 8:51 AM
569	Outdoor sports enthusiasts business opportunities	2/4/2017 11:27 PM
570	Promotion of local foods (from farmer's markets) and local businesses/vendors	2/4/2017 10:35 PM
571	Develop the Port of Anchorage; develop Anchorage as a significant Alaska tourist destination, not just a stepping point to other locations in Alaska; "airway to the world for freight and travel".	2/4/2017 12:02 PM
572	Alaska's business center. Port. Railroad. Ted Stevens International Airport. The Alaska mystique.	2/3/2017 6:02 PM
573	technology, aviation	2/3/2017 5:06 PM

574	Make Anchorage a pretty city, keep it clean, use resources such as; schools, churches, detainees and others to keep the city clean, more clean-up days. People will have pride and will want to keep it clean and will attract population who want to live here. It's already pretty with the inlet and mountains. We have to do something about the panhandlers.	2/3/2017 4:07 PM
575	Don't know.	2/3/2017 1:47 PM
576	more tourism, increase parks/trails/multimodal transportation opportunities, highlight diversity	2/3/2017 10:51 AM
577	eco tourism, solar, geo thermal power, wind power	2/3/2017 10:50 AM
578	Diversification, and "selling" our geographic location. .	2/3/2017 10:19 AM
579	Developing small, walkable, business districts in places like Mountain View, Fairview, or downtown. Capitalizing on trails and connections to public land as strengthening quality of life.	2/3/2017 9:40 AM
580	Professional services - especially related to remote location New/continued development of oil/gas opportunities (Western N Slope, ANWR) Use of Perm Fund to invest in state businesses	2/3/2017 8:07 AM
581	1. Looking to more renewable energy options, 2. Improvement to the road system instead of looking to building the bridge to Point MacKenzie, look to adding some type of frontage road or alt road along the Glenn Highway. This may mean working with the military bases on the Western side of the Glenn. Both of these things would create jobs.	2/3/2017 8:01 AM
582	Local resources, human, natural, and geographical, should be developed to provide a foothold for manufacturing.	2/2/2017 8:53 PM
583	Banking and financial services. Continue to support tourism growth.	2/2/2017 8:18 PM
584	To organize a plan that would encourage creation and sustaining a network of local business owners. I believe that there are businesses that the Muni has for a long time been a big stumbling block to start. Small local manufacturing that support local tourism. For example on Hawaii there is a company that manufactures the soaps, shampoos, etc. used in the local hotels is one small example of opportunities that exist here.	2/2/2017 2:21 PM
585	Build infrastructure to attract new families and businesses	2/2/2017 1:08 PM
586	Expanded tourism role and government, energy generation and sustainability initiatives for agriculture and manufacturing	2/2/2017 12:47 PM
587	Open up more businesses.	2/2/2017 12:12 PM
588	Tourism and fishing both are underutilized and have the potential to create long-term economic growth, without exploiting our natural resources.	2/2/2017 11:22 AM
589	Population diversity = increased opportunity to meet the culturally specific needs/desires for residents	2/2/2017 11:21 AM
590	Arctic research/support, expanded tourism (Anchorage as a destination), technology, addressing the chronic homeless problem in a meaningful way to reduce the strain on government services.	2/2/2017 11:08 AM
591	Live, Work, Play is great program for prioritizing the livability factors. Make Anchorage a place where the talented workforce can call home. Anchorage benefits when major projects move forward state-wide. Encourage responsible resource extraction projects and infrastructure development/improvement projects throughout the state. Compete with Fairbanks to make Anchorage the center of Arctic regional policy and technology.	2/2/2017 9:59 AM
592	Room for development. Young entrepreneurs.	2/2/2017 9:01 AM
593	To diversify Anchorage's economy-looking at different revenue streams that aren't reliant on federal funding	2/2/2017 8:35 AM
594	-High speed internet, low cost utilities, etc. would allow workers to live in Anchorage and work "anywhere". -bring back community schools! Anchorage has a plethora of "heated" schools that go unused at night. Given the lack of sports facilities, it seems like bring back community schools could allow citizens more opportunities to play, exercise, etc. in the cold and dark winter. This availability might be one solution to the rising crime problem. I believe if we could provide a safe environment for more positive activities such as sports, we could reduce the amount of criminals on the street.	2/1/2017 3:39 PM
595	Balance the budget. No one will move to or invest in Anchorage with all the current uncertainty.	2/1/2017 2:29 PM
596	Take advantage of the World class air cargo hub. For example, Amazon should look to Anchorage as a distribution Center.	2/1/2017 2:10 PM
597	Increasing small and middle sized local businesses, improving and capitalizing on sustainable resources within our state and fostering creativity in how we approach issues, developing a waterfront and/or making our downtown more oriented towards the ocean.	2/1/2017 1:14 AM
598	Move away from the dependence on oil revenue immediately. Implement a sales tax.	1/31/2017 9:24 AM
599	Grow universities, encourage corporations to locate here. low taxes	1/30/2017 12:41 PM



600	housing, tourism,	1/30/2017 10:58 AM
601	Closing the budget gap is going to hurt, no matter how it is approached. The opportunity for Anchorage is to help influence how and when the gap is closed. Closing the gap should not focus on any single strategy, but rather a mix of new revenues, strategic use of a reasonable portion of Permanent Fund earnings, and, where appropriate, some additional spending cuts/efficiencies (although that cow's been milked just about dry). Also, nonprofits are notoriously efficient.	1/30/2017 9:19 AM
602	Technology based industry. With fibre-optic communications, these industries can be located anywhere in the world. Cooler weather and large military presence (to provide pre-trained employees) are both attractive traits for this industry.	1/30/2017 9:02 AM
603	Support for small business owners and well-educated/skilled refugees/immigrants who tend to be underemployed or in jobs well below their skill level.	1/28/2017 10:46 AM
604	Sharp young people who are not quite yet ready to jump ship owing to significant inherent weaknesses in our economy. Tilting windmills in the hills and on the trails, the benefits that are almost not worth staying any longer.	1/27/2017 10:29 PM
605	alternate energy, technology	1/27/2017 4:36 PM
606	Industry, with int'l cargo airport across the arm being the launch trigger.	1/27/2017 4:18 PM
607	Fisheries, tourism, opportunities to improve healthcare (including APU/ANTHC project), unmet demand for new restaurants/stores/etc., developing responses to climate change, sustainable energy projects, expansion/support for local agriculture	1/27/2017 1:18 PM
608	Preserve historic buildings and trails; emphasize and play up the great diversity in our town and not let it become just another strip-mall driven town with no creativity and sense of place.	1/27/2017 12:56 PM
609	Road and trail improvements and transitioning to sustainable energy	1/27/2017 7:43 AM
610	Potential for new light industry, expanding cargo/ shipping connections with Pacific rim countries, improved access to natural resources (clean coal, geo-thermal power) to promote a wide range of commercial activities.	1/26/2017 9:50 PM
611	New urbanization, decreasing the amount of vacant/parking lots and installing gardens to cut down on the amount of imported goods needed to sustain the community.	1/26/2017 8:23 PM
612	Community based renewable energy projects	1/26/2017 2:23 PM
613	Taking the lead in promoting new tech companies, and alternative energy development and tourism. Also, we a sales tax, both state and local to spread the costs of government all residents and tourists, and those employed here who reside elsewhere. Reduce property taxes.	1/25/2017 8:27 PM
614	Increased marketing & business strategy	1/25/2017 7:40 PM
615	Unsure. With low oil prices and an unwillingness to levy sales or income taxes, I do not see a way to make Anchorage attractive to business.	1/25/2017 7:32 PM
616	I believe that we have a great opportunity to do some construction projects to support active transportation. Biking walking and other forms of active transportation are in demand. Let's build it!!!!	1/25/2017 7:22 PM
617	Diversification of revenue to fund municipal services and infrastructure projects. Harnessing lower cost energy through either clean-burning coal technology or increased natural gas supply.	1/25/2017 9:36 AM
618	Lots of opportunities to start your own business and community support of local businesses.	1/24/2017 8:08 PM
619	Tourism. When we are traveling and people we meet hear we are from Anchorage, the response is generally I want to go there (sometimes again).	1/24/2017 7:14 PM
620	Walkable, dense communities to attract economic development in housing, retail, restaurants, and entertainment	1/24/2017 6:04 PM
621	Considering higher density housing with public transportation options that allow people to have affordable housing and transportation to their jobs (development of those provides jobs as well). Alternative energy.	1/24/2017 4:21 PM
622	anything that would take advantage of our airport, more tourism	1/24/2017 3:04 PM
623	Investments in Alaska - small businesses, aquaculture ,agriculture Putting people of Alaska, of Anchorage to work. We have land - lets use it for the better good.	1/24/2017 2:40 PM
624	There is a lack of architectural appeal and sense of place in our neighborhoods, which results in a loss of sense of place. If we improve our Arts and Culture programs we could see neighborhoods develop in a manner that would attract and keep professionals, new businesses, etc. We also have an opportunity to capitalize on our successful tourism market if we initiated a sales tax.	1/24/2017 1:42 PM
625	tourism, recreational opportunities	1/24/2017 12:03 PM

626	Energy generation particularly geothermal and harnessing that amazing tidal power. As odd as it sound I think the legalization of cannabis along with the growing specialist brewery trade creates good way to extend tourist opportunities. Along with the spectacular outdoor activities all that's really missing is a decent music scene but that might come with time with this new focus on younger tourism. I really can't see anywhere for Anchorage to expand without the Pt Mckenzie bridge, unless the military is forced to let go of the the ridiculous amount of land they own, now directly adjacent to the city. Hillside has very limited appeal and accessible to only a few. Building upwards where codes allow, is just asking for trouble when the next big earthquake hits. The only major developmental resource for expansion is over that bridge and it would do wonders for the construction industry. A Winter Olympics would be great, but impossible with the current infra-structure.	1/24/2017 8:25 AM
627	Improve education, improve training so young people can get jobs after high school and so people stay in Alaska or return to Alaska after college	1/23/2017 10:15 PM
628	Eco tourism	1/23/2017 9:35 PM
629	LNG Gas line, new drilling for oil, increase tourism and taxes, fishing industry, health care industry, services, continuing education for all Alaskans.	1/23/2017 8:39 PM
630	We need to maintain a focus on quality of life in order to continue to attract and retain employees and residents. That includes good schools, good infrastructure, improved pedestrian and mass transit facilities and affordable housing	1/23/2017 2:43 PM
631	As a hub for resource and tourism development around the state.	1/23/2017 2:31 PM
632	Support for small businesses, tourism, and a more diverse energy portfolio.	1/23/2017 1:40 PM
633	Anchorage is a unique city that should leverage its culture, opportunities, and quality of life to attract professionals from more diverse industries, particularly smaller companies and freelance professionals.	1/23/2017 11:32 AM
634	none, the 1% have control of all the money and don't make it possible for a little man to make it. example charr. it is ran by people not from here who use their money to control the liquor in this state.	1/23/2017 9:47 AM
635	Tourism, beauty of setting, nearness to parks	1/23/2017 6:24 AM
636	Resource development and the development of NEW resources.	1/23/2017 5:48 AM
637	Technology (mobile engagement and cloud), tourism (including fixing the anchorage port and creating a visitor market place with shops, restaurants, activities), mining, residential and commercial property flipping, local farming for meat and produce, and the following community events including fund raisers, support groups, healthy activities, greenhouse gardens (for year around gardening sponsored by Alaska Grown. People could pay monthly membership to grow and pick their own fruits and veggies) all done in different communities within anchorage - get to know your neighbor type of events.	1/23/2017 12:04 AM
638	Renewable energy	1/22/2017 10:24 PM
639	Large indoor growing facilities for vegetables, poultry, medical grade marijuana. This would provide food to all Alaskans and make us less dependent on outside sources. The medical grade marijuana could become a great money maker for the State of Alaska and add funds to the permanent fund. Geothermal and wind energy would help subsidize the cost of getting oil and gas to local markets.	1/22/2017 10:19 PM
640	I believe we could grow more of our own vegetables and grow them without chemicals and GMO. tourism Having some kind of industry other than oil and healthcare. Fishing is very important - we have one of the cleanest, freshest unpolluted fish sources in the world! elder care/assisted living/coop housing	1/22/2017 9:12 PM
641	More GREAT restaurants -- recruit chefs and talent to add to the restaurant community	1/22/2017 7:55 PM
642	Tourism, events tat draws audience i.e Broadway plays, musicals, and concerts that are popular in the lower 48. Jobs development inviting new businesses to Anchorage create jobs. Continue to advocate via US senators for the military to remain on JBER.	1/21/2017 7:03 PM
643	Enforce sales tax. Clean up parts of town where people don't want to live. The biggest opportunity Anchorage has is to utilize their citizens. Most Alaskans are passionate about where we live and will work to help better the city (if asked).	1/21/2017 10:00 AM
644	Regardless of the weather we are an active community, more indoor multi-use sporting venues that also offer reasonably priced sporting goods shop. Anchorage lacks a good over all sporting goods store now that Sports Authority has left. Sport Specific footwear and equipment is difficult to find at Fred Meyer, Walmart, and Play it Again Sports.	1/20/2017 2:43 PM
645	Use the downturn to streamline governmental services through strategic cuts (trim fat) and diversify economy	1/20/2017 1:37 PM
646	Having a unified body of elected government leaders who work together to solve our local problems for all its citizens.	1/20/2017 9:01 AM
647	Tourism	1/20/2017 8:01 AM

648	tourism. Events that draws audiences i.e Broadway plays, musicals, and concerts that are popular in the lower 48. Job development inviting new businesses to Anchorage creating jobs. Continue to adovcate via US senators for the military to remain on JBER.	1/19/2017 10:47 PM
649	More local-made food/products for local consumption. Intellectual property development and specialized manufacturing. Mobile work force. Mixed use development. Deflation in construction, housing and health care costs.	1/19/2017 8:32 PM
650	Fantastic place to live.	1/19/2017 6:16 PM
651	Natural Resources, Aviation, Tourism, Services, Medical, cold weather technologies.	1/19/2017 4:32 PM
652	Continue to grow tourism, support of efforts to link trails for easy transit, investing in schools so our next generation thrives and wants to stay here.	1/18/2017 4:51 PM
653	We need to be the home of the next "Apple". Leverage Anchorage's strengths - a great place to live & play. Global Warehouse for Amazon like distribution - we can redeploy quickly with air to most any destination.	1/18/2017 1:20 PM
654	-- Sales tax with cap -- Integrated renewable energy -- Data center operations -- Recycling and reusing/remanufacturing in-state -- Produce and export fresh water	1/18/2017 1:07 PM
655	tourism, sustainable developement, local gardens	1/18/2017 11:37 AM
656	Resources and tourism. Our strategic location may be our biggest asset. And we have the Pemanent Fund.	1/17/2017 5:40 PM
657	build on the university presence small business growth	1/17/2017 4:37 PM
658	State officials, Governor and Legislators, and MOA officials, Mayor and Assembly, making tough decisions to stop the drama and arrive at fiscal solutions.	1/17/2017 3:29 PM
659	Expanding shipping hub/port and tourism (including a burgeoning marijuana tourism)	1/17/2017 2:28 PM
660	Tourism is excellent opportunity as well as looking for more opportunities for the Anchorage airport	1/17/2017 1:03 PM
661	not sure.	1/17/2017 11:46 AM
662	Marijuana Industry	1/16/2017 11:49 PM
663	Further expansion of outdoor recreational opportunities within city limits and in neighboring cities. Improving infrastructure which seems to be currently an on going process. Embracing renewable energy and getting buy in from major energy companies who are already here. Ongoing educational oppurtunities in the different trades and sciences will assist individuals in getting a high wage career in Anchorage or statewide.	1/16/2017 9:44 PM
664	opportunity to innovate and develop small scale renewable energy systems for export to third world and remote communities, improving the university to become a leader in climate change science and adaptation, more polished and professional tourism marketing and opportunities, instituting income and sales taxes	1/16/2017 6:05 PM
665	Mental health support. Sales tax will be good for Anchorage but there should be a way for rural folks to be exempt. But it would be hard to patrol. It shouldn't be on essential foods. If we could ever get our internet working, I would think that Anchorage (and possibly even rural Alaska) could take better advantage of internet possibilities. Renewable energy throughout Alaska.	1/16/2017 6:04 PM
666	Time zone, quality of life, and location. It's naturally cold up here, even relatively in summer compared to the Lower 48, which would make a great selling point for server farms. Providing services to surrounding communities, especially finding some way to provide cheap and quick transit options to the Matsu and Kenai/Soldotna areas, would help grow the economies in those areas while also growing it here. The time zone should allow Anchorage to leverage some connection to Asia and all parts of the lower 48, particularly markets. A phenomenal opportunity are our immigrants, many of whom have technical skills that cannot be unlocked because of licensing and degree recognition. Leverage the opening of the Arctic from climate change to Russia's increased aggression and the importance of the Asia-Pacific to US policy and Anchorage could easily boom again from where its at as Alaska's number one city.	1/16/2017 12:57 PM
667	Bring back manufacturing that has been taken overseas. Build that infrastructure to entice the right developers. Train to those needs to prove that Anchorage will have an available, changeable, and sustainable work force that meets the needs of new industries. A postive can-do attitude and the willingness to do what it takes to seek opportunities, creatively solve problems, and resolve obstructive conflicts with positive determination. Find the good and share the wealth.	1/16/2017 10:08 AM
668	More community involvement	1/16/2017 9:04 AM
669	Health care, government employment and contracts, management of state and federal lands, transportation hub for Asia cargo.	1/16/2017 9:01 AM
670	Entrepreneurs, tourism,	1/16/2017 6:16 AM

671	Strengthen the Universities. Bring in some Silicon Valley type companies - they value quality of life and are low impact.	1/15/2017 10:45 PM
672	Improve education!!!	1/15/2017 10:19 PM
673	Tourism, expansion of the port, marijuana sales, gas pipeline, using tax-exempt bonds to finance projects	1/15/2017 10:14 PM
674	Tourism, marijuana related taxes	1/15/2017 8:15 PM
675	Anchorage has the potential to increase its appeal to young professionals which could prevent "brain drain" allowing us to lead Alaska's economy.	1/15/2017 9:59 AM
676	Stable taxes. Smaller government and right to work status	1/15/2017 12:59 AM
677	Oil,gas, infrastructure (roads), transportation,tourism	1/14/2017 9:51 PM
678	Small business start ups and entrepreneurs	1/14/2017 8:29 PM
679	Bringing anchorage and the valley closer together.	1/14/2017 5:27 PM
680	Alternative energy, winter tourism	1/14/2017 5:23 PM
681	Tourism, eco-business, out-of-the-box mixed-development in the downtown core, and opportunities to realize innovative developments such as those laid out in "Walkable City". The Knik Arm Bridge should be constructed with light rail between downtown Anchorage and the Parks Highway.	1/14/2017 5:00 PM
682	Until Alaska gets out of its recession don't see much opportunity the next 2-3 years	1/14/2017 4:55 PM
683	Working to keep wildlife and wilderness areas free for visitors and wildlife to be safe. And developing education/jobs further	1/14/2017 4:53 PM
684	More of a creative economy. It's small still so there's lots of room for growth and development. Just need more creative and interesting ideas.	1/14/2017 3:52 PM
685	Investment in creating a stronger, better prepared workforce, public education that includes options for apprenticeships and other types career training; not a single goal of getting students ready for college but preparing them to join the workforce	1/14/2017 2:26 PM
686	Drill for oil, and every one pays their share of taxes	1/14/2017 10:17 AM
687	That, unfortunately, seems very murky at the moment with a lack of stability and growth in the oil industry.	1/14/2017 9:54 AM
688	Don't see much opportunity until we remove current liberal mayor and assembly members	1/14/2017 6:09 AM
689	Anything that preserves the wilderness and gives people opportunities to experience it.	1/14/2017 6:07 AM
690	Bring new value-added businesses to town through education and incentives, and provide the same to businesses already here.	1/14/2017 2:02 AM
691	Lower gas prices! Affordable housing for low income families, tourism, equal contract work for the municipality, should be evaluated, road kill moose distributed by meat market to food, city tax to pay for deficits, Hire local contractors, 2 DMV's in Anchorage close other locations, safe trails,	1/13/2017 10:37 PM
692	Keep more tourist dollars in our community rather than anchorage being just a transportation hub	1/13/2017 10:04 PM
693	Time to decide what truly works with the money we spend and what hasn't produced the outcomes we need. The downward economy provides us the opportunity to review what works and what doesn't and also what we need to plan or invest in so our community is better prepared in the future.	1/13/2017 8:43 PM
694	Looking for new industries that can support well paid jobs that do not need to be physically near the L48.	1/13/2017 8:37 PM
695	Beats me.	1/13/2017 8:21 PM
696	Continued Medicaid expansion	1/13/2017 7:56 PM
697	Focus even more on making trails safe, investing in salmon and wildlife watching opportunities, great schools, the arts, and other things that will make tourists stay in town longer	1/13/2017 7:52 PM
698	It should be easier for people to open buisnesses, from what I hear the municipality doesn't make it easy.	1/13/2017 7:43 PM
699	curbing the PFD may deter short term money seekers hire those (qualified for any open position) who live in the state beautifying the city, investing in cleaning streets, neighborhoods, roadways. side walks. a desirable place to visit and live build up the university system	1/13/2017 7:26 PM

700	Make Ship Creek area into a tourist destination with nice fishing platforms, boutique shops, hotels, an outdoor concert venue, and restaurants. Make Anchorage a more of a destination, not just a place to overnight on the way to Denali. More support of small businesses such as assistance with starting up a small business. Market the opportunities for hiking/biking/skiing/rock climbing in and near Anchorage more to adventure seeking tourists. Make Chugach Park trail heads more accessible.	1/13/2017 6:50 PM
701	To expand revenues beyond resource extraction and government.	1/13/2017 6:31 PM
702	University of Alaska Anchorage and MOA School District turning out workers with relevant, high quality educations.	1/13/2017 5:54 PM
703	Tourism is huge. We need to attract more tourist and other business to our community. Aviation freight ops	1/13/2017 5:52 PM
704	Education - invest in it and create jobs. Not administrative jobs, but teachers and such. High-tech industry. We have tons of engineers and people in Alaska are conditioned to like "STEM" programs. Shipping - we are located in a GREAT place for global shipping & we have very low tax rates. Information technology is the way of the future. Renewable energy projects. We have so much potential for hydro electric and wind (my god it is windy) and Other cities have had success with strategic tax incentives for certain types of businesses that build in specific areas. We could use the recently legalized marijuana for pot tourism, but that won't last as Canada is poised to legalize nationwide as well.	1/13/2017 5:38 PM
705	New approaches. One thing about Alaska is it's youth. It's a place where people are constantly developing new ideas and implementing them without being held back by old systems or conventional ideas.	1/13/2017 5:04 PM
706	I would like to see Anchorage entrepreneurs focus on creating solutions to our state's isolation. For example, I would love to see a local solution for recycling rather than merely a collection and shipment of recycled goods. Another great example is the recent development of cold weather solutions for our food supply such as hydroponics and community supported agriculture. If we could apply the same level of ingenuity and opportunity in more economic sectors, I believe we could create an economy that is less susceptible to oil market performance and that answers the immediate needs and challenges of living here.	1/13/2017 5:01 PM
707	To improve public resources	1/13/2017 4:29 PM
708	Unsure	1/13/2017 4:22 PM
709	Marijuana, tourism, hospitality, small businesses.	1/13/2017 4:16 PM
710	Weed and less restriction on its sales.	1/13/2017 3:55 PM
711	Hemp. Sustainable, can replace many things from plastic to paper to clothes, name it.	1/13/2017 3:50 PM
712	The possibility of expanding in areas like tourism and tech.	1/13/2017 3:35 PM
713	Building and maintaining walking neighborhoods. Increasing winter maintenance to existing sidewalks.	1/13/2017 2:28 PM
714	Global air transport hub, opening of Arctic Shipping,	1/13/2017 12:13 PM
715	recycling and other sustainable fuels - i.e. burning methane gas from the dump	1/13/2017 8:55 AM
716	Tourism, legalization of marijuana, expansion into Chugiak for residential and commercial businesses.	1/13/2017 8:19 AM
717	Generally folks live here because they love being here. They want good jobs and opportunities. They also want to keep the natural beauty, clean air and water, and open spaces. Finding industries that work with our environment, natural sources of power, innovations in food production and health products could be expanded. Much food and resources such as packaging are still wasted, although work is being done in these areas. It is the low-hanging fruit on cutting costs and making things more sustainable.	1/12/2017 11:54 PM
718	Tourism. Education.	1/12/2017 10:31 PM
719	Young educated people with drive and energy	1/12/2017 9:55 PM
720	Attract a corporation to anchorage	1/12/2017 9:01 PM
721	Outdoor recreation	1/12/2017 8:34 PM
722	Tourists	1/12/2017 7:32 PM
723	Continue focus on enhanced quality of life to attract high skill/education individuals (i.e. continue/expand Live Work Play).	1/12/2017 2:28 PM
724	Growth in different industries including tourism, local growth/farming, can we get a manufacturing plant here? That would offer a good stable job for many Alaskan's who don't have the benefit or desire to relocate to another state.	1/12/2017 12:15 PM
725	Technology innovation by entrepreneurs to create new businesses serving national and international customers. Locating technology corporations to move some of their business to Anchorage.	1/12/2017 12:14 PM

726	Tourism. sports activities and competitions, national and international. MEDical careers at UAA and the local hospitals, which if they aren't already, could be teaching hospitals. Manufacturing of new energy generation machines - wind turbines, tidal turbines, solar panels..... Manufacturing custom fishing boats, fishing nets, and other types of heavy manufacturing would help provide good skilled labor jobs.	1/12/2017 10:25 AM
727	Promoting a city that can honestly welcome all ethnicities and minorities, and bringing new business, like marijuana and ride sharing to Anchorage.	1/12/2017 10:07 AM
728	1). Technology and innovation in the industry that supports resource extraction (i.e. cold-weather extraction techniques that have been developed in Alaska have been utilized around the world to make more money. 2). Computer/Internet Technology is obviously a potential field for growth, but we seem to be weak here. Our government (and maybe corporate too?) leadership is so stuck in the past and does not grasp that we need to be ahead of the curve on technology. There are great opportunities if we develop a more tech-savvy workforce. As it is, our greatest minds in this field go to San Francisco, Seattle, etc. in search of opportunities.	1/12/2017 9:23 AM
729	Abolishing the property tax and adopting a sales tax.	1/11/2017 10:58 PM
730	We are resilient.	1/11/2017 9:40 PM
731	Marijuana, lower property taxesy	1/11/2017 8:31 PM
732	I always thought of Anchorage could be a software center with the technology as it is today. Including help desks, consulting, etc.	1/11/2017 7:39 PM
733	Growth in Travel and recreation industries.	1/11/2017 7:31 PM
734	Global positioning - ice free port	1/11/2017 7:21 PM
735	The people of the Anchorage bowl seem to be generally close-knitted and interested in what goes on in Anchorage. In particular, the recent article in the ADN about the uniqueness of Anchorage in that the economic classes are remarkably level compared to the rest of the nation (i.e., income stratas, no billionaires, etc.). I think the mixed racial and immigrant nature of the city is a key to this.	1/11/2017 5:52 PM
736	Tourism, renewal energy, education.	1/11/2017 5:24 PM
737	entrepreneurs from all sectors, short term education travel as a partnership between the university and tourism industry, global logistics based on key polar location, service industries with US call centers based on ability to work during the day but hit evening time zones in Lower 48, knowledge based industries that want a cool place for HQ; gateway community to the opening of the arctic	1/11/2017 4:53 PM
738	Recreation and tourism. Enterprenuership if we can get those health care costs down.	1/11/2017 4:34 PM
739	Undeveloped market with growing tourism and airport business.	1/11/2017 4:25 PM
740	Invest in quality of life projects like maintenance of the Coastal Trail and the other trails and parks in Anchorage. Invest in a better educational system, including full funding for UAA rather than wasting money on mega-projects like the bridge across the inlet, a road which terminates a bit closer to Juneau than the current ferry system provides, etc. Ensure homeowners and companies operating in Anchorage pay reasonable taxes rather than remaining fixated on cutting taxes.	1/11/2017 4:19 PM
741	Mixed use development in downtown anchorage. More density downtown rather than surface parking.	1/11/2017 4:16 PM
742	Continue to vie for state and local business and businesses here. Make sure getting fair share of outside visitor, worker, and business dollars when it comes to state. Bring more businesses here that act statewide, manufacturing an idea.	1/11/2017 4:04 PM
743	Use the skills and talents developed living and working in an arctic state.	1/11/2017 3:56 PM
744	somehow generate a tech industry, but admittedly would be difficult or near impossible.	1/11/2017 3:49 PM
745	Having a vision for our city that includes responsible building and expansion with a real eye on preserving our gateway to the wilderness. Supporting small business. Creating a Gateway to the Wilderness by exploiting on our beautiful views, preserving green space, attractive buildings. Creating some high density living within the city that includes green space and shared space.	1/11/2017 3:21 PM
746	Find new ways to do things.	1/11/2017 3:17 PM
747	showcase our diversity and incredible access to the natural environment we art art poor and could use some revolutionary/edgy urban art and building designs	1/11/2017 3:04 PM
748	Recreation, tourism, marijuana sales	1/11/2017 3:02 PM
749	Tourism and supporting small business.	1/11/2017 2:41 PM

750	Rebounding oil prices, as usual.	1/11/2017 2:11 PM
751	A stable, sustainable oil tax policy. Doesn't matter what else Anchorage tries to do to boost its economy - the oil industry is by far the largest economic driver in Alaska and all other industries or opportunities combined cannot match what the oil industry puts into our economy.	1/11/2017 1:53 PM
752	More technology related business, that work in better collaboration with the university.	1/11/2017 1:23 PM
753	We should have diversified long ago. Ecotourism, clean energy, etc	1/11/2017 1:13 PM
754	Tourism.	1/11/2017 1:02 PM
755	Promote businesses like software / high tech that can operate at a distance and aren't affected significantly by Alaska's distance from the lower 48.	1/11/2017 11:43 AM
756	increased education spending, more transparency with how money is utilized by the local government	1/11/2017 11:24 AM
757	NONE	1/11/2017 11:08 AM
758	Alternative energy Tourism Better infrastructure and transit between ANC and the Valley	1/11/2017 10:40 AM
759	Arts and culture, tourism, especially eco-tourism (not more cruise ships), green energy (especially wind), high-school training programs to encourage young people to enter practical careers (health/medical, process tech, transportation, law, etc.)	1/11/2017 10:32 AM
760	Innovative small businesses. Local food producers. Strong tourism/visitor sector.	1/11/2017 10:28 AM
761	More shared economy opportunities so can ensure basic needs are met & folks can then think about improving overall economy.	1/11/2017 10:11 AM
762	New small business opportunities, completing the Port of Anchorage, ASD.	1/11/2017 9:57 AM
763	Alternative energy - such as wind, solar, or tidal. Creativity and innovation leading to developing ways to handle increased challenges due to climate change.	1/11/2017 9:56 AM
764	Consolidate government and non profit sectors. Build efficiency.	1/11/2017 9:09 AM
765	See items in 3 above.	1/11/2017 9:04 AM
766	Build the gas pipeline. Finish that port expansion! Find more revenue avenues for the AK Railroad. Make Anchorage more appealing to cruise ships.	1/11/2017 8:52 AM
767	Tourism, natural resources, health care	1/11/2017 8:42 AM
768	resource extraction	1/11/2017 8:29 AM
769	I am not in the business sector, so I don't know....	1/11/2017 8:17 AM
770	Tourism,	1/11/2017 8:16 AM
771	More tourism year round, non-profits merging services to avoid duplication and build stronger support for pockets of services.	1/11/2017 8:13 AM
772	To make and distribute food and manufactures that originate in Alaska, both in-state and export to Outside and abroad.	1/11/2017 7:59 AM
773	more influx of money from outside through encouraging manufacturing and exports.	1/11/2017 7:54 AM
774	There are many opportunities for Anchorage but we have been so dependent on oil for so long we have lost our creativity in thinking what that might be.	1/11/2017 7:21 AM
775	Keep the blue collar sector strong. When the middle class makes good money, it is spent in our local economy. Trying to always reduce common workers pay (city unions) will only bring the economy down more. Another opportunity would be marketing of our delicious local produce. And perhaps growing our local food sources in general, to include more local meat. Then more of the money everyone has to spend on food and groceries would stay local.	1/11/2017 6:28 AM
776	The potential to diversify, especially if we come up with a solid fiscal plan.	1/11/2017 5:22 AM
777	Responding to adversity of long transition away from petroleum economy-climate change..., opportunities related to a state fiscal plan, small business devt related to young diverse popn	1/11/2017 3:41 AM
778	Getting to know your consumers, aim for products that will sell. Reduce housing rates, and implement a tiny sells taxes & reduce property tax. Hopefully property owner will reduce rent, in which, the additional funds in consumers pocket will allow them spend more.	1/10/2017 11:58 PM

779	Continue pumping oil up north. Figure out a way to finish the port without bankrupting us(Make Bill Sheffield pay for some of it). Marijuana. Getting churches to start paying property taxes.	1/10/2017 11:15 PM
780	Tax plans that encourage in-state leverage and value-added products and services, with progressively higher tax levels for the less developed resources are when they leave.	1/10/2017 11:05 PM
781	Tourism and small business. We need to attract more people to UAA, need to work on more research funding. Build the bridge across the inlet. Maybe more freight can be moved through the airport? Expand the airport. More military troops on JBER.	1/10/2017 10:32 PM
782	? I see None right now.	1/10/2017 10:26 PM
783	Logistics hub for Asia, fishing, tourism, Native culture/arts.	1/10/2017 10:12 PM
784	Tourism; I've watched it develop over the 50 years I've lived here; it should be encouraged. Small businesses, including small manufacturing businesses. Clearly there's been a huge need for traveler services as Anchorage is the primary hub for accessing the rest of the state.	1/10/2017 9:06 PM
785	More companies related to tourism, tapping into rich resources. Using Anchorage as base camps. More technology bases companies Arts-theaters activities	1/10/2017 8:59 PM
786	Welcoming environment for all those that want to contribute to making the town better. Hiring the best regardless of their religion, sexual orientation and ethnicity.	1/10/2017 8:51 PM
787	Tourism would be more effective towards our economy if our crime rates would drop. Homeless people, sad to say, are an eyesore. Not very appealing for my relatives visiting.	1/10/2017 8:50 PM
788	Make this city attractive to people we want to attract. Walkable, coastal, extend the coastal trail, make this city a bicycle mecca winter and summer attract people who want to live healthy lifestyles. We don't need a Krispy Kreme or another McDonalds. Co housing with small retail, mixed use. We have open land, battery storage, cloud facilities.	1/10/2017 8:42 PM
789	Build on transportation hub. Encourage professional opportunities here that serve the entire state. What can we do to create jobs here that make us, our service, our product attractive to Asia that isn't natural gas, coal, oil or seafood? We need to think beyond our natural resources	1/10/2017 7:48 PM
790	alternative energy sources and education/studies that aid in development of such	1/10/2017 7:29 PM
791	Port expansion	1/10/2017 7:23 PM
792	Creating new revenue streams and people having skin in the game.	1/10/2017 7:22 PM
793	Tourism, Airport Services, Oil & Gas, Natural Resources.	1/10/2017 7:06 PM
794	Tourism, federal money	1/10/2017 6:57 PM
795	Port of Anchorage, opening Arctic Coastal Plain to safe and sensible exploration and drilling, and increased tourism.	1/10/2017 6:05 PM
796	Continue as we are and broaden income from other sources.	1/10/2017 5:56 PM
797	a stronger public transportation system and a safer environment for pedestrians and people riding bikes	1/10/2017 5:30 PM
798	Tourism	1/10/2017 5:29 PM
799	Promote entrepreneurship. Look at other ways to have sustainable energy. We all love the oil companies but we need alternate sources of energy too! Refuse should be BURNED like they do in other states. This would create jobs;from building the facility to staffing it. Putting refuse in the landfill creates more problems for future generations. Who wants to live in a subdivision built on a landfill(garbage?) And there are the potential stability issues being in an earthquake zone....	1/10/2017 4:58 PM
800	housing	1/10/2017 4:39 PM
801	I have no idea.	1/10/2017 4:38 PM
802	Education, environment, health care.	1/10/2017 4:25 PM
803	New president could create war, which could create massive military presence increase in our area. Creating additional industry in efficient housing for cold-weather environments. Tourism, environmental tourism. Farmers markets and encouraging victory gardens.	1/10/2017 4:19 PM
804	Renewable natural resources	1/10/2017 4:13 PM
805	Oil exploration and infrastructure projects (i.e. water/sanitation/renewable energy) elsewhere within the State. As I see it, people and materials will at least pass through Anchorage and many operations will likely maintain offices here.	1/10/2017 4:06 PM



806	Diversifying our current economy. Expanding tech sector. Supporting young start-ups. Utilizing retired population skills and knowledge. Expand the film industry. Expand renewable energy technology and industry. Tie into the global economy using our strategic transportation location.	1/10/2017 3:51 PM
807	Tourism, the bridge ,alcohol and now marijuana, a boat dock downtown or?	1/10/2017 3:48 PM
808	(in no order) Continued growth/sustained success of local businesses like brewing, food production, small scale manufacturing or production. NEED for redevelopment and better uses of land may finally make it feasible to build in areas that are stagnant or growing slowly but have a lot of potential with proximity to downtown and midtown. Marijuana industry growth is a possible boost to the economy, but shouldn't be overestimated on the scale that Colorado has experienced. To the extent it's possible, capitalizing on tech industry growth, Internet commerce, sectors that don't rely on physical proximity would be good. Making sure we have strong education will prepare the workforce to actually fill and keep skilled jobs, and creating informed and engaged citizens who care about and understand and participate in local civic life.	1/10/2017 3:43 PM
809	If we could adjust Anchorage healthcare costs and insurance costs to be within 20% of Seattle, we would have a big boost of "extra money" or "saved projected money"	1/10/2017 3:39 PM
810	Air transport hub, winter/summer sports activity destination. Skiing, climbing, hiking, fishing	1/10/2017 3:28 PM
811	Need more local investment.	1/10/2017 3:23 PM
812	Can increase tourism and technology incubators.	1/10/2017 3:21 PM
813	There is none. Anchorage is based on other living off others. Anchorage lays in weight for the next gold rush.	1/10/2017 3:18 PM
814	Less government	1/10/2017 3:00 PM
815	medical expansion to keep AK medical issues (and \$) in state instead of having to fly Outside for treatments.	1/10/2017 2:55 PM
816	Ridding the Municipality of the foolish & unconstitutional tax cap would provide our local elected officials to fulfill our needs & infurstructural desires like a railway corridor bike trail across the bowl.	1/10/2017 2:55 PM
817	1. Expand UA system at UAA to upgrade,maintain, and continue the technical programs for hospitality, medical, automotive, and business/office skills. Anchorage AVTEC closed down the Nursing Assistant and LVN programs and these programs are needed for employment of critical health services. Some courses are provided by other private post-secondary colleges like Alaska Career College and Charter College but it would be most economical to provide at UAA campuses. 2. Support and collaborate with the Anchorage Cannabis Business Associate, Alaska Marijuana Industry Association, and the Coalition for Responsible Cannabis Legislation to promote viable cannabis industry in Anchorage.	1/10/2017 2:51 PM
818	As some places in the world get scarier, Anchorage and Alaska are even more appealing to tourism. Additionally we should market our city has a great place for tech start ups and as a living place for people who can telecommute.	1/10/2017 2:41 PM
819	The citizens resilience and willing to work together for our future	1/10/2017 2:34 PM
820	Open and transparent government along with appropriately regulated businesses is one piece but more importantly it is about the quality of life of people living here. Focus on improving services and other programs that impact why we live here, but make sure citizens are aware of the costs to do that.	1/10/2017 2:27 PM
821	Capitalize on the assets of living in the midst of a spectacular natural setting to attract a younger, more tech-savvy workforce and jobs which are not limited by geographic location.	1/10/2017 2:10 PM
822	Promote tourism	1/10/2017 2:09 PM
823	Take a page from the Swiss tourism book and expand/ramp up our tourism and hospitality industry into a first class affair. It's expensive in Switzerland, but the scenery and attractions, food and accommodations are great and therefore people are willing to pay top dollar (or rather, Swiss franc) for their vacations there. This is not referring to a cruise ship business expansion which has expanded the industry already. Baby boomers are a market to be tapped and many like to travel independently. Promote a welcoming environment for gay businesses. I understand cities that are thriving economically have a vibrant gay community. And it doesn't hurt the arts scene either.	1/10/2017 1:57 PM
824	Opportunities to encourage more manufacturing jobs	1/10/2017 1:57 PM
825	Marijuana sales.	1/10/2017 1:39 PM
826	Health care, communications, construction, relevant education	1/10/2017 1:36 PM
827	Encourage more local-local food products for sustainability, local business, entrepreneurs including marijuana. Expand tourism	1/10/2017 1:30 PM

828	See above - marry land use to transportation planning so that we get a livable, healthy, tourist-draw city with a healthy service economy. More bike paths! More sidewalks! More twinkly lights! More pretty, multistory buildings and less parking lots, less single story strip malls and buildings surrounded by asphalt. More farmers markets and interesting parks, more art, more whimsy, better trail signage.	1/10/2017 1:26 PM
829	The clean, pristine vistas of the Anchorage area and the State for business visitors and tourists. The State sport fishing industry which includes the State. Small businesses that are personalized.	1/10/2017 1:25 PM
830	Anything that happens in Alaska (outside of SE) benefits Anchorage, and Anchorage should support development elsewhere in the state. You can turn the current cost cutting into opportunity. Cost cutting causes change. Change can speed up the adoption of new technologies, primarily in communication, to be used, i.e. University courses can be taught from one spot all over the state.	1/10/2017 1:24 PM
831	1. Purchase ARR Land and develop the Ship Creek Area as all major cities have done with their adjacent water access. 2. Adopt a Pro Business attitude for Resource Development. 3. Streamline the process for new development to a maximum review of 90 days 4. Limit Environmental lawsuits to known issues comparable to the lower 48 limits 5. Build the Knik Bridge to open up land for Industry 6. Reduce government employment to 2010 levels (both employees and wages)	1/10/2017 1:23 PM
832	Strategic location for transportation of goods, better health care providers, stabilizing our partnerships with oil companies.	1/10/2017 1:22 PM
833	Enforcement of municipal laws.	1/10/2017 1:20 PM
834	Port system and good relationship with JBER	1/10/2017 1:15 PM
835	tech, native corporations	1/10/2017 1:12 PM
836	Heath fields positions; caring for the aging population.	1/10/2017 1:11 PM
837	Supporting our numerous local small businesses and employers to grow/expand/continue to be the drivers of our economy.	1/10/2017 1:07 PM
838	Being able to start new businesses and offering incentives for new business start ups.	1/10/2017 12:58 PM
839	Improve the quality of living in ANC and make it a more invitng place /better quality of living but also keep it a frontier town and not cified it too much (it then looks just like the rest of the country and is not specil or unique). Also I don't think we take advantage of the unique resources and location of the city. There are more and more people out there that want to be in a place with parks and world class trails in town and opportunities to be in Alaska within sight of town.	1/10/2017 12:57 PM
840	Improve the bicycle trails, specifically creating a continuous and scenic trail traversing the municipality with added ammenities. Communities in the Lower-48 have targeted bicycle touring.	1/10/2017 12:56 PM
841	Resource development	1/10/2017 12:55 PM
842	Finding ways to build a knowledge based sector. Development of downtown to attract tourism.	1/10/2017 12:55 PM
843	Increase oil exploration through less regulatory requirements, and increase tourism through effective marketing campaigns, adding cruise ship berths and airline gates.	1/10/2017 12:48 PM
844	International trade	1/10/2017 12:46 PM
845	As Alaska's economy goes, so goes Anchorage's economy. So, we should focus on identifying the state's comparative advantages. In other words, what does the world need that Alaska has? This is not so complex - the answer is natural resources. Clearly, we have gotten off track over the last several years. We now need to re-focus our efforts toward developing the natural resource sector. It is the most valuable product we have to offer the world. Once this is fixed, the rest of our economy will follow.	1/10/2017 12:41 PM
846	Invest in developing Anchorage's capacity to care for its people so we can grow the greatest renewable resource industry on the planet-- human beings. WE are an amazing species with the mental capacity to think both passionately and rationally at the same time. A combination of divergent and convergent thinking is what Anchorage needs. Sure, bring in the technocrats, pluralists and misanthropes, but at the end of the day they are just people and it will be the people that have to run the show. So, why not save the time and money and do the right thing now by investing in making them more productive?	1/10/2017 12:38 PM
847	Balance budget while maintaining and innovating social services. Renegotiate w oil without offering large tax breaks to them that is detrimental to Alaskans. Continue to support higher education, small businesses and affordable healthcare to attract and maintain population.	1/10/2017 12:38 PM
848	Tourism	1/10/2017 12:33 PM

849	Gambling, marijuana, legalize and tax prostitution. We can be the American Amsterdam. These things are available in every city, we can control, tax and clean it up. Millions of easy tax dollars	1/10/2017 12:32 PM
850	Diminishing Title 21's onerous regulations, and simplifying municipal code would allow to expand private sector growth and assist in making private property ownership more attainable to many.	1/10/2017 12:31 PM
851	Continue to grow tourism, retail, and education, and business. Make Anchorage a better place to live by supporting education, outdoor recreation, social supports, and crime control	1/10/2017 12:28 PM
852	Tourism, enhancing university & R&D, Alaska specific alternative energy solutions, "value added" manufacturing rather than shipping out raw materials overseas.	1/10/2017 12:27 PM
853	Tourism, education, renewable resources	1/10/2017 12:25 PM
854	Large working age population that could become highly skilled if workforce development trainings and resources are made accessible, lot of interest within immigrant and refugee communities in small business ownership (need access to capital and financial/business literacy resources).	1/10/2017 12:20 PM
855	In April, 6 members of the Municipal Assembly are up for re-election. It is past time to "drain the swamp"!	1/10/2017 12:15 PM
856	Federal subsidies for housing and health care and education. An effort to educate the public citizenry on a sustainable Municipal Budget.	1/10/2017 12:10 PM
857	Small businesses, better public transportation (both for customers and employees), large international tourist trade. Uber/lyft/airbnb/etc.	1/10/2017 12:03 PM
858	Tourism. Promotion as a place to retire. Call centers ? Assembly of parts produced in Asia for import to US	1/10/2017 11:47 AM
859	The new Marajuana industry. A sales tax. Helping the Homeless	1/10/2017 11:46 AM
860	Energy, tourism , air cargo	1/10/2017 11:46 AM
861	Raising additional revenue for the Municipality through a sales tax or other means and reducing the taxes paid by businesses would help small business owners survive. The additional revenue would benefit all services provided by the Municipality, including education.	1/10/2017 11:42 AM
862	diversification, improving our university and public schools	1/10/2017 11:41 AM
863	Clean and green energy development (the testing area is just outside); as a tourist hub, marijuana sales will augment the vacation experience; outdoor recreation opportunities year round in large part because of the trail system and parks.	1/10/2017 11:40 AM
864	Continued tourism growth, the diversity of the population.	1/10/2017 11:39 AM
865	Take advantage of our geographic position and Pacific Rim ties Work to attract Silicon Valley type industries by stressing our climate advantages (the heat generated by computers is an asset here rather than a problem requiring expensive air-conditioning) Strongly support education, arts, and outdoor recreation programs to make Anchorage attractive to the workforce needed for the above	1/10/2017 11:35 AM
866	I think oil may be past so i guess entrepreneur type activities. The type of work that can be done anywhere so might as well be here since the outside is so great. I think people who can work online etc would love to move to a great place like this.	1/10/2017 11:31 AM
867	Continues diversifying the economy continue to encourage oil and gas industry	1/10/2017 11:27 AM
868	Maintaining UA system with efforts to keep graduates working in state, instituting sales tax.	1/10/2017 11:24 AM
869	The redevelopment of our Arctic Defenses, with Anchorage being the command base. This 5 years plan will dramatically increase and diversify our arctic defenses not only with facilities but also with resident and cycling newly qualified 'Arctic Warriors' who have been trained in arctic warfare and survival	1/10/2017 11:22 AM
870	Fish processing all the way down to waste processing into fish fertilizer pellets, technology, solar panels, tourism (could be known as Trail Town USA with over 500 miles of interconnected trails {already have over 300}from Turnagain Pass to Knik that would be suitable for use year round),	1/10/2017 11:20 AM
871	Continued expansion of the tourism industry and the medical field.	1/10/2017 11:19 AM
872	Renewable energy and related technology	1/10/2017 11:19 AM
873	progressive leaders, attracting young Alaskans back to the state	1/10/2017 11:18 AM
874	Quality of life, diversity of population, proximity to pacific rim economies	1/10/2017 11:18 AM
875	Tourism	1/10/2017 11:17 AM

876	Tourism growth, medical services growth, transportation.	1/10/2017 11:14 AM
877	Year round tourism. Assessing other circumpolar regions to see if we can garner ideas from them of opportunities we might be missing other than resource development. Developing food production including in door grow of fruits and vegetables. For instance, a heat source might be the waste water from electricity generation.	1/10/2017 11:12 AM
878	Utilize government spending to expand public transportation.	1/10/2017 11:11 AM
879	resource development, international trade/manufacturing	1/10/2017 11:08 AM
880	Well paying jobs.	1/10/2017 11:07 AM
881	Health Care as along as the ACA stays in place	1/10/2017 11:07 AM
882	perhaps the marijuana businesses and the taxes is may potentially generate, development of the port of Anchorage, oil and gas development, tourism, UAA	1/10/2017 11:07 AM
883	Provide a footprint of our city that allows tourism and local activity to include the entire city not just 4th, 5th, and 6th avenue. The rest of the city business owners pay taxes and fees just like those on 4th, 5th and 6th, so why is funding and development center their over and over again - upgrades and beautification annually when other parts of town never receive an upgrade.	1/10/2017 11:03 AM
884	Recreational and lifestyle opportunities attractive to high tech professionals.	1/10/2017 11:03 AM
885	Alternative energy and financial services	1/10/2017 11:02 AM
886	As global warming increases, we have an opportunity to make Anchorage a very desirable place to live/work/recreate. Make economic climate favorable by providing incentives for high tech industries to locate here. Make "green energy" a focus rather than old-school extraction technology which is not attractive to young professionals. Start using all the resources we can to support higher education at all costs. Develop tidal, solar, wind energy to such a degree that we don't rely on fossil fuels to provide the energy that new companies need. Emphasize our strengths--diverse, vibrant, active, beautiful scenery, recreational opportunities etc and SAFEGUARD those strengths by not building more car-centered roads (e.g. Bensen/Northern Lights) and destroying what makes the state of Alaska so desirable to live in (e.g. expanding road system that will end up eventually criss-crossing the wilderness). Focus on the type of things that made Portland as an example so desirable a place to live in that it is now profiting from---good public transportation, good bike infrastructure, emphasis on pedestrian safety etc. We are focused too much on old school money-making schemes (oil) and need to grow up.	1/10/2017 11:02 AM
887	Build the ability of the university to spur innovation and entrepreneurship, work with the muni on a tax regime that will incentivize new industry and support growth while not hobbling the ability of the muni to do its work.	1/10/2017 10:58 AM
888	push for resource development	1/10/2017 10:51 AM
889	reduce MOA budget and cut spending, deregulate transportation , lower the barrier for entrepreneurs, reduce tax burden.	1/10/2017 10:43 AM
890	Sales tax to ease burden on homeowners	1/10/2017 10:42 AM
891	Crossroads of world -- we should do more manufacturing	1/10/2017 10:41 AM
892	Diversify economics--more tourism, port, education, military.	1/10/2017 10:39 AM
893	I think that the opportunities for Anchorage's economy are limited.	1/10/2017 10:39 AM
894	Expanded trade, technology infrastructure and educational support for remote job opportunities within the Anchorage diversity, lifestyle and culture, state legislative initiatives to address stable funding and taxation that complements Assembly, University and School Board budgets and initiatives.	1/10/2017 10:38 AM
895	people do not need to be tied to a location to work, so we should be creating a diverse, well-educated pool of talent as well as emphasizing the quality of life here	1/10/2017 10:38 AM
896	alt energy, tourism, local manufacture and agriculture	1/10/2017 10:38 AM
897	Changing global economy provides constant opportunity if Anchorage business community and business development can react quickly	1/10/2017 10:37 AM
898	We should have a foothills trail like we have a coastal trail. It would help attract creative, motivated people to our economy. Manufacturing is another opportunity that Anchorage and Alaska take limited advantage of.	1/10/2017 10:34 AM
899	Quality of life is high - need to work to attract and keep people here who appreciate those qualities AND who will work to develop new businesses, innovators and entrepreneurs	1/10/2017 10:34 AM
900	Brainpower--we could be doing more with technology and other jobs/services that don't rely on specific locations.	1/10/2017 10:32 AM
901	Hire within the state. Drug test all public assistant recipients.	1/10/2017 10:32 AM

902	northern focused professions and skills ie medicine, engineering, climate control, renewable energy, construction	1/10/2017 10:32 AM
903	Recreation, tourism, small factories, I don't know . . . . .	1/10/2017 10:32 AM
904	Its people. We need to continue investment in what makes us different than all of the other Lower 48 cities and give folks a reason to move to Anchorage, visit Anchorage...	1/10/2017 10:31 AM
905	Development of a gas line and new word reaching technologies that could see Anchorage as a hub for deployment.	1/10/2017 10:30 AM
906	Become an easier place to do business. Elect and coach officials in government to be business friendly. Do not lay the issues of welfare and the needy at the feet of businesses. Become an inviting and easy place to do business. Provide tax incentives and treat businesses like you want them in the city	1/10/2017 10:30 AM
907	Redefine "local". See that there is a market for ourself.	1/10/2017 10:29 AM
908	Anchorage has all the amenities of big cities anywhere. We can attract new industries.	1/10/2017 10:28 AM
909	Continued tourism both winter and summer	1/10/2017 10:27 AM
910	Marijuana industry.	1/10/2017 10:27 AM
911	International air travel hub	1/10/2017 10:25 AM
912	We have the potential for smart infill and the meet the required housing needs to draw employers and make jobs happen.	1/10/2017 10:25 AM
913	Marijuana sales, tax alcohol and cigarettes even more. Open rehabs, sober living facilities, put homeless to work.	1/10/2017 1:03 AM
914	Greater use of fiber optic capacity to provide services like call centers or data centers. Provide professional services to tribes and village corporations.	1/10/2017 12:54 AM
915	Opening of Northwest passage due to climate change. Renewable energy - sun, wind, Health services - need more competition	1/9/2017 6:56 PM
916	Tourism. The creative class. Entrepreneurs. Software development. Technology. Alternative energy.	1/9/2017 5:16 PM
917	Tourism is a huge boost for Anchorage and surrounding communities. Promoting winter in Anchorage as a viable tourist destination.	1/9/2017 4:17 PM
918	Promoting creative density with walkability through a city government that not only encourages developers but provides them the conidence needed for them to chose to invest in anchorage	1/9/2017 3:23 PM
919	Tourism, local farming	1/9/2017 12:53 PM
920	Further diversification of the economy including developing and securing in bringing more technology-based companies to Anchorage	1/9/2017 11:37 AM
921	There are no business segments screaming for major expansion. The best opportunity is to move numerous business negatives t strong positives on a relative scale. For one of many examples, overhaul work comp so we are one of the better, not worst, states in that regard. The medical situation is a ridiculous monopoly, we pay the highest medical costs in the world. There are numerous other examples of why a State that begs for business diversification is near the bottom of the other places those activities can occur. In short, if we are going to attract a more diverse (and long term sustainable) economy, a chilly place like Alaska needs to move far UP on the list of business attractive States.	1/9/2017 11:23 AM
922	Tourism	1/9/2017 10:51 AM
923	A better university system with increased emphasis on weather and northern environmental studies, fisheries and conservation	1/9/2017 9:59 AM
924	Development of more trails, parks, and outdoor recreation that is safe, accessible, and beautiful.	1/9/2017 9:11 AM
925	Opportunities for the economy in this city and state all come from the Oil and Gas Industry; we need let oil companies explore and lift bans on non-drill areas across the state.	1/9/2017 8:37 AM
926	AFN, tourism, find a way to lower property tax through sales tax or something unheard of like cutting spending.	1/9/2017 7:59 AM
927	High-tech and global trade industries.	1/9/2017 7:47 AM
928	I believe the opportunities are great. What we need is a legislation that will support the responsible use of the natural resources this state possesses.	1/9/2017 7:09 AM
929	We need to increase oil and gas development. The 1980's proved that a great economy was a result of oil production.	1/8/2017 9:27 PM
930	Taking advantage of our geo-location, of the abundant resources, and of the talent that the lifestyle here attracts. Specifically, we need to stop acting like a frontier economy (which imports value-added goods and exports raw goods) and start acting like a crossroads economy (which provides goods and services to the world that passes through)	1/8/2017 9:17 PM

931	building tourism and healthcare opportunities	1/8/2017 8:30 PM
932	Expanding the international terminal at the airport to bring in more international business. Doing everything in our power to get the Olympics	1/8/2017 7:25 PM
933	Opportunities for State and Municipal Government to become more disciplined on fiscal matters and less burdensome on regulatory matters that negatively impact business expansion and investment. If AK and U.S. was more supportive of Resource Development and attractive to investment Anchorage would benefit. Transfer of property by AK State and U.S. government into private sector and/or encourage investment/development. Motivation for Native Corporations to develop/leverage their lands and attract investment capital for same. Lack of support for resource extraction in near region mining opportunities.	1/8/2017 6:46 PM
934	Anchorage still has limited options for people who value quality local shopping and dining. Relaxing some zoning to allow for better integration of commerce and residential in existing neighborhoods. Improvement of lifestyle related services, that would help us to attract new residents who value the out of doors, and community.	1/8/2017 5:42 PM
935	More diversification our base industries such as high tech and innovative manufacturing. We also need to really look at a sales tax or other new revenue sources. We spend way too much money on our educational entities when we don't share administrative costs with other school districts.	1/8/2017 4:04 PM
936	Expound on more activities to draw tourists during the winter months.	1/8/2017 4:04 PM
937	job stimulation would be a start and stop all the cutbacks	1/8/2017 3:45 PM
938	Not sure	1/8/2017 3:15 PM
939	Reshape to be more diverse. Move to become more self-reliant and less dependent on State funding and linked to oil field economic health.	1/8/2017 2:22 PM
940	Again, the diversification of jobs. We need to make it easier to open a new company, access to various permits, especially in construction. See the opportunities for new shops and residences in the Spenard area. Rezoning of areas allowing for retail on the bottom, businesses on the next floors and residences on top levels making it easier for people to "walk to work," thus alleviating the need for vast amounts of parking lots and/or garages. Good for the environment as well.	1/8/2017 2:16 PM
941	Tourism	1/8/2017 2:13 PM
942	Unsure	1/8/2017 10:02 AM
943	Deep water ports, geographical proximity to Asia and Europe via the polar route, natural resources such as water, cold climate, wildlife and oil and minerals	1/8/2017 9:03 AM
944	Anchorage has a strong technical labor pool - we could be a hub for many remote service industries such as IT, communications etc...similar to other arctic communities such as Iceland.	1/8/2017 7:42 AM
945	Anchorage is a cross roads between Asia, Europe & North America.	1/8/2017 6:41 AM
946	Tourism with checks & balances - removal of Wells Fargo from owning 4 billion dollar interest after buying Rasmussen's bank of Alaska in 1999	1/8/2017 2:05 AM
947	Higher usage of the convention center and the new Alaska Airlines Center More drilling opportunities within the state	1/7/2017 10:44 PM
948	Contemporary cannabis culture, creative/innovative local business, enabling young adult culture to thrive rather than killing anything cool/interesting, high quality gateway for outdoor enthusiasts, commercial airline crossroads, cultivating a unique identity that doesn't pander to bland, mainstream America, affordable health care and senior/assisted living communities, better retail, conferences	1/7/2017 10:25 PM
949	Small business; tourism; more local production of goods to self sustain ourselves	1/7/2017 9:58 PM
950	More new businesses which promotes jobs	1/7/2017 6:20 PM
951	Education, broadening community minds that there are benefits that can be achieved with community and thinking of common good. More niche markets for our fish and small businesses. Our recreational opportunities need to be taken care of and advertised as a great asset to quality of life.	1/7/2017 6:06 PM
952	Strengthen entities that encourage shop local efforts like the Downtown Partnership and Visit Anchorage; continue to support tourism and travel industry;	1/7/2017 5:55 PM
953	Emerging small businesses selling Alaska-specific products - microbreweries, Alaska-specific clothing retailers, etc.	1/7/2017 5:47 PM
954	Keeping the bases up and running, promoting tourism.	1/7/2017 5:17 PM
955	Food service, bars, outside the box thinkers, undiscovered resources.	1/7/2017 4:56 PM
956	Manufacturing	1/7/2017 4:18 PM

957	Vigorously supporting education at all levels. The correlation between universities and strong economic development has been documented: they obviously build workforce strength, but it is also clear that they nourish entrepreneurs and that partnerships with universities strengthen the overall business climate. Protecting the natural environment which Alaskans cherish.	1/7/2017 4:04 PM
958	Businesses that cater to building community feel and small town shopping - Rustic Goat seems to have filled a real niche. So has Spenard Roadhouse and a few other places in the midtown area. But all around those areas, it's ugly and hit or miss. The REI mall has done really well because it had enough popular businesses to draw people in. Would be nice to see more of those pockets around the city with more coffee shops or arts venues.	1/7/2017 3:52 PM
959	Unsure.	1/7/2017 3:39 PM
960	Continued efforts to spark individual innovation on products and services that are smarter and craved globally.	1/7/2017 3:27 PM
961	Entrepreneurial opportunities like Uber and Lyft, adding to health care needs for home care/elderly care/ educational opportunities for training, public health and safety well funded ...	1/7/2017 2:54 PM
962	Value-added Cannabis tourism; vocational education and strong pipeline to trades; diverse and multicultural population	1/7/2017 2:35 PM
963	Regionally sourced food products, increased focus on primary industries and manufacturing (i.e. not restaurants, retail shops)	1/7/2017 2:25 PM
964	Cannabis businesses and high taxes on those businesses. Make more land available either through Alaska mental health trust or access to other lands, pt mckenzie, fire island, trades with the military. Relax the zoning and permitting requirements to allow normal people (average incomes) to build homes. Carbon credits, tidal energy to reduce the cost of living, privatize and outsource certain areas of city work, such as maintenance and gardeniNG, plows, parking, tickets in neighborhoods.	1/7/2017 2:14 PM
965	I've lived in both CO and WA and observed the transition to sell marijuana legally. I think it's an incredible opportunity for the state to gain tax revenue if only they would make the transition easier for new business owners in the industry. I do not partake in marijuana products myself but have observed folks in other states and I've encountered nothing but professionals in all aspects of the industry.	1/7/2017 2:03 PM
966	Further development of Anchorage as a multi season destination for in state and out of state visitors. Also, continued preservation of parks and trails and the arts which attract people to the area and enhance its livability, which encourages new business.	1/7/2017 1:58 PM
967	Business ownership,	1/7/2017 1:47 PM
968	Oil	1/7/2017 1:39 PM
969	Encourage internet technology based industries to operate in our community	1/7/2017 1:38 PM
970	We have a young population that could be educated and trained in emerging tech industries. Proximity to Asia provides opportunities for tourism, exports, and imports.	1/7/2017 1:32 PM
971	Increasing tourism.	1/7/2017 1:31 PM
972	Capitalize on local whether it be food or products you	1/7/2017 1:22 PM
973	Tourism seems like our biggest opportunity at this time. Our beauty and wildlife are our biggest draws.	1/7/2017 1:20 PM
974	There are many but we should be investing in technology related industries like programming because it doesn't hurt us due to our location.	1/7/2017 1:20 PM
975	Building up the tourism industry would be first on my list: create a commercial boardwalk area at the mouth of Ship Creek for restaurants, shops, public thoroughway to the Tony Knowles Trail. Beef up the park area there for the boat launch. Concomitantly, build a decent bus system that actually gets you to your destination within a few hours. Tourists and locals alike would appreciate that and open up access to places like the Botanical Gardens, Kinkead Park, the zoo, Potter Marsh, and other naturally beautiful places you can't get to without a car right now. More support for local artisans to sell their wares at markets and online to bolster cottage industries that maybe only employ a few people but employ them over long periods of time at liveable wages. MODERNIZE the PORT! If the port fails, and it is failing now, Anchorage will lose a significant number of jobs, industries, and possibly it's standing as a national strategic port which means a debilitating loss of revenue. This should be the number one priority of Anchorage and the state. Without a robust port, Anchorage could easily be downsized to a way port with avgas, merchandise, and food, offloading instead at Seward or Whittier.	1/7/2017 12:56 PM
976	ecotourism; environmental protection; proper land zoning	1/7/2017 9:15 AM

977	As painful as it will be in the near term, the low price of oil is forcing us to become creative with how we think about and value economic development. It's an opportunity for us to re-think our economic future beyond non value-added resource extraction (e.g. Moving beyond round logs and into milled timber), limiting economic leakage (e.g. Locally grown and/or processed foods) and better supporting family/resident-owned and -operated companies in, for example, tourism. The opportunity for folks like AEDC, in this scenario, is to work with governments and others with capital to make strategic investments that can broadly nurture this sort of economic development.	1/7/2017 9:01 AM
978	alternative energy sources, technology fields that don't require a road system	1/7/2017 8:42 AM
979	It could more aggressively tie into Pacific area businesses and economies as a funnel to the lower 48. Perhaps go from being the "air crossroads do the world" to a "business crossroads".	1/7/2017 8:41 AM
980	Growth of Alaska and expansion of the energy and oil fields.	1/7/2017 7:33 AM
981	Alternative energy development	1/7/2017 7:22 AM
982	The new marijuana opportunities should be paid more attention. Encourage cannabis businesses and make it easier for them to start up and operate.	1/7/2017 6:15 AM
983	By opportunities - I think of things that would do well here that exist in the lower 48. Mostly retail chains that people (imports) miss/want	1/7/2017 5:22 AM
984	Private investment into small business	1/7/2017 4:03 AM
985	Leading the way to expand Alaska's economy beyond petroleum (to borrow a phrase). Developing robust renewable energy sources. Being an inviting environment for entrepreneurs and researchers who may create new unforeseeable opportunities.	1/7/2017 1:25 AM
986	even more diversification- encourage more small business	1/7/2017 12:46 AM
987	Such great opportunities for investments, mining fishing hospitality Education, filming, if you can dream it you can do it Here.	1/7/2017 12:26 AM
988	looking at best practices in other cities like downtown Denver....areas that bring people to different community locations such as art and restaurants. ..family activities and taking advantage of our diversity	1/7/2017 12:14 AM
989	Tourism remains strong, and I think theres great opportunity for a sustainable energy industry that could generate jobs. Additionally, I think there's great opportunity for food growth and internal manufacturing to cut down on shipping costs and boost local sustainability and local economy. If we can get health care affordable, small businesses can flourish and support more employees.	1/6/2017 11:38 PM
990	Entrepreneurship! Hire more law enforcement! Make it easy for people to start businesses! Keep business local! Encourage folks to spend time in Anchorage rather than getting right out of the city when they come on holiday. We need more of a downtown draw. We have an amazing museum, but we need more of a reason to SPEND MONEY IN ANCHORAGE!	1/6/2017 11:07 PM
991	Continue to encourage tourism and make more jobs available. .....	1/6/2017 11:07 PM
992	Tourism, not just summer but winter too we could have some of the best winter activities in the United States if we would just promote it and not limit so much land use to winter activities	1/6/2017 11:07 PM
993	Small industry such as clothing production. Also natural foods farming.	1/6/2017 10:31 PM
994	Ongoing tourism, with independent travelers very important since they're a growing proportion of visitors. Increased coordination with the fishing industry, as in transshipment of product through Anchorage.	1/6/2017 8:30 PM
995	I know we all would benefit from state income tax. Economic development has to have access to capital with terms that sustain rather than drain a project or business. In recessive times, everyone chases the few pots of financing with few being qualified and even less awarded. Anchorage's small population chasing the same sources for dollars just can't bring about mega jobs, or businesses that must have operating capital through long spells of research, R & D, office rents and workforce.	1/6/2017 7:44 PM
996	High Tech, Energy intensive manufacturing Resource infrastructure support	1/6/2017 6:44 PM
997	Continue to grow the universities with larger programs with more graduate programs so students can stay here to study.	1/6/2017 6:30 PM
998	Tourism Raising oil prices Expanding medical services Knik Arm Bridge	1/6/2017 6:28 PM
999	tourism	1/6/2017 6:01 PM



1000	Bringing larger based business and restaurants. Having a large indoor market place like Pike Place market in Seattle right on the ocean. We need choices for fun and amusement. H2Oasis is old and needs updating. Great Wolf Lodge and Indoor water park would be awesome up here. A Dicks Sporting goods, Hobby Lobby, restaurants like Carrabbas, Joes Crab Shack, Red Lobster. We have so many breweries and hamburger joints....enough already!!	1/6/2017 5:13 PM
1001	Limitless	1/6/2017 4:41 PM
1002	Mining should be making a come-back soon and we should be doing all we can to support these types of private development	1/6/2017 4:22 PM
1003	Anchorage should just keep doing what it's doing; so much economic activity is dependent on decisions and activities that are completely outside Anchorage's control.	1/6/2017 4:15 PM
1004	Green energy: solar, wind, thermal, tidal and possibly more! More Eco-tourism. Unique and responsible Alaskan product production similar to: Yummy Chummies, Peonies for the summer monthly exported to lower 48, more indoor hydroponic edible crops to be used in Alaska, and more!	1/6/2017 4:05 PM
1005	Sales tax	1/6/2017 3:54 PM
1006	Seeking out additional industry development opportunities, such as the tech industry and cyber security expertise. These types of services are less location dependent and could be performed from Alaska.	1/6/2017 3:52 PM
1007	Development,	1/6/2017 3:50 PM
1008	Promote small business and clean up parts of town to help drive a better backbone of small business. It would be nice if more people inflowed into Alaska because it was a great place for service industries, etc.	1/6/2017 3:45 PM
1009	A good community attracts people and businesses. If people value the lifestyle and community of Anchorage they will want to live here and run their business from here. Community gardens, trails, etc. Make living in anchorage desirable and attract businesses and entrepreneurs.	1/6/2017 3:41 PM
1010	Indoor hydroponic farming of crops. An increased focus on the arts, and support of artists. Getting on the radar as an "art city" will draw a lot of talent to the state. Just look at what happened to Portland, OR.	1/6/2017 3:37 PM
1011	Tourism	1/6/2017 3:34 PM
1012	Major upgrades in our Health System and Hospitals More advanced Tourism, with a focus year round instead of just summer tourism Rebuild and revitalize Anchorage Public Safety Restructure the permitting process to build We need a sales tax	1/6/2017 3:31 PM
1013	Projecting a welcoming attitude to new businesses, as long as the development respects the qualities that make Anchorage a good place to live, work and play. Quality of life is a big selling point, so we need to do everything we can to ensure it is kept at a high level.	1/6/2017 3:30 PM
1014	Growth into a technology city, where programming, web hosting, and support for remote locations is benefited by Alaska's unique geographic positioning and time zone	1/6/2017 3:30 PM
1015	To explore more projects and businesses that promote using healthy alternative sources of energy and support employees with a living wage and benefits. To become innovative in our approach to living and working in far northern climates. Look to other countries for guidance.	1/6/2017 3:29 PM
1016	Need to start collecting state and local taxes, need to expand training programs at colleges and universities	1/6/2017 3:19 PM
1017	More tourism. Develop diverse economy.	1/6/2017 3:09 PM
1018	Positioning Anchorage as America's doorstep to Asia.	1/6/2017 3:07 PM
1019	Room to grow.	1/6/2017 3:05 PM
1020	Acceptance of ethnic diversity	1/6/2017 3:05 PM
1021	There is huge growth potential for industries such as construction, tourism and energy.	1/6/2017 3:04 PM
1022	Oil and gas, tourism,	1/6/2017 2:44 PM
1023	Tax incentives for cleaning up undesirable neighborhoods.	1/6/2017 2:43 PM
1024	Boosting tourism and recreation. Anchorage has the best restaurants I have ever encountered on a consistent basis. There are a handful of bad ones, but compared to larger cities in the Lower 48, Anchorage has more great food of a diverse type than anywhere else in the nation.	1/6/2017 2:41 PM
1025	Not sure	1/6/2017 2:30 PM
1026	Locally grown, all-season food production, local manufacturing	1/6/2017 2:28 PM

1027	Control city government- no new taxes-too many regulations for private business	1/6/2017 2:19 PM
1028	Opportunity to develop a better plan to deal with gang violence and crime. There needs to be cultural facilities for the different ethnicities represented in Anchorage for young men and woman with activities to get them off the street and doing something positive.	1/6/2017 2:19 PM
1029	Finding ways to use our natural cycle of seasons (the peonie flower farms in mat su found the timing cycle created a market)are there other plants that might grow here for that market?blueberry's?	1/6/2017 2:19 PM
1030	Bringing in out of state businesses, lowering shipping rates	1/6/2017 2:15 PM
1031	Downtown Renaissance, Investment in first-ring communities, Train workforce in jobs of tomorrow, Regional Hub of Alaska and Northwest Pacific/Arctic; Renewable Energy and Health Care	1/6/2017 2:13 PM
1032	Kind of limited. The military is big, health care jobs are doing good, tourism is great but seasonal, the same with seafood jobs. I know producing something here (i.e. Factory production) is problematic because of shipping, but it could be looked at.	1/6/2017 2:13 PM
1033	enhanced attention to tourism using federal parks, forests, etc..	1/6/2017 2:13 PM
1034	Attract cruise ships to Port of Anchorage instead of allowing Seward and Whittier to have them.	1/6/2017 2:01 PM
1035	Better public transit options for people that support their employment. People can only get specific jobs and the public transit is limiting. More opportunities for new businesses to provide employment opportunities.	1/6/2017 2:01 PM
1036	small business	1/6/2017 1:59 PM
1037	Unleashing the freedom and independence of entrepreneurial opportunities - encouraging and supporting those who are adventurous enough to try something new so that more might succeed. When businesses succeed, everyone wins; even when they fail, it often provides a stepping stone for later success by others.	1/6/2017 1:55 PM
1038	Tourism Health care Education	1/6/2017 1:53 PM
1039	????	1/6/2017 1:53 PM
1040	Real estate	1/6/2017 1:52 PM
1041	encouraging small and medium business ; attracting new people to live here	1/6/2017 1:50 PM
1042	more investment in an educated workforce	1/6/2017 1:49 PM
1043	Anchorage's place as the "essential hub" for Alaska means that if the Alaska economy rebounds, so will Anchorage. Alaskan innovation.	1/6/2017 1:43 PM
1044	Smart housing development, enhance tourism, and can we do something with the Ship Creek area? So much potential there.	1/6/2017 1:36 PM
1045	Encourage oil companies	1/6/2017 1:31 PM
1046	Perhaps there is a future in becoming more self sustainable -unreliable on oil, for example in the wind farms , solar panels, maybe grow food gardens inside.	1/6/2017 1:26 PM
1047	Continued growth in air freight. Less Federal interference on natural resource development. Continued military presence.	1/6/2017 1:24 PM
1048	Bridges across the Inlet and turnagain arm.	1/6/2017 1:23 PM
1049	Ease of building homes or businesses; ability of communities to come together.	1/6/2017 10:38 AM
1050	Tech-related industries, tourism, renewable energy, jobs related to infrastructure upgrades.	1/6/2017 10:26 AM
1051	Supporting small businesses	1/6/2017 10:26 AM
1052	Shipping and freight	1/6/2017 10:24 AM
1053	1) Anchorage has opportunities to use our (relative) isolation to our advantage by producing materials locally. In my lifetime I've seen some very successful upstarts of industry, particularly breweries and distilleries. I think the Alaska Made brand is important to Alaskans and I hope that will go further, for example I'd like to see manufacturing of bottles and boxes to be localized for these products. 2) There is opportunity to develop Anchorage into a destination city. This is a long game but when funds are available we need a tourist attraction (think space needle). We must encourage grown in the downtown area, this means residential development, serious reduction in surface parking and redevelopment of some areas.	1/6/2017 9:19 AM
1054	Less competition Great place to live	1/6/2017 8:40 AM
1055	agriculture, manufacturing, mass transit, University programs,	1/6/2017 8:32 AM

1056	Small business loans and grants, small business workshops	1/6/2017 8:31 AM
1057	I believe there needs to be personal investment in Anchorage. We have to make a shift to keep more money in the city in consumer spending, to the extent possible good and services should be sourced locally. We need to invest in housing and schools (k-12, trade school, workforce development, U system), build up our workforce and support small business.	1/6/2017 8:12 AM
1058	1. Develop more industry around natural resources (E.g. Sports equipment for outdoor enthusiasts) 2. Make Anchorage preferred hub for Oil/Gas industry development (E.g. Rail, port, skilled labor) 3. Expand airport infrastructure to capture more cargo flights and invite tourism 4. Expand outdoor infrastructure (E.g. Trails, parks, bicycle roadways) to facilitate healthy living	1/6/2017 7:48 AM
1059	Manufacturing, international warehouse shipping	1/6/2017 7:43 AM
1060	Grow oil and gas, as well as other private industry across the state. Without it we are screwed.	1/6/2017 6:58 AM
1061	Growth in the travel & tourism industry.	1/6/2017 5:33 AM
1062	Tech, film, cottage industries,	1/5/2017 11:27 PM
1063	Tourism, energy	1/5/2017 11:20 PM
1064	Tourism. All year round. Relax on opening up new oil and gas leases. Encourage new businesses to start up by making it easier and more affordable.	1/5/2017 11:08 PM
1065	Creating businesses that allow Anchorage to not be so dependent on things shipped in from the lower 48 or overseas.	1/5/2017 10:05 PM
1066	Continuing to grow the tourism industry and recreational development. Millennials who want to stay in the area and develop businesses and opportunities. Increased broadband to assist in telecommuting to businesses and customers outside. Increased number of retired folks (like me) who chose to stay here, and spend money here.	1/5/2017 9:02 PM
1067	Tourism. Becoming a world center for arctic research.	1/5/2017 9:01 PM
1068	More business	1/5/2017 8:52 PM
1069	Low cost hydro electricity, environmentally sound city expansion into Point McKenzie and development focused university chairs.	1/5/2017 8:47 PM
1070	Keep taxes low -- respect the tax cap, which has helped Anchorage grow and provide employment. Reduce regulations by eliminating those which are not absolutely necessary, including especially those which are designed to force people to adopt lifestyles or make decisions which reduce economic opportunity.	1/5/2017 8:27 PM
1071	So many kids (like ours age 31-37) who are highly likely to stay. 2/3 are employees; 1/3 is self-employed professional; all three are in helping lines of work.Residents	1/5/2017 8:15 PM
1072	Not many	1/5/2017 6:20 PM
1073	Diversity	1/5/2017 5:48 PM
1074	Anchorage is a great city to live in. We have awesome outdoor opportunities all year long. The summer is the main focus it winter travel could be developed	1/5/2017 5:48 PM
1075	Diversification	1/5/2017 5:18 PM
1076	Air cargo, tech, entrepreneurship	1/5/2017 5:14 PM
1077	Renewable Energy: Solar, Wind, Alpine Hydro, Tidal Being the central hub of Alaska--a tourism and adventure sport destination that will continue to become more desirable.	1/5/2017 5:02 PM
1078	Bring in new businesses, light industrial, Alaska based companies.	1/5/2017 4:58 PM
1079	Tax the visitors	1/5/2017 4:57 PM
1080	Retail growth. Oil projects if allowed to develop	1/5/2017 4:53 PM
1081	North slope gas.	1/5/2017 4:53 PM
1082	Arctic Technology and innovation. microgrid technology. startup ecosystem.	1/5/2017 4:51 PM
1083	We need to build industries that provide for people, other than oil and gas	1/5/2017 4:49 PM
1084	Move state capital to Anchorage; further develop oil and gas resources on North Slope; complete Port of Anchorage expansion project.	1/5/2017 4:34 PM

1085	Focus on attracting tourists. Promote Anchorage as an inclusive community where everyone is welcome. Work with businesses that provide services to tourists. The historic past of Anchorage should be preserved (i.e., the 4th Avenue Theater, which was one of the most beautiful buildings in Anchorage until it was allowed to deteriorate). Implement a 2% retail sales tax. Keep trying to tax alcohol (the MOA tax on tobacco products is 55% of the wholesale price (cigarettes are taxed differently). Even a 25% tax on alcohol would bring in a lot of revenue for the MOA.	1/5/2017 4:30 PM
1086	Check out Bjarske Ingels, amazing architect and community designer of "HEDONISTIC SUSTAINABILITY". Www.BIG.dk let's get him up here to help make anchorage more sustainable and beautiful.	1/5/2017 4:01 PM
1087	NOT MUCH. WE HAVE OIL, THE GOV HAS JUST ABOUT DESTROYED THAT INDUSTRY HERE, AND TOURISM. YOU HAVE TO GIVE THEM MONEY TO BRING PEOPLE HERE. YOU NEED TO GET OTHER COMPANYS HERE , NOT RETAIL.	1/5/2017 3:54 PM
1088	Recreation	1/5/2017 3:43 PM
1089	Tourism. Tech/marine development. Cold climate building research and fabrication then shipping to Western Alaska. Agriculture. Use vacant buildings for skill training-FREE! Give people hope.	1/5/2017 3:26 PM
1090	Lower property tax and low interests	1/5/2017 3:24 PM
1091	Small business, tourism, renewable energy.	1/5/2017 3:24 PM
1092	Tech. Shipping.	1/5/2017 3:05 PM
1093	I really think that what is good for Alaska is going to be good for Anchorage. Just as we are a bit insulated from some of the challenges brought on by the state's fiscal situation, we also face a lot of upside potential when capital spending returns, investments are made in a gas line or other mega projects that are good for the state, etc. We have great transportation connections here, which could support investment from national or global businesses. Thinking outside of the box, what about an Amazon warehouse, for example? (Granted, land could be an issue.) If we could work with other communities to build tourism, we would also benefit since they would likely be coming through Anchorage to get to those activities.	1/5/2017 2:07 PM
1094	Improve the downtown and attract new business	1/5/2017 1:45 PM
1095	diversified service economy	1/5/2017 1:23 PM
1096	Small scale manufacturing taking advantage of our location for global transportation, the digital economy which could include 3-D printing, telecommunications, server farms, and finance. We need to become a true arctic capital with education and policy expertise in all issues arctic. The University continues to be a lost resource for the community. We must build on our strengths which include location, quality of life and advantage of local supplies of natural gas Our strengths also include our Native corporations and our position as the largest village in the State. We must make the most of our native traditions and population that is here and fuse those ideals and traditions into Anchorage. This is a very sensitive subject, but we need to be grown up so we can talk about things. We must be the worlds most open and inviting community.	1/5/2017 1:19 PM
1097	Natural Gas	1/5/2017 12:09 PM
1098	I really think we could play our card in the freight business. Why is freight so expensive to Alaska and/or Anchorage when we have one of the busiest freight airports in the world. Makes no sense. Also, why can't we refine more oil and gas in Alaska (or outside of Anchorage)...we ship it down to the lower 48 and then ship it back up?	1/5/2017 11:39 AM
1099	Make anchorage attractive enough to entice younger, smarter, professionals that love an outdoor lifestyle but still live in a city. Become a education and research hub for arctic and climate change studies. Keep up the tourism. Come up with incentives for companies to open home offices here.	1/5/2017 8:12 AM
1100	Manufacturing something that is uniquely ours. Like finely crafted and designed hardwood furniture-if it's the best in the world, people are willing to pay for the cost of manufacturing and shipping. This could even help people in traditionally poor neighborhoods-they could learn to make furniture parts or other small crafts that could be sold via eBay. Teach classes on how to use eBay in areas like Fairview. The key is to produce HIGH quality items with pride.	1/5/2017 3:17 AM
1101	Promoting small business people with assistance in start up, licensing disc ,health insurance etc. Would build a stronger core in the community allowing for less reliability on the oil industry.	1/5/2017 1:30 AM
1102	Tourism, expanding ports for imports and exports, niche education and vocational schools, build the Knik Arm Bridge.	1/4/2017 11:11 PM
1103	Our resources, fish, wildlife, beauty, oil and the vast amount of land the state holds. Why don't you guys sell off land?	1/4/2017 10:54 PM
1104	I honestly do not see a lot. I think Anchorage will manage to stay afloat but I do not see opportunities for growth within the next couple years.	1/4/2017 4:27 PM
1105	Increasing the education level of entry level/service industry employees to grow our own employees instead of hiring from out of state.	1/4/2017 4:19 PM

1106	Air logistics and services: Lots of value-added activity could happen around Anchorage Airport if State/City develop useful tools to encourage investment. Adventure tourism: 20 and 30-somethings are looking for a totally different tourism experience. We should capitalize on this. Breweries, Value-added food businesses: We have a lot of creative talent that could be capitalized on. Let's support them. Marijuana industry: Whole new industry vertical we can tap into. Renewable energy/microgrid development: Lots of expertise here. We should be exporting that knowledge to developing world. Revitalizing our downtown: Has a lot of potential, but needs a spark.	1/4/2017 3:24 PM
1107	Increase funding to complete/expand the port. At some point it could turn into a cash cow if/when the N/W passage opens. Also market Co-Mingling opportunities unique to Alaska for manufacturers in the US. Offer tax incentives for relocation to the Anchorage area.	1/4/2017 3:18 PM
1108	Growing new businesses/industries that specifically help AK, and those that would really only work here. Localized energy and food production possibly. Maybe we should start building airplanes. Can we capitalize more on the immense freight traffic through Ted Stevens?	1/4/2017 1:52 PM
1109	We need to look at what other states are doing. I was just in Seattle over thanksgiving and saw massive development. I have never seen so many construction projects all happening at once. My wife and counted over 10 tower cranes building and renovating on many different projects. I know they have a lot of new money from tech companies moving in. We need to look at the opportunities other major cities are capitalizing on. How can we encourage new companies to establish themselves in Anchorage.	1/4/2017 11:03 AM
1110	Greater access to development, processing, shipping of natural resources. Requires a capitalistic governing mindset and legal actions.	1/4/2017 11:01 AM
1111	Further growth in retail sector. We are getting more options and therefore, stronger.	1/4/2017 10:48 AM
1112	As the service/education center and tourism "layover", we have good economic "bones". We need a vision to drive public will to support sales tax and incentives to drive public and private investment. We need true public/private partnerships that are "invited" by the MOA. The MOA has ACDA and HLB, but they are not engaged as true partners. We need to figure out how to change the "business as usual" approach -- find something that excites the community. Invest in a vision beyond the MOA's land use plan map and focus the CIP/investments in the vision.	1/4/2017 10:22 AM
1113	--Information technology services --Energy (and other) resource-value-added manufacturing (e.g., carbon fiber, graphene or other "materials" manufacturing) --Expanded international transport-related industries --Higher education	1/4/2017 9:46 AM
1114	They need to find other sources of revenue, whether its a local sales tax, income tax at the state level. Things like our schools, police and fire cannot continue to make cuts.	1/4/2017 9:29 AM
1115	Stabilizing local businesses by enhancing public/pedestrian access and tying businesses to local or adjacent neighborhoods. And higher residential densities and amenities that attract young people and new businesses	1/4/2017 9:22 AM
1116	rebound in oil prices and expansion of the military	1/4/2017 9:13 AM
1117	The opportunity for more small business to grow and develop.	1/4/2017 8:43 AM
1118	A seaport and railroad with excess capacity, a globally-centered international airport with space to grow, business and academic leaders with courage to seize opportunity	1/4/2017 8:38 AM
1119	More small businesses	1/4/2017 8:25 AM
1120	More tour and travel Safe Downtown with vibrant attractions	1/4/2017 7:41 AM
1121	Outdoor recreation industry, green building techniques for northern climates, tourism, airport businesses, natural resource extraction innovations.	1/4/2017 6:35 AM
1122	Keeping Alaska unique. Don't try to make it look like other States/Cities... don't "cookie cut" it into a place others wont want to see. Why travel to a place that looks like the place you just left. Tourism.	1/4/2017 6:12 AM
1123	The biggest untapped opportunity is Alaska's long, warm, and sunny summers. Selling Alaska's summer to retirees, startups, entrepreneurs will bring people to Alaska for the first time. Those who come will contribute to GDP and many will stay.	1/4/2017 5:22 AM
1124	Stronger year round tourism, building a stronger downtown and port.	1/4/2017 4:58 AM
1125	Diversification through technology and lifestyle startups. More bandwidth at lower cost. Consolidation of more of the UA system at UAA.	1/4/2017 1:37 AM
1126	Improvements in handling property crimes Get unemployment rate down	1/3/2017 11:31 PM
1127	Manufacturing, fiscal restraint by local governments	1/3/2017 9:18 PM
1128	Tourism Bus Dev / Mfg / Industrial Export/Fish	1/3/2017 8:03 PM

1129	I am an educator & deal with internationals & hence, I see opening up Anchorage as an international destination as a real opportunity. It would start with the university & its full internationalization (this revenue alone would be a real asset to an institution that is currently experiencing budget restraints) & could trickle down to other sectors of the economy, which in turn, could then be promoted in a successful manner. In addition, I think that Anchorage could diversify & it has a readily available work force that is willing & able to transition.	1/3/2017 7:19 PM
1130	Local young entrepreneurs who grew up here and plan to stay seem to be a bright light for making Made In Alaska products. I'd like to see a Made in Anchorage, Alaska group. Maybe a Made in Anchorage mall in the transit center? The Alaska Natives can sell in the ANMC gift shop. I'm not aware of a nonnative option, except the labor intensive craft fairs.	1/3/2017 7:14 PM
1131	Military, health care, oil and gas development and exploration	1/3/2017 6:48 PM
1132	Locally made products for in-state consumption and export. Attract young people who want to be entrepreneurs. Invest in UAA - make it a place where out of state students want to attend	1/3/2017 6:22 PM
1133	Better marketing for tourism	1/2/2017 5:31 PM
1134	They should have a lottery; it would provide extra money for the State.	1/2/2017 5:25 PM

## Q5 In your opinion, what are threats to Anchorage's economy?

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1	Lack of confidence is a huge threat, as is a lack of imagination and vision. Driving around Anchorage, it looks like a city already in a recession. Our zoning codes, when combined with lack of vision, chases away quality development, and the public sector has no will or ability to implement our community plans. Our infrastructure is lacking or inadequate, and our development standards place the bar above what is feasible for most projects. Housing is costly and aging, and if we do not invest in our core neighborhoods we will see certain neighborhoods decline quickly. The budget cuts to the university are ill advised, at a time when we should be investing in our university and workforce. We need certainty in our state budget. There is either a perception or real threat emerging to our public safety. Without more housing options (including assisted living) we will not attract a quality workforce or retain workforce or retirees (they have money to spend in our community). Cuts to education will drive away middle and upper middle class families.	3/16/2017 3:59 PM
2	Unstable oil prices.	3/1/2017 9:19 AM
3	continuing on our downward spiral without doing anything	3/1/2017 8:16 AM
4	russia	3/1/2017 8:14 AM
5	Crime, gangs and lack of contribution from current entitlement recipients.	3/1/2017 8:08 AM
6	Not attracting young people.	3/1/2017 8:07 AM
7	A changing US economy.	3/1/2017 8:01 AM
8	See above	3/1/2017 7:58 AM
9	Low price of oil.	3/1/2017 7:56 AM
10	people from other countrys taking alaskans jobs	3/1/2017 7:54 AM
11	Stagation.	3/1/2017 7:52 AM
12	Not changing.	3/1/2017 7:50 AM
13	Relying on non-renewable resources as our bread and butter. Look what happens when oil prices drop and companies cut jobs- we rely too much on a single industry.	2/28/2017 11:25 PM
14	Dependence on oil. Increasing crime rate, people wanting to leave because of it. Wages not keeping up with inflation.	2/28/2017 10:26 PM
15	Budget cuts. Tax breaks for oil companies. Global warming.	2/28/2017 7:39 PM
16	The biggest threat to Alaska's economy is the business incubator structure.	2/28/2017 7:27 PM
17	Higher taxes, the pot industry, community violence.	2/28/2017 5:20 PM

18	Maybe I covered this in the "what makes Anchorage's economy weak?" section. Continued decline in the petroleum industry and lack of diversification to other sectors that will attract highly skilled workers is the main threat. Of course, this goes hand in hand with the reductions in state and local government funding. Another threat is a potential federal crackdown on immigrants. Anchorage is a very diverse city that needs to be able to attract people from all over the world to maintain its economy.	2/28/2017 5:01 PM
19	fluctuations in oil prices, state budget crisis, build-up and/or decline in military base personnel	2/28/2017 3:06 PM
20	Right now I think the massive spike in crime, drug use and homeless looking bums on every corner are a major problem and it will continue to get worse if left unchecked. This hurts businesses and innocent people. Crime will stop some people from staying in Anchorage as it will not be safe anymore. Another threat is the loss of oil industry jobs these people spend lots of money that is created from resources in out state. The final threat is our governments unwillingness to do meaningful cuts to the budget. ASD and healthcare are taking up tons of money.	2/28/2017 1:54 PM
21	Unpredictability of oil prices Climate change Unwillingness of residents to increase property taxes	2/28/2017 1:45 PM
22	Oil economy is quickly declining, and the budget is draining.	2/28/2017 1:23 PM
23	Continuing to cut funding for schools (university and K12), which deprives Alaskans of quality preparation for economic opportunities that exist in Alaska, and forces Alaskans interested in quality education for themselves or their children, or who work in the education sector, to leave the state. Continuing to import professionals from Outside leads to a great diversity of talented workers among those who stay, but also to mismatches with resulting high turnover and cultural missteps that are costly and don't benefit our community.	2/28/2017 1:13 PM
24	The global oil market fluctuations, federal government legislation limiting natural resource extraction. Burdensome permitting processes for residential development.	2/28/2017 12:46 PM
25	Reliance on oil money, always.	2/28/2017 12:44 PM
26	Lack of state revenue sharing. Loss of donations to nonprofits as oil sector workers leave the state. The opioid/heroin crisis that leads to thefts and lesser quality of life for addicts and all of us.	2/28/2017 12:19 PM
27	Fear based approaches to challenges and future struggles and coming from a place of losing rather than adaptation.	2/28/2017 11:43 AM
28	The loss of jobs will draw people out of Alaska and the ripple effect of people leaving will impact many parts of our community from schools to restaurants, to the bus system. Officials who are unwilling to try all possible routes to a healthier economy are a threat to our economy. For example, marijuana taxation has created millions of dollars of revenue for states who have implemented a legalized marijuana industry. Why are we not looking into this? Granted our population is vastly smaller than other states that have seen this increase in revenue, however, every drop in the bucket counts.	2/28/2017 11:27 AM
29	Oil and gas markets Healthcare charade/bubble Federal/state budget cuts Limited roots of corporations/individuals	2/28/2017 10:36 AM
30	Loss of high paying oil company related jobs Loss of UAA's programs	2/28/2017 9:40 AM
31	Thinking we can drill and mine like in the past. I know that is more of a state issue.	2/28/2017 9:39 AM
32	Indecisiveness of the Legislature in Juneau. Not prioritizing the needs of low income citizens, including the homeless. Not prioritizing the health of individuals most in need of help: drug addicts, those who would benefit from family planning facilities. Not prioritizing education: especially the deplorable lack of retirement benefits for teachers hired after tier II.	2/28/2017 8:36 AM
33	Online shopping.	2/27/2017 10:32 PM
34	IF this AK Legislature 2017does NOT act in providing the citizens a PLAN of action to review & vote upon...this State WILL SINK...this is NOT the time for a 1950/1970/1980/1990 framework for Action...!!!!!!	2/27/2017 10:14 PM
35	Relying on oil for too much longer, unviable state budget, fear leading to less citizen spending	2/27/2017 9:41 PM
36	Being too reliant on fossil fuels. Lack of funding/ slashing programs at UAA. Lack of acceptance of climate change by too many people.	2/27/2017 8:49 PM
37	Education cuts; #3 answers	2/27/2017 5:58 PM
38	Exit of high paying jobs that support existing businesses.	2/27/2017 3:43 PM
39	Businesses (especially those owned by outsiders) who perpetuate the ridiculous, delusional myth that they are responsible for creating jobs, creating opportunity, and keeping the economy going. I am truly disgusted by the perpetual AEDC propoganda that it is all business that makes the economy. Not true. Just a advertising for businesses to rationalize government subsidies. The subsidy of AEDC and all businesses must end. We are most threatened by these business boosters, corporate cheerleaders, and mthyologizers who believe the nonsense that they are the movers and shakers who make the economy go. That is nonsense. Stop it. Now.	2/27/2017 2:37 PM

40	Loss of government contracts and funding sources	2/27/2017 1:58 PM
41	World wide economic decline.	2/27/2017 1:16 PM
42	dependence on oil revenue and the pass-thru funds from the state; forced high healthcare costs due to the business models here;	2/27/2017 12:50 PM
43	Mass exodus in the wake of falling oil prices	2/27/2017 12:40 PM
44	Young and upcoming professionals may seriously consider leaving the state, because of lack of opportunities to grow, develop, and excel professionally.	2/27/2017 11:35 AM
45	Decreasing funding for public schools; it is hard to attract talent to move here if the school system is mediocre.	2/27/2017 10:58 AM
46	Reduction in spending on tourism & salmon processing, sales tax	2/27/2017 10:30 AM
47	Over dependence on Oil and Federal funding.	2/27/2017 10:03 AM
48	Overdependencenof state on oil and desire to focus on non-renewable resources Food security Poor education funding k-16	2/27/2017 9:44 AM
49	Over-reliance on oil and gas for state revenue and the legislature's reluctance to diversify revenue streams, aka bring back an income tax.	2/27/2017 9:30 AM
50	Mass decrease in military personnel stationed here; letting any neighborhood turn into crime land; failing to fund and support schools; significant drop in tourism do to national politics / policies of the Trump Admin.	2/26/2017 9:05 PM
51	Lack of Anchorage being seen as a place to do business	2/26/2017 8:52 PM
52	Our own fear.	2/26/2017 7:53 PM
53	state fiscal uncertainty	2/26/2017 1:07 PM
54	State fiscal problems, decline of oil/gas industry	2/26/2017 12:33 PM
55	Lack of a balanced state budget. Failure of state to impose a progressive income tax. Taking on a sales tax that would drive retail dollars from other communities out of Anchorage. Further decrease in the oil economy. Lack of imagination and innovation by all levels of government. Giving up local control just to get any business that will come our way. We need to remember that Anchorage is a fabulous place to be, and that she deserves to be treated with respect by developers and industry.	2/26/2017 11:21 AM
56	Dependence on oil	2/26/2017 9:31 AM
57	Migration to lower 48 Loss of young professionals	2/25/2017 7:16 PM
58	Too much dependence on oil. Anchorage's economy is a "bubble" and has risk to implode with loss of oil. Refusal of Alaska Legislature to deal with the economic realities & budget issues.	2/25/2017 4:54 PM
59	thats the way we've always done it. trying to keep the model that weve had for the past 30 years or longer. A resource extraction economy is not viable in the future. we will need to be on the forefront of the technical innovations that drive tomorrow. Autonomous vehicles, connected communities.	2/25/2017 12:30 PM
60	Infrastructure. Our port, our lack of modern and state-of-the-art technologies that help us be on the leading edge of new opportunities. Government and businesses need to plan their economies and budgets more proactively to encompass these.	2/25/2017 12:10 PM
61	Anchorage is fast becoming irrelevant. As the economy gets better in the lower 48, smart people have no incentive to consider moving here. When companies are hiring, the "talent puddle" makes it hard to get people with good skills. Also, starving the schools will drive away families.	2/25/2017 10:12 AM
62	REFUSAL TO PAY TAXES to support: schools (both K-12 and University level) infrastructure (not just building but also maintenance of roads, buildings, etc.) the amenities that make it a great place to live (like parks, trails, the arts)	2/25/2017 10:11 AM
63	Not educating our students well. Cutting education funding.	2/24/2017 7:33 PM
64	Continual reliance on federal activities (defense) and oil productions	2/24/2017 7:22 PM
65	High cost of housing, high student loans, low wages, high cost and non-availability of quality childcare.	2/24/2017 6:07 PM
66	Poverty and the lack of economic opportunity that so many of our residents face, which can contribute to: lack of educational achievement, poor health, crime, substance abuse, violence, etc. Investments in early childhood yield far greater results than later, costlier interventions (e.g. remedial education, prison, rehab, etc.)	2/24/2017 4:38 PM
67	We must keep Anchorage forward thinking to attract talent and tourism. Funds must be available to bike lanes, flowers, park maintenance etc. Restricting the funds would be a threat.	2/24/2017 3:03 PM



68	Too many social programs focusing on the least productive citizens at the expense of productive members of society. Our dependence on federal programs and money, with the problems in the oil industry our future is always at risk since all our eggs are in one basket.	2/24/2017 1:19 PM
69	Relying to much on federal funding and not being stronger on companies that want to come in and suck up all our resources and pay us pennies on the dollar for them. Also taxing to much will stop people from spending money then everyone loses but the government.	2/24/2017 12:41 PM
70	Our legislature and the gridlock they always seem to find themselves in regarding the budget crisis. Like any investment advice you get as an individual: diversify.	2/24/2017 12:26 PM
71	State legislature, salaries staying flat while utilities continue to go up, people leaving for better jobs or career investment, housing market taking a dive, retail stores closing while online shopping increases, losing military, homelessness increasing and out in the street, job losses, unions needing to realize the economic situation and a halt to employee salary and benefit increases which in turn cost the government more money, medical cost too high.	2/24/2017 10:24 AM
72	Entitlement mentality. Resistance to small tax. Too much investment in medical infrastructure and services. Commodity prices.	2/24/2017 9:38 AM
73	Excessive government regulation	2/24/2017 9:32 AM
74	Increasing crime and homelessness, loss of jobs and not enough multi-income housing. We are not built to promote community.	2/24/2017 9:22 AM
75	Increasing regulations that limit new businesses and not keeping current facilities in better condition. ** Have you ever looked at the condition of the tennis courts at the park strip. I was one of the directors in charge of tennis classes at the park strip and had many falls caused by cracks in the courts. Not to mention weeds, syringes, and trees growing out of the concrete! Losing the ACES. Find a way to work with ownership to keep the team here.	2/24/2017 9:17 AM
76	Corporate companies, and our current politicians. They have destroyed our economy. We managed to stay stable during the lower 48 recession, but now here we are in our own recession, and because of the mass influx of military population, we do not have enough jobs and "space" to meet the current population need. I've lived in Eagle River for 20 years, I have never been so embarrassed to call my self an Alaskan as I am now.	2/24/2017 8:59 AM
77	Letting the oil industry have so much influence in politics.	2/24/2017 8:54 AM
78	Title 21, Growing property taxes, Growing Municipal government	2/24/2017 8:53 AM
79	Oil dependency	2/24/2017 8:48 AM
80	I think the biggest threat to the Anchorage economy is the state economy - people losing disposable income (such as the PFD), people moving away, and places going out of business as the threat of a recession, budget cuts, and job losses loom.	2/24/2017 8:38 AM
81	More taxes	2/24/2017 8:34 AM
82	Unwillingness to diversify and invest in new technology and industry.	2/24/2017 8:29 AM
83	Shipping costs, unstable fees to produce, industry needs fixed costs to project business activity.	2/24/2017 8:22 AM
84	Control by oil and gas interests, privatized utilities, budget cuts to schools, wavers of property taxes on NGO properties.	2/24/2017 7:15 AM
85	Focusing on Outside money, pumping more oil, cutting more trees, mining, etc.	2/23/2017 7:54 PM
86	Lack of affordable housing and Underfunded Education - we can't recruit and retain qualified individuals if we can't offer them amenities for their families.	2/23/2017 5:36 PM
87	Lack of skilled workers and technically educated workers	2/23/2017 5:11 PM
88	Our government. I find it distressing to see the lack of initiative in cutting parts of the budget that are non essential. At the same time, our elected officials are trying to find ways of increases taxes as opposed to shrinking the budget.	2/23/2017 4:53 PM
89	The idea that better products/education/and services are offered outside of Alaska versus paying for what we have in state.	2/23/2017 4:27 PM
90	Crime, and the stigmas that go along with crime.	2/23/2017 4:13 PM
91	The Alaskan Legislature	2/23/2017 4:05 PM
92	Young people leaving for better employment outside of Alaska; incompetent leaders.	2/23/2017 3:38 PM
93	State fiscal instability, instability of oil taxes, brain drain.	2/23/2017 3:35 PM
94	Reliance on finite resource industries (coal, gas, oil, minerals)	2/23/2017 3:15 PM

95	Lack of money for education - we are a long way from anywhere - good schools are a reason both for people to come and to stay. We have to find a way to pay for schools, allocating a portion out of the permanent fund would have been a great idea so what can we do now? Growing concerns about personal safety are making people rethink their commitment to Anchorage. Lack of well designed, safe and fun senior housing facilities causes out migration of our seniors who have still a lot to contribute to our communities both in terms of institutional knowledge and resources.	2/23/2017 1:26 PM
96	conservative legislative agenda, lack of investment in education, increasing homelessness and crime	2/23/2017 1:17 PM
97	1. Missed opportunities; the failure to recognize the regional nature of the economy rather than "just" Anchorage. 2. Not engaging and empowering local citizens in the development process which leads to apathy. 3. Lack of legislative decision making. We need to create opportunities and incentivise new business and industry. The Legislature or Assembly needs educated on how many years, process steps and investment it takes to move or start up a business or major infrastructure project.	2/23/2017 12:42 PM
98	budget reductions	2/23/2017 11:16 AM
99	crime, drugs, high grocery prices, lack of sufficient oil and government jobs, a shrinking ASD budget, possible cratering of economy due to state of ak spending	2/23/2017 10:47 AM
100	Outside oil companies Minimum wage	2/23/2017 10:39 AM
101	Reliance on of such services on non-diversified funding sources (state/federal funds) and a lack of variety in funding opportunities (micro-enterprises, community-facilitated funding sources, etc.)	2/23/2017 10:22 AM
102	Drastic cuts in the state budget. Escalating health care costs. Continuing low oil prices. Removal of Obamacare/medicaid expansion which generate revenues for health care that reduces costs on the rest of us and businesses including hospitals and clinics.	2/23/2017 10:15 AM
103	Oil will not improve in the short term so cut spending!!!	2/23/2017 6:51 AM
104	Wasted money on high-budget, low output projects such as the airport train depot, the port situation, randomly placed heated sidewalks, multi-million \$ digital bus route sign....	2/22/2017 11:56 PM
105	State budget/state lawmakers. Business owners not having confidence that state budget issues will be dealt with in 2017.	2/22/2017 10:58 PM
106	Drug & alcohol abuse, domestic violence, lack of self-control and lack of a sense of community responsibility	2/22/2017 8:34 PM
107	Trump.	2/22/2017 7:32 PM
108	Lack of appropriate social safety nets (particularly mental health treatment) that allow people to fall into criminal options. Sprawl and lack of community planning allowing for districts to have their own identities and 'feel'. Lack of a common town core and encouragement of vehicular travel.	2/22/2017 6:58 PM
109	Outdated mentality on resource extraction and a blindness toward new ideas and expansion	2/22/2017 5:36 PM
110	WAY TOO MUCH in welfare programs...and STILL huge homelessness and poverty. Hand outs don't work when they are long term solutions that encourage people to stay on them rather than be forced to act in positive forward moving steps. This is a difficult place to live even WITH a solid and large enough income. Drug abuse is outrageous!	2/22/2017 5:18 PM
111	Lack of the above mentioned in #4	2/22/2017 4:36 PM
112	Loss of school funding	2/22/2017 4:34 PM
113	Low oil prices, higher taxes.	2/22/2017 4:11 PM
114	Expecting the oil price to just recover and save us again.	2/22/2017 2:58 PM
115	Too much reliance on extraction and tourism currently. Also, too much reliance on federal government jobs for personal income for many people. Federal employment has risen in Alaska while State employment has gone down.	2/22/2017 1:35 PM
116	The biggest threat is our own citizen's lackadaisical and narrow-minded viewpoint. "Well if it doesn't affect me, then I don't care," when the truth is that our current situation affects everybody....every. body. No seems to want to sacrifice. No one seems to want to pull together.	2/22/2017 1:31 PM
117	Fiscal chaos at state level and the short sighted reductions of education funding to include UAA	2/22/2017 1:11 PM
118	Resting on our laurels. Sure, we have natural beauty and interesting people, but if we don't think more long term about how we want this city to look and work in the future, we will lose the things that make the city unique.	2/22/2017 10:00 AM
119	sprawl weak downtown	2/21/2017 11:41 PM
120	Dependence on oil. Large, unfounded government projects- gas line, government hill to kinik bridge, etc. High crime rates. Inflated home prices leading to inflated rental costs.	2/21/2017 11:28 PM

121	Being stuck in the past and reluctant to move into new industries.	2/21/2017 10:05 PM
122	Reliance on oil income; citizens' hesitation to a reasonable income or sales tax; under utilizing our economic diversity by not incentivizing small businesses in our community.	2/21/2017 8:56 PM
123	State inaction on economic strategic planning and resolving fiscal gap. Reliance on oil. Outmigration, especially young people for more desirable cities.	2/21/2017 8:41 PM
124	Short sided, quick money. No long term city planning.	2/21/2017 8:31 PM
125	Chain restaurants, box stores, outside tourist products (stores selling junk from China as Alaskan relics), lack of taxation, low oil prices	2/21/2017 7:11 PM
126	no money	2/21/2017 6:57 PM
127	Special Interests.	2/21/2017 4:40 PM
128	Low oil prices, declining world-wide dependence on fossil fuels.	2/21/2017 4:23 PM
129	People leaving state because of changes in state economy. Uncertain economic future for America in general. Exploitation of natural resources without compensation. Lack of support for higher education and the arts.	2/21/2017 3:36 PM
130	Dependence on oil. Failure to attract new companies and organizations to locate here lack of radical vision and willingness to think outside the box Dependence on property taxes	2/21/2017 3:29 PM
131	Oil prices, investors and talented individuals leaving, and not investing in existing opportunities wisely.	2/21/2017 3:20 PM
132	Too much government and the stranglehold public employees unions have on the ability to control government growth	2/21/2017 3:14 PM
133	The assembly and local government need to reduce the burden of new business expansion and embrace innovation and green sustainable options for the future of our population now and in the future. Is there an ombudsman for local business? That would help.	2/21/2017 3:13 PM
134	A lack of winter services for road and side walk maintenance. Crime. Homelessness. Not investing in the education of our children and colleges. We need investment to attract industry that wants to access qualified and capable workers.	2/21/2017 2:57 PM
135	Low oil and gas prices. In Eagle River, the threat of downsizing the military would be a huge impact. I am not sure on numbers, but there is a strong military presence in Chugiak/Eagle River that would greatly impact local businesses.	2/21/2017 1:19 PM
136	Holding on to old business models, we need to embrace our diversity and support new ways of doing things. If we continue to cut funding to education we will be destroying our future.	2/21/2017 1:10 PM
137	Younger population has not been through a substantial correction.	2/21/2017 12:10 PM
138	Housing that does not develop neighborhoods with multilevel jobs and services.	2/21/2017 11:41 AM
139	Governmental bureaucracy and red tape. Shortage of affordable housing.	2/21/2017 11:03 AM
140	Heavy dependence on fossil fuels and imported goods (from the Lower 48 as well as overseas); heavy dependence on federal money; failing schools which do not grow productive citizens and entrepreneurs; climate change	2/21/2017 10:49 AM
141	Paying for things like increased police because the population is more low income and come from places were violence is 'every day'. Spending money to cut down on drug trafficking etc that comes with the way Anchorage's population is shifting	2/21/2017 10:44 AM
142	A lack of industrial capacity, meaning that shipping costs add significantly to costs	2/21/2017 10:10 AM
143	The Legislature again kicking the can	2/21/2017 9:36 AM
144	The greed of oil companies and the willingness of political officials to be their lackeys.	2/21/2017 9:16 AM
145	Anchorage's needs to understand its population is aging and develop ways to incorporate the aging population in a productive way. A great resource of wisdom and engery, albeit a little slower energy. Ignorance. Intolerance. Airport expansion ruining our parks, and quality of life.	2/21/2017 8:22 AM
146	Becoming a city of only national chains. Where Local dollars spent leave the state rather than circulate here	2/20/2017 8:27 PM
147	Inept State government, Oil industry fluctuations	2/20/2017 8:20 PM
148	Earthquakes. High crime rates. Depending on one source to drive the economy = boom and bust nature of natural resource extraction.	2/20/2017 7:49 PM
149	Dependency on corporations	2/20/2017 5:51 PM
150	National chains and the internet and inaction.	2/20/2017 5:08 PM

151	Lower Federal/State & local government spending, low commodity (oil/gas/gold/zinc/coal) prices and cuts to permanent fund dividend payments.	2/20/2017 4:53 PM
152	The vast amount of red tape one must go through to get anything done inside the Municipality of Anchorage. It is so much easier to start a business anywhere else in our state.	2/20/2017 3:16 PM
153	institutionalized prejudice, unwelcoming attitudes, closed minded, sales taxes	2/20/2017 1:02 PM
154	Extensive cuts to state, federal, municipal and school/university budgets which result in the loss of important government functions, services/benefits and jobs. Also, spiraling medical costs (due in part to a lack of competition in certain medical fields) have resulted in outrageous medical/dental costs and limited medical/dental services to poor and older citizens.	2/20/2017 12:18 PM
155	See # 3. Also, despoliation of Alaska's wild, unaltered landscapes, with development of large scale resource extraction projects such as Chuitna Coal, Donlin Gasline and Mine, other Mat-Su coal projects. These wild lands are Alaska's (and Anchorage's) "brand" and if not maintained, will result in a negative change to the national and international image of the region and AK.	2/20/2017 11:50 AM
156	Not supporting an industry that is one of the strongest right now (tourism). How can we justify the shrinking of a budget that supports an industry that is one of the very strongest right now? Go ahead and cut supporting budgets, but don't dismantle it. Other states who are in recovery are doing a lot of tourism advertising right now, and they are being successful. The Pure Michigan campaign is a really good example of how to do a campaign like this correctly. And they were smart enough to continue the campaign in a down economy. When things are good is when you must be working the hardest to keep things good, because when they go bad, you will spend a significant amount more time, effort, and money to recover.	2/20/2017 8:38 AM
157	Rigidity and lack of foresight	2/20/2017 7:26 AM
158	Again, free gibs me dats. I say, community projects such as food banks, not government issued food stamps( that idea of us helping each other, not the government helping because we pay for it and usually is more expensive).	2/20/2017 7:16 AM
159	falling oil prices, homelessness, crime, lack of snowfall	2/20/2017 7:09 AM
160	Homelessness, gangs, drugs.	2/20/2017 3:06 AM
161	The crimes being committed, people might not want to visit anchorage because they're afraid. And our homeless problem.	2/19/2017 11:56 PM
162	not having a diversified economy	2/19/2017 9:12 PM
163	Closed minded people trying to roll back already settled ordinances. Legislators who want to build monstrosities for their district. The crime rate.	2/19/2017 7:50 PM
164	Being focused on today's issues to the exclusion of tomorrow's promise.	2/19/2017 7:35 PM
165	dependence on oil price	2/19/2017 6:24 PM
166	Inability of legislature to address economic problems in the near future	2/19/2017 4:15 PM
167	Drug abuse, poor housing market for lower / mid income bracket and ocean port conditions.	2/19/2017 3:55 PM
168	People leaving due to high cost of living, loss of PFD, wages not keeping up with costs, state budget creating more burden on muni, rising healthcare costs if ACA is repealed without substitute	2/19/2017 1:18 PM
169	Taxes and taking our pfd	2/19/2017 1:15 PM
170	Continued dependence on fossil fuels, along with the rest of the state. Attitudes tied to big oil that continue to wear blinders to anything else. The school district being supported more by the state than the locale.	2/19/2017 10:40 AM
171	Decrease in money going to education and police force	2/19/2017 10:27 AM
172	Crime, property taxes unsustainable budgets.	2/19/2017 8:27 AM
173	Loss of the Permanent Fund, natural disasters,	2/19/2017 8:22 AM
174	Thieves, murderers, drug addiction. These citizens weaken our economy by the mere threat of the havoc they can cause.	2/19/2017 4:24 AM
175	Poor oil production, increasing crime rates, possible sales tax.	2/19/2017 3:06 AM
176	Oil. Very vulnerable. Lack of the ability to expand Anchorage since Jber has a lease to so much of Anchorage... that and the park have us pinned in. Lack of affordable housing also. Lack of training programs, schooling in state for living wage jobs. Our infrastructure is also very vulnerable to earthquakes because the port and airport are the main source of pretty much everything with only 2 roads in and out of Anchorage. The lack of a bridge/ferry or commuter train to the suburbs is also a real problem and keeps the cost of housing in Anchorage too high.	2/18/2017 4:36 PM

177	Inaction at the legislature to address Alaska's fiscal crisis and the associated consequences including downgrades in bond ratings, reduced funding to education (K-12 and University) loss of the PFD, loss of state services. Violent Crime. We need to provide services to the homeless so they are not congregating downtown at the transit center, on street corners or at town square. Intersections such as Minnesota and Benson are full of garbage. We need to provide services to get people off the streets and to free up police resources.	2/18/2017 4:12 PM
178	I somewhat touched on it in question 4, but people don't want to succeed...they want to complain without offering real resolutions. I feel this threatens a prosperous economy, and inhibits growth.	2/18/2017 2:31 PM
179	Reliance on oil & gas companies to support many other industries	2/18/2017 1:36 PM
180	Higher cost of living with the possibility of new taxes (income or sales), new fees and less amenities.	2/18/2017 1:27 PM
181	Anchorage commercial interests need to consider giving individuals who are re-entering the community from Corrections a chance at employment before encouraging folks from the Lower-48 and overseas with worker visas coming to grab those jobs. At the end of the "season", the Lower-48er and the international work visas individuals leave while the community members who would appreciate the employment are still here. The disparity in opportunities for re-entry individuals is remarkable. Do we "invest" in our citizens who have paid their debt to society?	2/18/2017 1:05 PM
182	Stagnation. Being afraid of change.	2/18/2017 12:58 PM
183	Crime and politics	2/18/2017 11:20 AM
184	Greater oil restrictions, unhealthy salmon returns.	2/18/2017 11:00 AM
185	Corruption. Too many state and city employees to support.	2/18/2017 10:52 AM
186	Crime, loss of jobs and too many people then relying on government assistance and Homelessness.	2/18/2017 8:17 AM
187	adding taxes on top of already high prices	2/18/2017 6:24 AM
188	Increasing heavy stud tire tax	2/18/2017 5:38 AM
189	Outside(lower 48) business coming and bringing their own people to work.	2/18/2017 2:56 AM
190	Slope workers lick get outside the State. Residents not buying from local businesses.	2/17/2017 9:42 PM
191	Pessimism. Good workers leaving the state.	2/17/2017 9:04 PM
192	Drugs, homeless, high prices. To many commercial fishermen out. Bad winter roads. Taking away the PFD.	2/17/2017 7:40 PM
193	only natural disasters such as volcanoes and earthquakes	2/17/2017 7:38 PM
194	The misconception that's are streets are safe	2/17/2017 7:14 PM
195	People leaving and flooding the housing market due to loss of jobs. Crime levels increasing which are a deterrent to staying here longer.	2/17/2017 7:13 PM
196	Crime	2/17/2017 5:36 PM
197	Rampant crime	2/17/2017 5:36 PM
198	Excessive taxes Increasing crime	2/17/2017 5:29 PM
199	High taxation on oil companies	2/17/2017 5:14 PM
200	Theft- heroin addiction	2/17/2017 5:11 PM
201	Drug and alcohol abuse, crime, budget deficit	2/17/2017 4:55 PM
202	Poor morale, loss of healthy infrastructure like cutting basic services such as snow removal, and people must feel safe.	2/17/2017 4:25 PM
203	decreasing budgets, appearance of increasing crime	2/17/2017 4:09 PM
204	Higher cost of living relative to many other states. High property taxes relative to many other municipalities. Disproportionate economic swings tied to international prices of oil and gas. Limited affordable housing.	2/17/2017 3:56 PM
205	Over spending. Too much govt	2/17/2017 3:54 PM
206	Crime / drugs.	2/17/2017 3:48 PM
207	Too much dependence on the oil industry	2/17/2017 3:22 PM
208	dependence on Oil, State and Federal monies - growing too fast based on flexible income (such as Oil or State funds)	2/17/2017 3:21 PM
209	Not many business competitors	2/17/2017 3:14 PM
210	Provincial thinking.	2/17/2017 3:04 PM

211	Oil company control of the state and of the legislator	2/17/2017 2:08 PM
212	Excessive rehabilitation services for drugs and alcohol will weaken the economy... we need to help people especially children never use drugs or use alcohol (while underage.) Of course we need some rehabilitative services.	2/17/2017 2:07 PM
213	Economy not diverse enough. Too much reliance on oil industry.	2/17/2017 2:04 PM
214	Crime!!!!!! our homicide rate equals Chicago's. I haven't tried to calculate other crimes in comparison to Chicago.	2/17/2017 1:58 PM
215	- Reduced state spending for cities - decreased quality of education which will not attract good teachers and families	2/17/2017 1:55 PM
216	Over-regulation preventing startups and outside business. Less restriction on city code on building appearance - AKA letting art being more prominent downtown to attract millennials.	2/17/2017 1:43 PM
217	Increased taxation on the population in an already downward turning economy.	2/17/2017 1:40 PM
218	Homeless, crime, entitlement programs, drugs, oh and crime, once again crime.	2/17/2017 1:38 PM
219	Drugs	2/17/2017 1:36 PM
220	Overreliance on Oil and Gas.	2/17/2017 1:33 PM
221	Still focusing too much on oil	2/17/2017 1:32 PM
222	Mediocre space design---cheapo saloons and last frontier junk designs.	2/17/2017 1:29 PM
223	Oil prices	2/17/2017 1:15 PM
224	Crime, poverty, oil industry,	2/17/2017 12:54 PM
225	Trying to rely on pot for state or municipal spending. Why do we want a bunch of people that are stoned ruining our town?	2/17/2017 12:36 PM
226	That we don't have more than Oil & Gas going for our community	2/17/2017 12:13 PM
227	The state legislature playing politics rather than making the difficult but necessary decisions that will pursue the best interests of the Alaskan people and help our state out of its deficit. This will have a grave economic impact on Anchorage and the rest of the state. In addition, doubling down on oil and gas to solve our economic problems (e.g., by opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling) may provide temporary relief but will not help our economy to prosper over the long-term, leaving our children and grandchildren with a much more bleak future.	2/17/2017 12:05 PM
228	Big box stores	2/17/2017 11:51 AM
229	The dramatic rise in crime. A lack of public school education in the area of entrepreneurship and life & practical career skills.	2/17/2017 11:07 AM
230	Crime, dislike of diversity, sales tax which hurts workers, poor infrastructure and transportation.	2/17/2017 10:50 AM
231	abandoned places, stores closing, crime	2/17/2017 10:47 AM
232	High cost, poor labor market (lack of trained and ready employees)	2/17/2017 10:41 AM
233	Lack of attention to environmental factors will reduce our natural resources and hurt our economy. Once resources are damaged or destroyed, they are permanently gone and affects our daily lives.	2/17/2017 10:20 AM
234	Inability to balance the budget and lack of laws that prohibit discrimination. In addition, the increasing levels of crime, gun violence and drug addiction require dedicating increasing local funds to public safety and possibly away from public education and recreation.	2/17/2017 10:14 AM
235	New taxes and larger government	2/17/2017 10:04 AM
236	our city fathers not willing to spend only what monies that we have..... always trying to justify why we have to spend more than the budget is.... and inventing more ways to dig in the pockets of the residents... bonds, new taxes etc.	2/17/2017 10:02 AM
237	Increasing crime. Increasing homelessness. Super-high and exponentially-increasing medical costs are starting to impact the economics and health of families in a very real way. Lack of snowplowing and road maintenance is getting worse--the number of accidents this winter has been ridiculous. Lack of affordable child care in Anchorage makes it difficult for families to fully contribute to the economics of Anchorage.	2/17/2017 9:59 AM
238	Uncertainty around state financial outlook.	2/17/2017 9:21 AM
239	The homelessness and drugs We still need more police to combat all the theft, which goes right back to the drug problems. People should not have to live in fear of being robbed or assaulted.	2/17/2017 9:13 AM
240	Continued increase in property taxes.	2/17/2017 9:12 AM

241	If we continue on the national path of slashing budgets on education will be a death nail. Our people matter most and are investments in our future. The more we line the pockets of big business at the average person's expense the worse off we'll be.	2/17/2017 8:55 AM
242	legislation that kills off industries that develop natural resources, with out local resources we are not competitive that is why stores import bread and milk as we have no resource for basic needs. .	2/17/2017 8:53 AM
243	Mostly people want to go shopping elsewhere or online.	2/17/2017 8:51 AM
244	The biggest threat is losing the jobs in the oil industry, and then losing those people to the lower 48 because we cannot replace their jobs.	2/17/2017 8:48 AM
245	SWAT analyses are best accomplished through brainstorming sessions. Please consider attending the many strong community council meetings around Anchorage.	2/17/2017 8:47 AM
246	Failure to diversify our tax base. Weak oil prices and production. Not enough investment in community services, particular law enforcement is making Anchorage a less desirable community.	2/17/2017 8:47 AM
247	Uncertain state fiscal policy	2/17/2017 8:31 AM
248	Oil prices dropping--we've made ourselves so dependent on this finite resource	2/17/2017 5:04 AM
249	Over dependence on energy, lack of adequate housing, poor zoning.	2/16/2017 8:10 PM
250	Higher taxes. Government wasting tax money. Budgeting based on high price of oil.	2/16/2017 7:37 PM
251	Not taking care of what we have now - police, fire, road maintenance, trails, schools. Don't add layers of bureaucracy, don't trim essential services, only administration and legislator payrolls.	2/16/2017 6:47 PM
252	Too many service industry jobs and dependence on property taxes	2/16/2017 5:15 PM
253	Retail downturn, people turning to online retailers	2/16/2017 2:11 PM
254	Taking away health care and the PFD.	2/16/2017 2:07 PM
255	Running out of land to expand housing/limits population. High cost of living.	2/16/2017 1:48 PM
256	Increased taxes on individuals and businesses	2/16/2017 11:43 AM
257	Dependence on oil revenue	2/16/2017 10:40 AM
258	Cutbacks to basic infrastructure; the roads have been terrible! Too much crime; get the gangs and drugs out of here.	2/16/2017 9:54 AM
259	Complacency; negative attitudes; our socialistic tendencies relying on government and the oil industry to pay for everything without contributions from the citizens.	2/16/2017 9:17 AM
260	To many people looking for state aid. Not enough skilled labor to employe. Also the millennial are to coddled and are not willing to work for their money.	2/16/2017 8:19 AM
261	Its citizens' unwillingness to raise taxes from anything other than business.	2/16/2017 7:05 AM
262	Loss of jobs including military	2/16/2017 7:04 AM
263	The military leaving	2/16/2017 6:48 AM
264	Too little investment in marginalized communities.	2/16/2017 5:47 AM
265	Cold weather hazardous streets people don't go to stores unless they have to. High shipping cost discourage manufacturing here. We should have an Arctic clothing factory here Ship our produce outside expand our market area	2/16/2017 5:08 AM
266	Threats to Anchorage's economy come from within and without. Increasingly, trade is by-passing our shallow northern port. The proposals for new peripheral highways and toll-bridges bring both high price-tags and reductions in local commerce. Anchorage began as a junction of the railroad and is now an invaluable link between trade routes of the sea and land. Erasing or evading that link would be detrimental. Furthermore, Anchorage will soon choose a city condition: one of gentrification and patterns of destructive rehabilitation and mis-managed development or one of vibrancy through economic (and social) diversity and sustainable growth. Both situations increase revenue, but only one sustains proud communities and spurs growth—the latter.	2/15/2017 10:02 PM
267	State fiscal crisis, job loss, crime, and softening housing market.	2/15/2017 7:34 PM
268	Poor local government. Over regulation by local, state and federal authorities. Poor decisions by state and federal governments restricting extractive industries. Over reliance on federal monies Public employee unions affecting local and state elections for the union's benefit and to the general public's detriment.	2/15/2017 7:15 PM
269	More roads	2/15/2017 5:35 PM

270	Crime	2/15/2017 4:43 PM
271	Threats to the Anchorage economy is the ongoing lack of budget balancing at the state level and continued cutbacks to the university and school systems and revenue sharing from the state.	2/15/2017 4:37 PM
272	Price of oil fluctuations High property taxes Inability of legislature to make timely sound decisions	2/15/2017 4:17 PM
273	- reliance on State dollars (time for a municipal income tax!) - too-expensive housing (there should be plenty of homes available to someone on school-teachers' salary) - resistance to innovation - high crime rate in the city - poor schools - expensive child care	2/15/2017 1:39 PM
274	High cost of training.	2/15/2017 1:23 PM
275	Complacency.	2/15/2017 12:54 PM
276	Unwillingness by residents to pay for the quality of life and government services which ensure good education, public safety, good roads, and options for recreation and culture.	2/15/2017 12:11 PM
277	Prolonged failure to address the state's fiscal crisis, myopic focus on a gas pipeline with unproven economics, failure to recognize progress being made by oil producers despite overall sector weakness, instability and irrationality with regard to the state's oil tax policy, perceptions and reality with regard to crime rates, homelessness and aggressive panhandling creating negative perceptions and reality.	2/15/2017 11:49 AM
278	Continued budget cuts to the state and social and health resources.	2/15/2017 11:43 AM
279	Continuing to romance OIL COMPANIES rather than putting our energies into resources that will DO NO HARM and exploiting our land.	2/15/2017 10:21 AM
280	Municipality and state overspending.	2/15/2017 8:42 AM
281	Lack of capital improvements	2/15/2017 7:10 AM
282	Government taxes	2/15/2017 6:24 AM
283	Risk of reduced military spending at JBER. High property taxes and housing values.	2/15/2017 6:11 AM
284	Legislation and regulations	2/15/2017 4:17 AM
285	Over regulation, taxes and fees that hinder business development. Crime. Inflation	2/14/2017 10:37 PM
286	We need to support small business, they have tough times with all the big box stores. Lack of leadership to make the tough choices, or just doesn't know about the waste.	2/14/2017 8:04 PM
287	Over-dependence on the oil industry. Crime and gang activity.	2/14/2017 8:03 PM
288	Descrimination and segregation of different groups of people- racial, economic classes, sexual orientation. General openness to others is what we need more of.	2/14/2017 7:52 PM
289	Lack of jobs, no promoting of "things to do in Alaska", city planning for use by residents and visitors.	2/14/2017 6:42 PM
290	unsafe communities, fewer incentives for small business	2/14/2017 6:02 PM
291	Over-reliance on state and federal funding/initiatives, and fear of the future.	2/14/2017 6:01 PM
292	Over-regulation. If we strangle what businesses are allowed to do, we cut of their ability to grow and give back to their community by way of involvement, job growth, etc.	2/14/2017 4:13 PM
293	State economy SB91	2/14/2017 4:05 PM
294	Oil. No diversity	2/14/2017 4:03 PM
295	Competition. Reductions in state spending and investment. Lack of a qualified workforce. Mother Nature Politicians - local and national	2/14/2017 3:50 PM
296	Loss of Military institutions. It would devastate East & North Anchorage.	2/14/2017 3:21 PM
297	compromized job segments and the domino effect(weak and threats coincide)	2/14/2017 3:15 PM
298	Over-dependence on oil and gas. Populations feeling entitled not to contribute to service (initiate taxes, NOW! people should pay something for what they receive).	2/14/2017 2:17 PM
299	I believe that the proposed income tax is a threat; I think many people will move out of state if this gets passed. Why not start a sales tax for out of state people instead?	2/14/2017 1:50 PM
300	Counting on oil and gas to save us over next 10 years - need to think alternative energy resources like wind, sun	2/14/2017 1:47 PM



301	Decreasing oil in the pipeline. Lack of interest by community to pay for services and infrastructure that make Anchorage a vibrant community.	2/14/2017 12:07 PM
302	pulling back and cutting, cutting, cutting	2/14/2017 12:06 PM
303	Poor weather - coldness can cause folks to not want to live in Anchorage/make it hard to get around in the winter. Climate change.	2/14/2017 11:46 AM
304	Port of Anchorage expansion stalled, need better capability (especially during disaster response), limited drug and alcohol rehab centers	2/14/2017 10:41 AM
305	Over-reliance on oil industry and government dollars, particularly in face of low oil prices. Failure of state and municipal leaders to reign in spending.	2/14/2017 9:13 AM
306	The inability to think creatively and expansively	2/14/2017 9:01 AM
307	Crime	2/14/2017 7:56 AM
308	The State is a threat. Anchorage disproportionately supports way more than its share of the state. The lack of any kind of an economy in small communities throughout the state is a weakness for the whole state. An example of this is UAA. Because of the current state budget, UAA has had to make severe cuts to its programs, which will attract fewer students. This is especially true of out-of-state and foreign students, who pay higher tuition and dorm/housing fees unlike many Anchorage students. Having a university in Anchorage could attract new talent, new business ideas, new growth. But only if the students come.	2/14/2017 7:54 AM
309	High health care costs. Lack of diversification. Dependence on state funding.	2/14/2017 7:01 AM
310	Loss of high paying jobs from oil boom and bust.	2/14/2017 4:56 AM
311	Narrow-mindedness of government officials. And the unbelievable rise in crime due to a poorly executed soft-on-crime bill.	2/14/2017 4:12 AM
312	More people are choosing to stay home and order online. Food movies pet food outdoor gear. I have people telling me to use Amazon instead of local businesses ( it's often cheaper)	2/14/2017 12:45 AM
313	Crime. It breeds fear and ensures we continue to distrust each other. Kinda hard to build a strong community of any kind (economic or otherwise) when we distrust each other.	2/13/2017 11:56 PM
314	Overspending and SB 91 not doing driving the cost of business up.	2/13/2017 10:04 PM
315	Crime, gangs, violence, slow or lack of police presence	2/13/2017 9:28 PM
316	Housing crash (people leaving their homes owing more than they're worth)	2/13/2017 8:02 PM
317	Over taxation, a resistance to change, lack of housing, increasing costs (electric, health care, etc)	2/13/2017 7:17 PM
318	Low oil prices, lack of creativity, over-reliance on imported products	2/13/2017 7:06 PM
319	Over-dependence upon the industries of the past.	2/13/2017 6:55 PM
320	High cost for start ups and no tax breaks for those trying to make small local owned companies viable	2/13/2017 6:10 PM
321	Cutting recreation, arts, beautification, education funds. Weakening the University.	2/13/2017 6:03 PM
322	Oil fluxes	2/13/2017 5:46 PM
323	Major threats are people moving away because they can't stand the regressive political climate. Anti-tax policies threaten to cause such deterioration in our quality of life that good people will be driven away.	2/13/2017 5:29 PM
324	Excessive property taxes, crime	2/13/2017 5:00 PM
325	Again lack of diversity. Crime rates. Roads and infrastructure.	2/13/2017 4:45 PM
326	The state NOT dealing with its fiscal budgetary crisis.	2/13/2017 4:40 PM
327	1. State and oil companies disagreements	2/13/2017 4:39 PM
328	Violent Crime Drug and alcohol abuse Lack of a plan to deal with homeless.	2/13/2017 4:32 PM
329	Current lack of investment in public education, both lower and higher. Cutting back on education funding may be an expedient measure in these difficult times, but these cuts will have long range impacts on the long term viability of the economy.	2/13/2017 2:17 PM
330	big oil or government contraction that causes problems for price of real estate. I am worried there will be real estate deflation..... the gang and drug problem is serious and needs to be addressed. I am willing to pay taxes to support our law enforcement	2/13/2017 2:05 PM

331	Drunkard people; drug pushers, homeless people, and others of same characters	2/13/2017 12:58 PM
332	The fact that we import 95% of our food :O yikes, that's the definition of reliance on oil. Also, the fiscal budget crisis is threatening the budget for capital projects.	2/13/2017 12:50 PM
333	Chain restaurants and chain retailers that exploit workers and send money out of state. Reliance on legacy fuels, lack of public transportation and zoning	2/13/2017 12:17 PM
334	emphasis on parking--why do we have so many parking lots! the mentality that Anchorage has no more space. inability to raise money locally or unwillingness a state sales tax raising money from Anchorage that leaves Anchorage. I think it's time we tax ourselves to pay for the services we have.	2/13/2017 12:14 PM
335	Taxation, education that doesn't teach higher level skill sets, lack of community	2/13/2017 11:10 AM
336	Refusing to tax tourists - they want to come anyway. Not supporting arts that brings people to downtown and spend. Not improving bike lanes on roads or supporting biking - allows for people to save money on gas and thus able yo spend more.	2/13/2017 10:43 AM
337	Stagnation and dependence on one sector for revenue, i.e. oil. State government not figuring out the budget crisis, if that is not solved everyone will lose.	2/13/2017 10:31 AM
338	1.Legislature doing nothing and businesses pulling back on investing in state, which also leads to anchorage. 2. Complacency and not willing to take risks.	2/13/2017 10:05 AM
339	The population instability. I think it's possible that the projected trend of a decreasing population might make investors shy away.	2/13/2017 10:01 AM
340	Recession and downturn in the oil industry	2/13/2017 9:49 AM
341	Oil and housing prices.	2/13/2017 8:33 AM
342	Republican lead government trying to recreate the oil boom economy of the '70's	2/13/2017 8:23 AM
343	Oil companies leaving the state...which they have, taking Anchorage jobs with them. People living outside of Anchorage (Wasilla, Palmer, etc) who take advantage of what Anchorage has to offer (no sales tax, good roads), but don't have to pay for it!	2/13/2017 6:27 AM
344	Unwillingness to resolve the state budget deficit. We need broad based taxes, income, sales, fuel, etc; POMV for the permanent fund: reduction/elimination of oil credits; damaging reductions to school district and university funding	2/13/2017 6:22 AM
345	- Outflow of creative, entrepreneurial young people and lack of same coming in -- if Anchorage wants a vibrant economy, it's got to be the kind of place where people want to live. We need to keep our miles of trails, our parks, and other spaces of this nature safe and beautiful. We need to invest in making the city a fun, affordable place to be year 'round. We need to support our public schools. These are the kinds of things that will draw people here--to live, to vacation, to start businesses.	2/13/2017 4:33 AM
346	Again, the lack of fiscal planning and foresight from the state legislature.	2/12/2017 11:17 PM
347	State revenue decline, increased potential for taxes.	2/12/2017 10:13 PM
348	Inability to adapt to changing technologies and keep up with the rest of the country.	2/12/2017 9:09 PM
349	Belief that we just need to wait out oil prices until high ones return.	2/12/2017 9:02 PM
350	Clutter and indifference to our surroundings (streets, parks, buildings etc.)	2/12/2017 6:59 PM
351	State income taxes	2/12/2017 6:58 PM
352	Nothing to keep young adults here	2/12/2017 2:52 PM
353	So much crime. It's not safe to live here	2/12/2017 2:24 PM
354	Doing nothing or too little in the face of state funding shortages	2/12/2017 2:11 PM
355	Oil, loss of jobs and growing crime rate.	2/12/2017 1:58 PM
356	Over zealous regulators Ignoring market drivers by politicizing the economy	2/12/2017 1:50 PM
357	Not diversifying into technology startups and neglecting human capital development because of a handful of people who do not want to support preK, and K12 public education.anch	2/12/2017 11:12 AM
358	Us not listening to the big companies, continuing to tax the heck out of everything and driving them all away. Japan is getting ready to big one of the biggest dependent countries on oil and gas, we need to use that to our advantage.	2/12/2017 11:06 AM
359	Lack of infrastructure, especially affordable housing.	2/12/2017 10:22 AM

360	High price of fuel, too much regulation/tax inhibits resource development and business growth. Overly skeptical attitude about resource development. All development does not equal "raping" the land.	2/12/2017 7:07 AM
361	Anchorage citizens don't feel safe with a perceived sense of increased violence and crimes. We also are very good insecure, depending on food shipments.	2/12/2017 12:13 AM
362	Low oil prices.	2/12/2017 12:13 AM
363	If the Alaska legislators cannot agree on a realistic budget. This will require to dip in the Permanent fund budget reserve to stabilize the economy. In my opinion that is why the Permanent fund was created as " A rainy day reserve fund ". Unfortunately with the price of oil and the declining flow of oil we need to tap into this Reserve fund.	2/12/2017 12:09 AM
364	Continued hemorrhage of state and oil jobs (which impact retail, etc.), and factors that cause Anchorage to not be a desirable place to live (lack of affordable housing, violent crime, etc.). Not being a desirable place to visit (expensive lodging, low quality lodging - poor service, bedbugs, shabby/outdated lodging - safety concerns)	2/11/2017 7:57 PM
365	Crime with increased gang activity and drug related crimes.	2/11/2017 5:14 PM
366	Sales tax. If there is one it will mean I will spend a heck of a lot less that I currently do.	2/11/2017 3:54 PM
367	Not enough jobs and increased crime rate.	2/11/2017 3:32 PM
368	High crime, fat government, human resource drain, need to travel outside for higher education can cause people to not return, below living-wage pay, too few technical skills training programs in Alaska creates gap between professionals and minimum wage employment.	2/11/2017 3:06 PM
369	Old fashioned policies that don't recognize our modern world and diverse citizenship; doing things just because we've always done them; refusal to be open to taxes, where appropriate to make Anchorage a great place to live.	2/11/2017 1:38 PM
370	California/New York-type mentalities that want to lock things up and hinder Anchorage from being "Alaskan".	2/11/2017 10:50 AM
371	Budget cuts to basic services like police and road maintenance. I'm also concerned the quality of our public schools and UAA is declining making Anchorage a less desirable place to live.	2/11/2017 10:17 AM
372	Taxes	2/11/2017 9:40 AM
373	Fear, Lack of Vision and Execution.	2/11/2017 7:54 AM
374	Not enough affordable housing to house low-medium income workers.	2/11/2017 4:56 AM
375	Cuts to federal and state funding.	2/11/2017 3:09 AM
376	High cost of living. Housing costs are way too much for the type of home you can rent/buy.	2/11/2017 12:28 AM
377	Illegal immigration, extreme environmentalism, reductions in federal and military jobs.	2/10/2017 11:08 PM
378	Sb91 and increase of crime	2/10/2017 11:04 PM
379	Walmarts	2/10/2017 10:26 PM
380	Being complacent about supports for small business promotion. The community becoming outdated and not improving on current standards of doing business. We have to be excellent to compete with online or out-of- state businesses or services.	2/10/2017 9:59 PM
381	The federal government	2/10/2017 9:44 PM
382	Crime rate, things that are happening lately that didn't happen before in MOA	2/10/2017 9:12 PM
383	Unemployment and the homeless population	2/10/2017 8:30 PM
384	High state taxes. Low oil prices.	2/10/2017 8:11 PM
385	Bad winter roads, crime, lack of education, lack of higher education options to enter the workforce in Alaska. And once again lack of jobs for the people.	2/10/2017 7:58 PM
386	Sales tax.	2/10/2017 7:39 PM
387	Lack of investments for renewable energies.	2/10/2017 7:36 PM
388	Increasing property and sales taxes, diminishing PFD	2/10/2017 7:25 PM
389	Over reliance on chain stores/restaurants	2/10/2017 7:20 PM
390	Crime, drugs, homelessness	2/10/2017 7:07 PM
391	Waiting for the next oil boom&bust like we've done so many times. Having a shitty GOP-run state government that can't write legislation to save its own ass.	2/10/2017 4:16 PM

392	stagnation.	2/10/2017 4:11 PM
393	Possible further decline in fossil fuel-related industry and income. Decline in tourism. Failure to grow the primary and secondary economic sectors, with growth limited to the tertiary sector (administration, services). Reduction in travel to and trade with other Pacific rim areas. Economic or other conflict with China and/or Russia.	2/10/2017 3:32 PM
394	Declining oil prices, continued assumption that Anchorage and Alaska will be sustained by oil production.	2/10/2017 3:20 PM
395	Crime, cold & hard winter months, population.	2/10/2017 3:15 PM
396	Large corporations taking over and driving smaller and local businesses out, limiting market options	2/10/2017 3:13 PM
397	close-mindedness of anchorage residents. anchorage IS NOT a welcoming place to those that are different.	2/10/2017 1:59 PM
398	A government that raises taxes and fees continually and un equal amongst Anchorage residents. Many people are looking to leave when the burden reaches a point where it makes no fiscal sense to stay	2/10/2017 1:02 PM
399	stagnation of creative solutions	2/10/2017 12:25 PM
400	The opposite of #4	2/10/2017 11:51 AM
401	The state's economy.	2/10/2017 11:27 AM
402	Republicans. They have to accept taxing someone, something else besides just the property owners. They are squeezing us dry. Ineptitude, think of the port and the new computer system and how much was wasted. Cronyism is alive and well. And the price of medical services as stated above.	2/10/2017 9:19 AM
403	Legislative uncertainty surrounding oil regulation. Everytime a lawmaker makes a comment or statement about the arctic's drilling and exploration future, it's a higher risk for oil companies to invest here and they pull away.	2/10/2017 6:03 AM
404	Pricing on gas, food and utilities go up, so people buy less and go out less.	2/10/2017 4:57 AM
405	Old peoples veto if young thoughts and desires	2/10/2017 1:47 AM
406	income/sales tax, current cap on PFD, oil/gas industry, crime, lack of sufficient school funding = weak future	2/9/2017 11:41 PM
407	Increasing taxes	2/9/2017 10:42 PM
408	Higher taxes on oil industry	2/9/2017 10:06 PM
409	Unemployment on sudden mass scales, crime increase, weakening demand for Alaska resources, unbalanced state politics	2/9/2017 9:53 PM
410	Pesimic attitude, unwillingness to work together.	2/9/2017 8:21 PM
411	Reliance on oil for the future.	2/9/2017 8:08 PM
412	Crime makes it a less desirable place to settle down. Brain drain from the university cutting jobs. Sprawl to the south of town increases cost of city services.	2/9/2017 7:23 PM
413	Amy Demboski's continued presence on the assembly and her ties to AFP.	2/9/2017 7:06 PM
414	Not balancing our budget	2/9/2017 6:18 PM
415	Lack of strong state support of education, including UA.	2/9/2017 4:45 PM
416	Loss of gas and oil jobs and crime. Increased crime could deter people from moving here, potentially reducing the number of skilled works.	2/9/2017 4:24 PM
417	People leaving. Oil prices declining.	2/9/2017 4:10 PM
418	The Mayer, drugs and high crime.	2/9/2017 2:25 PM
419	Deteriorating roads, poor plowing, and lack of investment in schools	2/9/2017 2:20 PM
420	Setting up businesses to fail. Reference point: Any anchorage marijuana dispensary open before atleast 10 cultivation points were set up. Mainly, you left a huge demand out there without a supply to take care of it. Which has left these businesses turning away customers and only able to open sometimes half the week. This is money lost, period. Money to these small businesses, to the city, to the state.	2/9/2017 12:51 PM
421	Oil economy crash.	2/9/2017 12:44 PM
422	Drug and alcohol abuse, excessive local regulation.	2/9/2017 12:07 PM
423	Dependence on one income source (oil) and one industry (oil)	2/9/2017 11:54 AM

424	Short-sightedness on the part of our legislature. They have restricted the opportunities of our young people to receive medically accurate sex education in the schools, put up road blocks and limited access to abortion. This ensures more STDs and unplanned pregnancies which cost us so much in lost economic opportunities and growth for our young people, and in burdens to our social safety nets. They don't fully fund education and denigrate public education which can hurt our kids and our schools and make this a less desirable place for employers to invest in. The billions of dollars they are giving away to oil companies with nothing in return is harming our entire states economic outlook.	2/9/2017 11:44 AM
425	The SOA's fiscal woes and weak leadership. We should also probably be worrying about the cost of economic refuges locations in the state that are highly dependent on state and federal spending.	2/9/2017 11:43 AM
426	Rigidity of zoning laws, adherence to separation of residential/commercial spaces, starvation of public transit, excessive medical costs, failure of legislature to stabilize tax system	2/9/2017 11:24 AM
427	Crime, if my car is stolen I'll be forced to use public transit. This would add almost 2 hours to my work day. Union busting, if our union goes away our wages will be reduced. Businesses that don't pay a living wage or offer benefits.	2/9/2017 11:16 AM
428	Ineptitude in the Legislature, crime, burst of medical overgrowth bubble.	2/9/2017 10:36 AM
429	Workforce development is key for the pockets of poverty in the city. Infrastructure, transportation, and housing related improvements need to happen to draw the right kind of talent, or keep the educated here. As the current generation of young adults comes of age in Anchorage, they find that the type of housing they want near the urban cores of Anchorage (downtown, midtown) in a reasonable price range is unavailable to them. Also, cutting funds to the university chases innovation away.	2/9/2017 10:27 AM
430	dependence on oil and out of state resources	2/9/2017 10:17 AM
431	Home prices down and rent prices up along with labor guaranteed to go down for 10 years.	2/9/2017 10:17 AM
432	The downtown area is currently flooded with homeless people who are not contributing to society and they should be encouraged to do so. Marijuana is also a detriment to productivity in individuals and our society as a whole.	2/9/2017 10:03 AM
433	Lack of long term work, rising cost of living and limited real estate options for both rentals and homes	2/9/2017 9:48 AM
434	More taxes, taking away the dividend check or reducing it so there is less to spend. Crime and shooting every day and night.	2/9/2017 8:44 AM
435	Increase in out-of-state workers taking high earning jobs. failure of the legislature to pass effective bills in the coming months to stem our fiscal crisis.	2/9/2017 8:20 AM
436	Alaska has been short-sighted in its emphasis on the oil industry. We have dug ourselves into a very deep hole that is hampering our ability to move forward. We need to institute an income tax to provide the funds for infrastructure.	2/9/2017 8:18 AM
437	Weak state policies and low state funding; public safety	2/9/2017 6:16 AM
438	stuck in the old ways leadership	2/9/2017 6:15 AM
439	Fear tactics, manipulation, and poisonous communication from the media and those in leadership positions. It has got to stop. People want the truth and the facts. Do everything to keep the peace and take care of the people. I've spent a considerable amount of time in 3rd world and developing countries and when people feel they don't have opportunities to succeed and when life gets too much they give up hope. They start living for themselves and with a day to day survival mindset. We aren't at that place by a long shot, but I do hear and see people on a daily basis that are one bad decision away from jumping on that bus. A big threat is what has been and whatever is implemented... when you get people onboard this is a very true statement "You keep 'em with what you win 'em with"	2/9/2017 5:38 AM
440	Government budget, oil prices, global warming	2/9/2017 12:44 AM
441	To much government regulation and spending	2/8/2017 8:24 PM
442	Recession; crime; stagnant youth	2/8/2017 8:23 PM
443	Cutting primary school budgets and not funding after school programs in Girdwood.	2/8/2017 7:45 PM
444	Lack of fiscal budget to consistently meet requirements when oil is down	2/8/2017 6:48 PM
445	To much regulation	2/8/2017 6:16 PM
446	Over-regulation, lack I'd consistent fiscal policy in state government.	2/8/2017 6:00 PM
447	Our continued dependence on oil.	2/8/2017 5:17 PM
448	Biggest threat is State Government not handling budget. Old minded thinking.- Not understanding Globalization and Automation. What worked in the 80's and 90's no longer does.	2/8/2017 5:09 PM
449	Isolation from other metro areas. "Brain drain" of young people following opportunities and better jobs in the lower 48. Lack of funding flowing to the University system to retain and attract creative, diverse, innovative young people.	2/8/2017 4:27 PM

450	Too much reliance on the oil industry, reluctance of politicians to discuss sales or income tax to keep our community's infrastructure healthy, too many special interests pulling the operating strings	2/8/2017 4:19 PM
451	PFD taking, state govt budget cuts, sales tax, no tip exemption for Min Wage, not cutting oil tax credits,	2/8/2017 3:41 PM
452	Crime, homelessness, lack of sophistication, entitlements, lack of good housing	2/8/2017 3:03 PM
453	Two ad agencies just closed and I know many people laid off in that industry. How are businesses going to stay in business without any marketing? I think we'll see more businesses fail as a result. I also see that many jobs that require an expensive degree and years of experience are paying \$14-20 an hour. You can barely rent an apartment for \$1k, good luck buying a home or raising a family. It's easy to find a job in the lower 48 for the same pay with drastically lower cost of living. If businesses are struggling to pay employees a living wage, there must be affordable housing options. It's not about in entice to keep people in Alaska - I know so many people who've left because they love it, but they want a quality life and can't afford it.	2/8/2017 2:14 PM
454	Fiscal issues.	2/8/2017 1:43 PM
455	State legislature's inability to establish a reasonable fiscal plan to help Anchorage, and the rest of the state, in order for Anchorage to address and solve our own fiscal issues.	2/8/2017 1:40 PM
456	Declining oil, loss of jobs.	2/8/2017 1:14 PM
457	Costs of health care, threats to basic infrastructure/services resulting from downtown in State services and unwillingness to tax our citizenry and non-residents who benefit from those services, poor quality of education system that does not prepare Alaskans for Alaska jobs, e.g. large numver of oil sector workers who are non-resident	2/8/2017 1:04 PM
458	Educational resources- poor HS grad rate Need to retrain oil field workers as jobs shrink State budget crisis threatening basic infrastructure & community needs	2/8/2017 12:57 PM
459	Taking our PFD, crime rate of course, taking away unemployment pay.	2/8/2017 12:39 PM
460	The heavy reliance on the oil industry. Statewide recession. The loss of jobs. Low test scores for Anchorage School District.	2/8/2017 12:28 PM
461	Reduction in oil prices affects every aspect of Anchorage's economy. Few high paying jobs, leads to fewer lower paying jobs that over qualified have to settle with. Fewer low paying jobs leads to people making bad decisions when desperate for money. This leads to crime, increased drug abuse and all the ramifications that go along with it.	2/8/2017 12:27 PM
462	People moving away	2/8/2017 12:24 PM
463	mean spirited peopel and politicians who do not take any action	2/8/2017 11:52 AM
464	Removal of Affordable Health Care act threatens the livelihood of small business owners that support larger businesses.	2/8/2017 11:49 AM
465	Sales tax	2/8/2017 11:42 AM
466	So far away from the rest of USA, yet we rely on them for so many goods and services.	2/8/2017 11:31 AM
467	The increasingly high rate of violent crime and murder. Who wants to live in a war zone?	2/8/2017 11:29 AM
468	being so dependent on the oil industry as the main source of revenue for the state and portions of local government. Depending on property taxes as the primary source to fund local government needs to be diversified.	2/8/2017 11:23 AM
469	Depending on oil companies.	2/8/2017 11:23 AM
470	Politicians	2/8/2017 11:20 AM
471	The Assembly and rogue poorly thought out ideas.	2/8/2017 11:10 AM
472	Do Nothing. Status Quo. Not finding our identity after oil. We will always be an oil, mining and natural resources state, and we should capitalize on that. But we should also develop more sustainable industries. Many people are sick of the traffic and crowding in the Pacific Northwest for example. We should find employment opportunities, etc. to lure them here.	2/8/2017 11:03 AM
473	Legislature not taking action on State fiscal crisis. Oil prices declining further.	2/8/2017 10:53 AM
474	The cost of living, health care, uncertainty of the State's budget are all grey areas for our community. What people don't realize is the way the community responds to such situations is the direction our local economy will sway. The costs that us Alaskans face creates hardships. Businesses can't afford health care for employees - THEREFORE they aren't hiring as many employees.	2/8/2017 10:35 AM
475	Political correctness is number one. We need to put the hammer down and make commonsense decisions for the good of the whole.	2/8/2017 10:01 AM

476	Reliance on Oil & Gas and the inability for the State to handle the fiscal responsibility of fixing the budget crisis	2/8/2017 9:24 AM
477	We need to diversify. Our eggs are all in one basket on the North slope.	2/8/2017 9:08 AM
478	Lack of resource development	2/8/2017 8:59 AM
479	Business leaders and elected officials who believe in big government and put their efforts into increasing taxes to feed a growing government and refuse to implement policies that support a thriving private sector. CRIME! With more police on the force than we've had in years - the increase in crime is mind boggling.	2/8/2017 8:57 AM
480	Drug use (legal and illegal), alcohol abuse, homeless population, lack of education for many particularly those at lower end of the social-economic spectrum.	2/8/2017 8:56 AM
481	Crime	2/8/2017 8:46 AM
482	inaction by our politicians.	2/8/2017 8:37 AM
483	Continued downsizing of University of Alaska Anchorage.	2/8/2017 8:30 AM
484	the big corporate cos.	2/8/2017 7:11 AM
485	The current US Administration and Trump's erratic behavior and the loss of oil & gas jobs in Anchorage.	2/8/2017 7:09 AM
486	crime	2/8/2017 6:55 AM
487	tim down businesses such as neglected malls & buildings	2/8/2017 5:32 AM
488	Major losses of government and oil jobs.	2/7/2017 11:14 PM
489	Continual low oil prices Lack of leadership and state offices senators Not a resolution to our fiscal budget More people pulling out of Anchorage and surrounding cities and state businesses in employees	2/7/2017 10:24 PM
490	Federal cuts to government programs that support our troops.	2/7/2017 10:19 PM
491	Job losses. Plain and simple. Bring oil back. Regulate it.	2/7/2017 9:45 PM
492	Trump/national instability, state fiscal situation. Both equal lack of confidence for businesses and individuals - don't want to take risks or expend, not knowing what's coming. For healthcare, the excessive charges that providers/institutions in AK are using - puts the sector at risk, and the community at odds.	2/7/2017 9:41 PM
493	Oil price, politicians that do not recognize the need to shrink government spending along with raising taxes	2/7/2017 9:09 PM
494	State legislature creating financial crisis by mismanagement and corruption.	2/7/2017 9:01 PM
495	A deeper recession caused by over-contraction in government services and spending due to over-dependence on oil revenue. We must avoid getting too close to the late '80s, when combined oil sector and government spending reductions had a reverse multiplier effect as reduced employment resulted in substantial net out-migration and reductions in consumer spending across broad economic sectors. We must combat both the tendency in that direction and a perception or reputation that we are headed perilously close to that point, because that could be difficult and take a long time to overcome.	2/7/2017 8:23 PM
496	Increase in crime and lack of state coming up with a fiscal plan.	2/7/2017 8:15 PM
497	High property and sales taxes	2/7/2017 7:49 PM
498	Unless we diversify our income stream, Anchorage is threatened by continued loss of State revenue-sharing and oil-related jobs. Relying too much on property taxes threatens to lead to a lower standard of living if our only option is to cut services. We are already seeing some of the effects of a leaner budget this winter, as snow plowing starts taking a back seat to a beefed-up police force (which we need with the increased crime rate).	2/7/2017 7:42 PM
499	a flat housing market and high cost of living.	2/7/2017 7:20 PM
500	State government not taxing citizens.	2/7/2017 7:15 PM
501	In the short-run, fiscal uncertainty is probably the biggest detriment. However, moving forward, we must think about corruption as a bigger detriment. Corruption is a phenomenon everywhere but Alaska ranks very high in corruption rankings. Naturally, the state's biggest city is not isolated from these concerns. The question is if this is an artifact of resource-based economies or the view that "once we move to Alaska we can do anything attitude..."	2/7/2017 7:03 PM
502	Higher property taxes & higher unemployment rates and lay offs	2/7/2017 6:49 PM
503	Low oil prices. A mayors office that seems to be more concerned with wasting time and energy on things like immigration and speaking out against things that really don't have much to do with the overall economic health of the city. Related to that is I don't consider Anchorage to be a safe place to live. And while the mayor has increased the number of police officers, there doesn't seem to be much return on that investment. At least not yet.	2/7/2017 6:39 PM

504	Oil	2/7/2017 6:03 PM
505	State policies	2/7/2017 5:39 PM
506	Too many to mention. A populace that doesn't support what makes Anchorage's economy strong, a populace that doesn't understand the natural limitations of our area (i.e. we're not going to be doing any low-end manufacturing, the economics will probably never make sense) People need to understand that without work, there will not be any living or playing.	2/7/2017 5:37 PM
507	Sustained near term low hydrocarbon pricing, continued inflation in health and housing costs rendering Anchorage unaffordable, continued increase in violent crime all of which could adversely impact Anchorage	2/7/2017 5:33 PM
508	An inability by the state to balance the budget. Substandard living, high costs, education, increases in crime, poverty, homelessness make the city less attractive to potential investors.	2/7/2017 5:05 PM
509	Oversaturated segments of business, particularly retail and eateries. Potential reduction of economy stimulating PFD checks. Potential ramifications of introducing a sales tax and reorganizing property taxes.	2/7/2017 4:31 PM
510	Online shopping Other communities of similar climates that are more attractive to live/work/play in Level of college education (lack of professionalism and cutting-edge curriculum, unattractive to other communities, and locals) Other more college-friendly communities Drop in oil price, and lack of replacement goods or services to bring income into the state as a whole Shitty bus/public transportation system Awful city as a whole for the biking community	2/7/2017 4:30 PM
511	businesses being too dependent on neighboring businesses (northern lights center), the state, oil, construction	2/7/2017 4:20 PM
512	Lack of affordable housing, lack of material production, fewer and smaller oil \$ contributions, diminished offerings at UAA - All of these already contribute to Anchorage's brain drain, and will continue to.	2/7/2017 4:13 PM
513	pessimism, media negativity. Not that the news shouldn't be reported but the sky is not falling.	2/7/2017 4:11 PM
514	Inflation, we see the price of everyday items on the rise but most wages/salaries are not rising at the same rate. Online shopping, in most cases it is cheaper to make purchases online rather than shopping locally.	2/7/2017 4:10 PM
515	our location, expenses when it comes to shipping goods in/out	2/7/2017 4:06 PM
516	Lack of leadership. Reliance on oil. Unwillingness to fix port.	2/7/2017 4:00 PM
517	Refusing to take risks, relying on old economic drivers, poor city planning.	2/7/2017 3:59 PM
518	Not addressing the needs of the most vulnerable, so they continue to burden the system when they have the willingness and ability to join the workforce.	2/7/2017 3:57 PM
519	fledging bus service needs more support to more effectively help draw visitors that don't want to rent a car - need more options for folks to visit the city without needing to drive everywhere	2/7/2017 3:55 PM
520	Thinking we can keep raising taxes on visitors to pay for our muni programs	2/7/2017 3:54 PM
521	Internal crime, lack of spending on public assets	2/7/2017 3:54 PM
522	Our new president & his administration. Dependence on oil & greedy politicians. Short sighted interests such as mining and destroying our environment instead of protecting it for future generations. Not addressing the growing addiction & dependency troubles here.	2/7/2017 3:54 PM
523	Lack of taxation to support important services including drug interdiction at the school level, education and technical training, social services that assist under-served with recovery, job training and housing. State legislature.	2/7/2017 3:47 PM
524	loss of state funding, University stagnation	2/7/2017 3:47 PM
525	same as above, but switched to the inverse	2/7/2017 3:47 PM
526	Healthcare costs, oil price, crime	2/7/2017 3:46 PM
527	Inflated home prices, brain drain	2/7/2017 3:42 PM
528	Continuing decline in oil prices will begin to erode job opportunities as well as the housing market.	2/7/2017 3:41 PM
529	Reliance on certain sectors for income. Cuts to necessary public services.	2/7/2017 3:38 PM
530	Oil prices and government cuts. High medical costs.	2/7/2017 3:31 PM
531	Oil industry is in secular decline.	2/7/2017 3:24 PM
532	Crime Decrease in Education opportunities Poor / No planning	2/7/2017 3:22 PM
533	Increased taxes, cap on PFD, violence- people are going to want to live somewhere safer.	2/7/2017 3:18 PM
534	Not adapting to loss of oil money and slope jobs	2/7/2017 3:01 PM



535	Continued uncertainty state and federal	2/7/2017 2:55 PM
536	Population loss	2/7/2017 2:54 PM
537	flux in markets for natural resources	2/7/2017 2:50 PM
538	New President.	2/7/2017 2:42 PM
539	Out side interest groups	2/7/2017 2:41 PM
540	Lack of understanding by residents of the importance of businesses and resource development in funding community sustainability projects and programs.	2/7/2017 2:35 PM
541	Lack of jobs, increase in crime, increase in population that "takes" from the economy.	2/7/2017 2:34 PM
542	Our politicians	2/7/2017 2:29 PM
543	high crime rate and high property taxes	2/7/2017 2:27 PM
544	Crime; drugs; continuing decline of the oil industry IF we do not adjust our outlook and look to other business development opportunities. The decline is only a threat if we continue to keep our heads in the sand.	2/7/2017 2:22 PM
545	reputation of Alaska, dependency on very limited industries.	2/7/2017 2:18 PM
546	Uncertainty with the states budget. Increased crime. Increased unemployment.	2/7/2017 2:13 PM
547	Oil prices, aging population moving to Mat-Su or Kenai for cheaper living. Professionals leaving for better opportunities in the Lower 48.	2/7/2017 2:13 PM
548	Further drop in Oil prices, continued budget issues with the State.	2/7/2017 2:12 PM
549	Overspending by the current administration	2/7/2017 2:10 PM
550	The legislature not passing a balanced budget. Discriminatory policy. Leaders not taking risks and embracing change. Being late adopters to technology and new industries.	2/7/2017 2:04 PM
551	The Permanent Fund Dividend. Letting Gov. Walker get a hold of the PFD was a huge mistake. The residents were being paid with the interest of that money. The whole thing like the social security happened here. Once the politicians get a hold of money they spend more and more than what they should. They wouldn't be in such a deficit if they didn't go on these all expense paid trips. Be reasonable for goodness sakes.	2/7/2017 1:57 PM
552	State income tax would hit a lot of residents of Anchorage, we have a large workforce here and are a huge part of the state's overall economy. PFDs took a hit and people spent less in 2016. Cost of auto fuel will go up as state will increase gas tax on every gallon, this will effect both personal wallets and businesses alike. Crime has also caused insurance rates and other businesses to have additional expenses that they are passing on to consumers, driving the costs upward and on to consumers.	2/7/2017 1:37 PM
553	perception of residents and outsiders that Anchorage is not a welcoming place to live, work or play governor's lack of support	2/7/2017 1:08 PM
554	state and federal laws	2/7/2017 1:00 PM
555	Lack of construction and oil jobs continued rise in gang related violence.	2/7/2017 1:00 PM
556	Anchorage has had a rise in crime. The less safe people feel, the less likely they are to spend more time investing in that place.	2/7/2017 12:47 PM
557	Rising crime rates which in turn deter people from wanting to live here	2/7/2017 12:30 PM
558	Not making any changes to the economy before another oil bust.	2/7/2017 11:59 AM
559	Dependence on the oil industry presence. We must also realize the importance of keeping, and bringing in, the 25-50 year olds who can diversify our economy and replace our aging workforce from pipeline era.	2/7/2017 11:35 AM
560	People moving out of Anchorage and the state.	2/7/2017 8:16 AM
561	The municipal permitting costs and regulations. Leadership unable to make tough decisions. Crime out of control.	2/7/2017 6:50 AM
562	Dwindling access to natural resources. Crime.	2/7/2017 4:57 AM
563	Reduced workforce. Increase and/or appearance of increase crime rate. Housing gridlock.	2/6/2017 5:07 PM
564	Lack of infrastructure and road and trail maintenance.	2/6/2017 5:01 PM
565	stagnation	2/6/2017 4:02 PM
566	- Lack of true diversification - Have to depend on heavy seasonal workers	2/6/2017 3:15 PM

567	Thinking that we are the rest of the US. Often, people seem to think that a threat to Lower 48 locations is a threat to Anchorage, while this isn't always the case. Clarifying the applicability of what people hear in the news to what is really happening here in the city should be a priority. We also need more affordable housing because, without that, people have very limited discretionary income to spend in the city.	2/6/2017 2:59 PM
568	Crime Failure to balance the budget	2/6/2017 2:42 PM
569	Our elected officials	2/6/2017 2:25 PM
570	A continued oil glut.	2/6/2017 2:22 PM
571	oil, state gov.	2/6/2017 2:06 PM
572	low oil prices, Donald Trump,	2/6/2017 1:46 PM
573	Fluctuating oil prices.	2/6/2017 1:28 PM
574	lack of confidence in our elected officials	2/6/2017 1:16 PM
575	Cost of healthcare & cost of living, poor management of city budget, crime.	2/6/2017 11:59 AM
576	Not balancing the state budget, not repairing the port	2/6/2017 11:10 AM
577	Raising costs and taxes. A sales tax would hurt the local economy vs. help it. B Again, goods and services on line from the lower 48 hurts the local business and the Anchorage. Every dollar spent here builds the economy here in Alaska. Every dollar spent in the lower 48 never comes back.	2/6/2017 10:27 AM
578	Safety, crime and homelessness.	2/6/2017 9:46 AM
579	National pressures - dependencies on outside forces	2/5/2017 11:54 AM
580	Lack of education and security.	2/5/2017 9:33 AM
581	Nonpartisan politics - this includes unions only focusing on self Cutting of budgets so deep that it causes economy to collapse. This is the time to invest. Citizens believing they do not need to pay for services	2/5/2017 8:51 AM
582	Greed	2/4/2017 11:27 PM
583	Larger corporations	2/4/2017 10:35 PM
584	State of Alaska fiscal problems and the legislature's inability to solve the problem is the single greatest threat to Anchorage.	2/4/2017 12:02 PM
585	Too much reliance on natural resource royalties. One horse economy.	2/3/2017 6:02 PM
586	state budget crisis	2/3/2017 5:06 PM
587	Increase in crime and homelessness. Drug usage. The condition of the port of Anchorage	2/3/2017 4:07 PM
588	Crime. Politicians with myopic and self-serving agendas, inability of politicians to agree on common-sense solutions. Not enough trade/skills education in public schools, which can lead to unfair debt for young adults who get scammed by the private so-called "colleges".	2/3/2017 1:47 PM
589	state fiscal crisis, poor public safety	2/3/2017 10:51 AM
590	endangering our resources, wildlife and environmental ones	2/3/2017 10:50 AM
591	Failure of the Alaska Legislature to adequately address our budgetary crisis, and the uncertainty in the oil industry.	2/3/2017 10:19 AM
592	State financial situation and potential downturn in job market.	2/3/2017 9:40 AM
593	State budget difficulties - threat to significant budget cuts (impacts to schools in particular) Weakness in oil/gas Potential shutdown of TAPS	2/3/2017 8:07 AM
594	The dependence on the oil industry. The expense of medical treatment versus the rest of the states causes individuals to seek treatment someplace else. These are dollars that are leaving the state daily.	2/3/2017 8:01 AM
595	There is too much focus on doing something because it's what we've always done.	2/2/2017 8:53 PM
596	Illicit drug and alcohol usage. Shrinking federal, state, and local government spending.	2/2/2017 8:18 PM
597	Oil and natural resource prices. shipping rates.	2/2/2017 2:21 PM
598	Crime	2/2/2017 1:08 PM
599	The state's fiscal health, federal governmental chaos or world global economic slowdown	2/2/2017 12:47 PM
600	Crime and drugs.	2/2/2017 12:12 PM

601	We are totally subject to the fate and fortunes of the oil industry in Alaska. If oil prices go down, and they pull investment from the state our economy will crater.	2/2/2017 11:22 AM
602	Increasing cost of living Limited employment opportunities outside the service industries Lack of affordable health insurance options (state wide)	2/2/2017 11:21 AM
603	Looming state fiscal situation. If the state budget is not balanced this year, ALL communities will feel it. If Anchorage residents are required to prop up the state government after the Earnings Reserve Account is exhausted in a couple of years (if no changes are made), the Anchorage will lose a lot of spending power.	2/2/2017 11:08 AM
604	Quality, affordable housing. The current stock of quality housing is over-priced. The current stock of affordable housing is junk. There's not much in between, which encourage out-migration of talented workforce that can work anywhere else. Sprawl to the south end of town or north toward the valley erodes the city's vitality. Increase high-quality, housing density closer to downtown. There's a feeling that Anchorage is remain stuck in a 1980's - 1990's boom/bust loop mentality, that dependence on the price of oil to spur State spending is the only option. That old thinking could cripple Anchorage with its outdated irrelevancy. It's time to freshen up that old, stodgy view.	2/2/2017 9:59 AM
605	Financial crisis. Dependence on one resource. Lack of new citizen coming to Anchorage.	2/2/2017 9:01 AM
606	1-No solution to the State Budget gap 2-Global economy may slow, creating a challenge for our freight industry	2/1/2017 3:39 PM
607	Government officials who are more interested in parroting the party line and getting per diem than resolving the budget crisis. Lack of diversification. Too much economic uncertainty.	2/1/2017 2:29 PM
608	Dependance on oil	2/1/2017 2:10 PM
609	Not being diversified enough, our heavy reliance on the port, not emphasizing the importance of disaster preparedness enough, too much urban sprawl and not walk able enough.	2/1/2017 1:14 AM
610	Old, antiquated thinking. Anchorage's leaders fold to pressure from the very people that do not have good fiscal learning and or training. Remaining comfortable with the status quo. Fear of change.	1/31/2017 9:24 AM
611	Lack of housing, slowness to clean streets & highways, unsafe parks & lack of government to strengthen the states finances	1/30/2017 12:41 PM
612	housing, land to develop, crime, basic services (i.e. police, snow plowing, sidewalks access = loss of senior population), oil, soa budget, lack of diversified funds towards economy	1/30/2017 10:58 AM
613	Downward trend in the single economic driver.	1/30/2017 10:47 AM
614	Taxes, overspending by the assembly and Mayor.	1/30/2017 10:04 AM
615	Continued political gamesmanship by the Legislature and unacceptable inaction, resulting in uncertainty and an even more significant chilling effect on economic activity. Also, cost shifting government functions to the nonprofit sector is dangerous and destabilizing; it should be avoided. Finding ways to tax nonprofits would also chill their engagement in the economy and work to address critical social and economic issues in Anchorage.	1/30/2017 9:19 AM
616	Taxes and regulations. The large senior/retired population will decline rapidly with new or increased state and local taxes as residents find homes in the lower 48 more attractive with equal or better tax regimes. Same for over-regulation.	1/30/2017 9:02 AM
617	Reliance on oil	1/28/2017 10:46 AM
618	Ibid.	1/27/2017 10:29 PM
619	lack of security; police protection; oil prices	1/27/2017 4:36 PM
620	politicians Racism - how much financial resources go into "public infrastructure (hospitals, etc) that I am not allowed to utilize because of my race?	1/27/2017 4:18 PM
621	Declining oil and gas prices, threat of drilling/fracking in Cook Inlet, decreasing higher education options, decreased funding for public schools, lack of financial stability for the state and municipality, aging infrastructure, outside (and local) impressions of Anchorage as declining backwater	1/27/2017 1:18 PM
622	Lack of land-use planning; taking away green space in favor of development; failing to recognize the importance of being a bike-friendly city.	1/27/2017 12:56 PM
623	Dependence on oil and gas, cuts to education	1/27/2017 7:43 AM
624	Government overreach and over-regulation, new taxes on businesses and industries, lack of training programs and post-secondary educational opportunities.	1/26/2017 9:50 PM
625	Oil and gas dependency. Not taking the natural environment into close enough consideration, degrading it and losing the huge ecotourism and subsistence industries that are already established.	1/26/2017 8:23 PM

626	Reductions in the price of natural gas and oil, reductions in military personnel at nearby installations, and natural disaster	1/26/2017 2:23 PM
627	Politicians: local, state and Federal. Cutting funding to schools and other government institutions and organizations results in loss of jobs and loss of income which has a domino effect on everyone. It costs to make money.	1/25/2017 8:27 PM
628	See number 3	1/25/2017 7:40 PM
629	Drugs, and an inability to deal with rising property crimes. Distance from markets. Lack of focus on higher education or technical training.	1/25/2017 7:32 PM
630	Slow reactions by politicians to fill the budget gap.	1/25/2017 7:22 PM
631	Over-reliance on state and federal government funding of municipal services and infrastructure projects. Over-reach of federal environmental regulations.	1/25/2017 9:36 AM
632	Reliance on oil industry only. We need to invest more in tourism and environmental jobs.	1/24/2017 8:08 PM
633	Our elected State representatives' not doing their job to balance the budget, and passing the buck to local governments.	1/24/2017 7:14 PM
634	Lack of sustainable tax base	1/24/2017 6:04 PM
635	Weak, indecisive leadership. Inability to deviate from the way we've done things for the past 30 years, even though our financial landscape is drastically different.	1/24/2017 4:21 PM
636	too much government and bureaucracy poorly run schools environmental extremism no more room to grow	1/24/2017 3:04 PM
637	Low expectations of what can actually be done.	1/24/2017 2:40 PM
638	Lack of state and federal funding for capital improvement projects are a major threat, lack of sustainable income with no current sales or income tax opportunities, threat of big businesses/employers leaving the city, threat of losing quality professional talent due to high healthcare and housing costs.	1/24/2017 1:42 PM
639	fluctuating oil prices-dependence on oil	1/24/2017 12:03 PM
640	Stagnation. Short sightedness. Greed.	1/24/2017 8:25 AM
641	recession, loss of employers and jobs, lack of infrastructure,	1/23/2017 10:15 PM
642	Global warming	1/23/2017 9:35 PM
643	Locking up land that does not allow drilling for new oil reserves, not allowing the permanent fund to be used to help in offsetting the budget in bad economic times,	1/23/2017 8:39 PM
644	I don't like the beginnings of reliance on legal marijuana for funding state or local government. Climate change may drive some residents away (lack of "normal" winters, etc.), while also attracting residents from other Alaskan communities that are destroyed by climate change effects. Lack of affordable housing is a deterrent to young people staying in Anchorage and becoming more independent, contributing workers. Also the lack of wide-scope, affordable public transit, which limits the ability of residents/workers to participate in the society, get to jobs, etc.	1/23/2017 7:07 PM
645	Lack of a long-term state fiscal plan and the negative impact of that lack on businesses, and not acting on the opportunities in #4 above	1/23/2017 2:43 PM
646	The federal government being overcontrolling what we can and can't do in our state	1/23/2017 2:31 PM
647	High crime rate, Amazon	1/23/2017 1:40 PM
648	Overall reliance on volatile industries (O&G, resource extraction).	1/23/2017 11:32 AM
649	Asians. they are buying up property and not spending any money here.	1/23/2017 9:47 AM
650	Fear of the future, earthquakes	1/23/2017 6:24 AM
651	Government legislative assembly inability to support business.	1/23/2017 5:48 AM
652	Oil prices, crime (too much crime will turn people away from moving here) and cost of real estate (high costs and old infrastructure).	1/23/2017 12:04 AM
653	Climate change	1/22/2017 10:24 PM
654	Poor education, drugs, crime, not supporting the arts, not keeping the roads clean in heavy snow, better public transportation, not allowing Uber or Lyft to operate in Anchorage. Not having something that draws in all members of the community to be a part of and that gains national recognition.	1/22/2017 10:19 PM
655	unemployment, street drugs and crime	1/22/2017 9:12 PM

656	Being isolated	1/22/2017 7:55 PM
657	Military and oil companies pulling out of Anchorage. Decrease in tourism, business closures, and increasing of the employment rate	1/21/2017 7:03 PM
658	High cost of housing/low affordable housing. Lack of jobs. I just saw a job posted (req. a Masters) for \$34k/year. Ridiculous. If people can't afford to work and live here they will leave.	1/21/2017 10:00 AM
659	Crime, deterioration of communities and schools. People want to live in nice safe communities. They don't have to be big fancy homes, but something a person can take pride in and feel comfortable being outside with their neighbors and children. When communities feel unsafe, families leave and are no longer spending in our local shops	1/20/2017 2:43 PM
660	Increasing crime, government inefficiencies	1/20/2017 1:37 PM
661	Same as question 3.	1/20/2017 9:01 AM
662	Use of alcohol and drugs (particularly among those from villages being shipped to live on the streets of Anchorage rather than being effectively dealt with in their home communities), lack of education, homeless youth population, aggressive panhandlers.	1/20/2017 8:01 AM
663	Military and oil companies pulling out of Anchorage. Decease in tourism. Business closures - increasing the unemployment rate	1/19/2017 10:47 PM
664	Lack of a budget that is accepted by the right and the left (in other words a moderate compromise where both save face). No mid-range plan for whole-sale natural gas in the Cook Inlet market. Low oil prices and/or reduced throughput. Reduced federal spending. Military reductions. Future downside of overbuilding health care for a population bubble that may significantly shrink in the next few decades. The thing we haven't thought to think of.	1/19/2017 8:32 PM
665	Reluctance to change. Lack of diversified industry.	1/19/2017 6:16 PM
666	Changing aviation technology. Failure to develop our natural resources in a timely way.	1/19/2017 4:32 PM
667	Crime, illicit drugs...they kind of go together. Also, pressure to reduce health care options for low income families. I am dumbfounded by the incessant pressure to bar planned parenthood from educating our youth about responsible choices, the irony of prohibiting abortion choices and complaining that ASD is matriculating children with behavior problems from FAS amazes me. Maybe if these potential mothers had better guidance their offspring would be healthier or they might recognize that they are not ready to be a parent and save a child from a lifetime of challenges.	1/18/2017 4:51 PM
668	Lack of education facilities - need to beef up medical and high tech! Young people are getting education outside and not coming back. Retiree's are staying and young people are leaving. Affordable new housing.	1/18/2017 1:20 PM
669	-- Property taxes and having to spend 25-50% of your income on housing. -- More government spending to support societal failures (homeless, addicts/alcoholics) and special interests (museums, trails, "inclusivity", etc.), than spending on results that get results -- roads, transportation, education or training, housing, self-sufficiency.	1/18/2017 1:07 PM
670	monopolies and big box outside stores	1/18/2017 11:37 AM
671	We are competing on a global level for oil, gas, tourism and economic decelopment	1/17/2017 5:40 PM
672	lack of legislative action	1/17/2017 4:37 PM
673	Lack of State leadership coupled with too many MOA initiatives to do more when there is less capacity to perform.	1/17/2017 3:29 PM
674	Reduction or removal of military	1/17/2017 2:28 PM
675	Too much reliance on the oil and gas Chic out there additional funding to repair the dock situation	1/17/2017 1:03 PM
676	Crime, poverty, gang activity. People wont stay in Anchorage if they don't feel safe.	1/17/2017 11:46 AM
677	Non-residents, like slope workers who don't live here.	1/16/2017 11:49 PM
678	Increasing population from non residents or more qualified yet short term residents of the city. Increased taxation on Anchorage residents without actual qualitative and quantitative evidence to justify increases. Perhaps future lack of accountability of local and national government officials. More downturn in oil and gas industry without a new more lucrative industry to take it's place.	1/16/2017 9:44 PM
679	continued over reliance on oil and gas, over reliance on military spending, continued under-funding of schools and public infrastructure systems, lack income through taxes	1/16/2017 6:05 PM
680	Possible disintegration of rural communities. The 'no tax' and 'guns are right' crowd. The number of religious schools and schools that are not accepting all students -- At this point the Anchorage School District is the dumping ground for almost all disabled students and almost all low income students. This is a national problem. Charter and optional schools need to be open to all students. To do that we need a better transport system so students can get to the school of choice.	1/16/2017 6:04 PM

681	State and federal governmental inaction or mal-action, political sclerosis and lack of competition in state government, rising unemployment, rising crime. Not so much a threat, but a characteristic that might not put Anchorage high on folks' lists is that it's bland. The architecture is geometric and industrial and some parts of town are bereft of foliage. There's no real "landmark" beyond the mountains. And I can't emphasize the social capital aspect of getting a job enough - folks my age, the millennials, should love this place, but if you can't get a job easily on your own, what's the point of coming especially with its being so expensive? The fact that we are also one bad week of storms in the Gulf of Alaska away from food scarcity is also cause for some concern.	1/16/2017 12:57 PM
682	The inability to work with others and brainstorm to solve problems and resolve obstructive conflicts. It is a threat to Anchorage's economy when businesses seek to take without giving back. I don't mean just an annual donation to a charity when cameras are rolling. Without being genuinely involved in at least a small, consistent community enriching effort, businesses contribute to the boom/bust trend and mentality. It doesn't have to be that way.	1/16/2017 10:08 AM
683	Big companies taking over local business	1/16/2017 9:04 AM
684	Failure of Alaska Legislature to address state fiscal crisis.	1/16/2017 9:01 AM
685	No plan for stable income for city	1/16/2017 6:16 AM
686	Global warming. Not diversifying our economy. High cost of home ownership. Lack of public support for our schools and universities. Cuts to federal and state employees. Expensive internet that is much slower than Outside.	1/15/2017 10:45 PM
687	Lack of highly trained applicants.	1/15/2017 10:19 PM
688	Crime, decreased oil revenues, increased classroom sizes, less assistance with revenue bond repayments, shrinking employment opportunities, decreased PFD, increasing property tax, instituting sales tax	1/15/2017 10:14 PM
689	Conservative policy	1/15/2017 8:15 PM
690	The impending loss of finite natural resources across the state.	1/15/2017 9:59 AM
691	Unions and politicians	1/15/2017 12:59 AM
692	Crime, Marijuana and other drug use, give aways which takes away incentive to work. Poor education, poor parenting	1/14/2017 9:51 PM
693	the State not dealing with the deficit so that in a year a sudden contraction in state spending sends us into a sharp decline	1/14/2017 8:29 PM
694	Use of Political for personal gain	1/14/2017 5:27 PM
695	Ridged thinking and reliance on oil industry.	1/14/2017 5:23 PM
696	A lack of homegrown professionals due to a lack of post-secondary education opportunities such as a lack of in-state medical and legal schools like the ones Rep. Kawasaki has been proposing for years.	1/14/2017 5:00 PM
697	Lack of leadership in state government, no State capital budget	1/14/2017 4:55 PM
698	Dependence on oil for economy income	1/14/2017 4:53 PM
699	Serious lack of diversity. Ties to oil. Law makers having ties to large corporations.	1/14/2017 3:52 PM
700	Continuing to cut investment in education and training - not only government investment, but industry support, dollars and opportunities for work experiences, internships, OJT, etc. Also, our sense of entitlement and general unwillingness to contribute as private citizens (sales tax, personal income tax, cuts to PFD). More people need to be working together to strengthen our communities and our state overall.	1/14/2017 2:26 PM
701	1. Pebble Mine, Pebble Mine, Pebble Mine 2. Too many Rehab centers, lots of money for homeless	1/14/2017 10:17 AM
702	Over reliance on an oil generated economy.	1/14/2017 9:54 AM
703	Liberal policies	1/14/2017 6:09 AM
704	People not wanting to pay taxes to keep up infrastructure.	1/14/2017 6:07 AM
705	Increasingly restrictive laws and regulations.	1/14/2017 2:02 AM
706	Budget cuts, school drop outs, high crime, business' closing & layoffs, bad roads, teacher cuts.	1/13/2017 10:37 PM
707	Fear mongering by politicians scaring potential investors away	1/13/2017 10:04 PM
708	Time. Waiting for someone else to fix our economy's problems or pushing our problems further down until they become someone else's problems.	1/13/2017 8:43 PM
709	Increasing out migration from trickle down job losses from the oil and gas decline	1/13/2017 8:37 PM
710	Aversion to taxes.	1/13/2017 8:21 PM

711	Repeal of ACA, anti-gov attitudes	1/13/2017 7:56 PM
712	Perceived lack of safety due to crime	1/13/2017 7:52 PM
713	The rise in crime	1/13/2017 7:43 PM
714	violence, gangs, lack of resources for social services to adequately serve the poor and needy trash, ugly buildings, houses, yards that look like dumps deter investment loss of university classes and degrees	1/13/2017 7:26 PM
715	Cheaper land and homes in the Matsu Valley, businesses moving to Wasilla and Palmer, decrease in quality of ASD education, building the Knik Arm Bridge, increased crime such as burglary, on-line shopping, reduced population due to layoffs.	1/13/2017 6:50 PM
716	Competition and lack of demand for state products. City's remote location. Relatively small population's inability to attain efficiencies of larger populations.	1/13/2017 6:31 PM
717	Non-assimilation of new folks who do not share our cultural norms and language, whereby they are not positioned to fully participate in our society as productive participants without the need for public assistance. Drug and alcohol abuse that drive criminal/ antisocial behavior thereby rendering our citizens as consumers of services instead of being productive participants in our society.	1/13/2017 5:54 PM
718	Over regulation and taxation of resource development!!!	1/13/2017 5:52 PM
719	Obviously, losing big businesses like Shell was a hit, but the energy business will either bounce back, or it won't. We need to diversify, otherwise we'll end up like Flint after the car manufacturers left. Diversification should not be through giant chain retailers. We need to find something in the high-tech sector or expand on shipping. We are in an ideal spot for shipping. Housing, health care, the trump administration (not that Hillary was a good choice, either), the social engineering that has occurred nationwide since at least the Reagan administration that mixed religion with politics and made strategic cuts to education and created a world where educated people are looked down upon as being "elite." Big banking, the idea that a consumer economy is good, the general attitudes of people towards modern ideas. Lots of threats. The lack of foresight by republican administrations, especially in regards to education. This is our biggest threat. These kids need every resource and the policies of the assembly and school board are not creating well-educated adults. I find every single outside owned big box chain retailer a threat to Anchorage. Not just the economy, but our way of life. But also the economy. These people promise jobs, but they aren't jobs that pay a livable wage. They are exploitive and create an economy with more inequality. I'd like to see fewer people excited about a cabellas.	1/13/2017 5:38 PM
720	Fear, greed, laziness.	1/13/2017 5:04 PM
721	A lack of creativity and myopic dependence on traditional sectors of our economy.	1/13/2017 5:01 PM
722	Oil dependency	1/13/2017 4:29 PM
723	Job loss	1/13/2017 4:22 PM
724	Big business, uncertain as to what will happen with the oil industry.	1/13/2017 4:16 PM
725	Lack of work for oil and gas.	1/13/2017 3:55 PM
726	See response to question 3.	1/13/2017 3:50 PM
727	The large portion of the economy dependent on the oil industry.	1/13/2017 3:35 PM
728	Lack of legislative action to balance the budget.	1/13/2017 2:28 PM
729	world oil price instability, insufficient taxing capability	1/13/2017 12:13 PM
730	Oil and gas companies leaving the state	1/13/2017 8:55 AM
731	Decisions that are not fully thought out with oil companies, gas pipeline that may fail, ect. We need to ensure we are 100% something will make us income before deciding. Possibly a drop in the housing market if we're not careful.	1/13/2017 8:19 AM
732	Lack of diversification, lack of political will or complacency, dependence on oil and gas as the backbone of payment for government.	1/12/2017 11:54 PM
733	Politicians who are afraid to upset special interests, or who are funded and connected to big business.	1/12/2017 10:31 PM
734	budget cuts to education including UAA, recreation, public safety, transportation, medical & health, lowering the quality of life here	1/12/2017 9:55 PM
735	Outside political influences, especially the republicans pushing the agenda on a local level depend less on the state funding	1/12/2017 9:01 PM
736	Crime	1/12/2017 8:34 PM
737	The state not balancing the budget.	1/12/2017 7:32 PM

738	1. Failure to pass a sustainable fiscal plan 2. Possible GOP Congressional repeal of Medicaid expansion 3. Failure to make sufficient improvements to Anchorage urban environment to attract/retain talented individuals.	1/12/2017 2:28 PM
739	Gangs, violence, drugs, lack of jobs for future generations, pulling out of military	1/12/2017 12:15 PM
740	Shrinking oil industry resulting in fewer jobs, businesses closings, real estate devaluation, less property tax collected.	1/12/2017 12:14 PM
741	lack of housing attractive to the new college graduates, unwillingness to try a sales tax or other form of revenue generation. dependence on two power generation plants - chugach and ML&P. Cyber attacks are a threat and the Municipality should understand and mitigate against that vulnerability. Ocean acidification is a huge threat. Anchorage, like many other urban areas in Alaska, relies on seafood for a large portion of its economy.. Loss of shellfish and salmon and pollock would be an enormous impact. Therefore CLIMATE CHANGE is a very big threat to our economy. WHERE IS THE URGENCY? WHAT IS ANCHORAGE DOING TO ASSESS THE Potential threat and mitigation opportunities?	1/12/2017 10:25 AM
742	An aging port, narrow minded people, people who refuse to look for new ways to improve and want to maintain or reverse progress.	1/12/2017 10:07 AM
743	1) Legislators and government leaders who are in denial about our financial situation and who are making it worse with inaction. Our city government is underfunded for our population, but everyone wants low taxes. We need to invest in systems and institutions that will help us grow in the long-term. 2) Lack of ethnic diversity in our leadership. Our corporate and government leaders are not a reflection of the community. We need to bridge the divide and involve more people in decision-making, or else we will become a segregated city where people are isolated among like-minded people. The community spirit and can-do attitude of Anchorage is what makes it a special place with a strong economy.	1/12/2017 9:23 AM
744	Endless scary news that jobs are predicted to go down, the oil industry is bust and all is doom and gloom.	1/11/2017 10:58 PM
745	Leadership failure to address our fiscal challenges. Cost of and access to health care. Declining infrastructure. Declining educational system.	1/11/2017 9:40 PM
746	Crime and bad people, gangs	1/11/2017 8:31 PM
747	State wide recession which has a domino effect to all parts of the State, including the Anchorage Municipality.	1/11/2017 7:39 PM
748	Unbalanced state budget and decline in revenue sharing.	1/11/2017 7:31 PM
749	lack of Govt, spending	1/11/2017 7:21 PM
750	State spending structure. The city is very dependent on much of what the State budget is. If the State can not get their act together (listen up, legislature) in passing deficit reducing budgets (PFD reform, taxes, cuts) Anchorage will eventually suffer more.	1/11/2017 5:52 PM
751	Loss of oil revenue, but a government that is based on oil revenue.	1/11/2017 5:24 PM
752	uncertainty of state and municipal services with budget crisis, lack of senior services for an aging population, competition from cheaper labor sources elsewhere,	1/11/2017 4:53 PM
753	Dependence on oil industry, whose employees comprise one of the most well-compensated sectors of the population. As these people depart, all other businesses will suffer. Also, high health care costs negatively impact all sectors.	1/11/2017 4:34 PM
754	Lack of fiscal plan for state of Alaska budget shortfall. Dependence on single industry for bulk of jobs and tax base.	1/11/2017 4:25 PM
755	The shortsightedness of our legislature, the general reluctance to raise additional revenues through taxes, including raising property taxes, over-reliance on the oil industry to prop up our economy, and a general failure to support quality of life initiatives in order to cater to greed which currently drives our economic decisions.	1/11/2017 4:19 PM
756	More sprawl; the Knik Arm bridge.	1/11/2017 4:16 PM
757	The state fiscal situation. We must pressure those representing gov to provide a sustainable path forward with balanced budgets. The cost of doing business here to high for businesses to stay or come.	1/11/2017 4:04 PM
758	Stagnant and regressive mindset that budget cuts help close the deficit.	1/11/2017 3:56 PM
759	Isolation, climate, land use restrictions.	1/11/2017 3:49 PM
760	Not having diversity in business. Not realizing the importance that parks and green space and attractive public spaces are an aesthetic that creates a feeling of well being and pride in our city as well as appealing to visitors.	1/11/2017 3:21 PM
761	Mayor and elected representatives who want to protect special interests and keep doing what we have been doing during the time of plenty. Mostly by raiding taxes - mostly on the poor.	1/11/2017 3:17 PM



762	not trying anything new lack of opportunities for anchorage college students to go outside and then come back and have a career/family lack of opportunity for those beginning their careers to buy a house in a real neighborhood and start contributing.	1/11/2017 3:04 PM
763	High crime in neighborhoods - burglaries, thefts, vehicle break-ins, violence, growing presence of gangs	1/11/2017 3:02 PM
764	High crime rate. Pan Handlers. Regulations	1/11/2017 2:41 PM
765	Any sort of prolonged effort by the federal government to decrease drilling.	1/11/2017 2:11 PM
766	Proposed changes to the oil taxes - it is anticipated that Rep. Gara and members of the House Majority will be filing legislation to change the oil tax regime once again - the tax policy on the oil industry has been changed numerous times during the past 15 years and this has caused a great deal of instability and anxiety in the main driver to Alaska and Anchorage's economic picture. Also - if the legislature doesn't take responsibility for fixing the State's fiscal crisis and shortfall this year, our entire state's economy is going to decline and we could be facing extremely serious fiscal issues, up to and including State bankruptcy.	1/11/2017 1:53 PM
767	Alcohol related industry; anti university/education culture.	1/11/2017 1:23 PM
768	The legislature	1/11/2017 1:13 PM
769	High unemployment	1/11/2017 1:02 PM
770	Significant reliance on state economy and the failure of the legislature to make the necessary changes (income tax, doing away with the dividend program). The city's budget relies too much on property taxes.	1/11/2017 11:43 AM
771	anything that would disproportionately hurt the lower/middle class workers (sales tax, lottery/casino businesses)	1/11/2017 11:24 AM
772	Self serving Politions, Assembly picking winners/losers in Private business(Rustic Goat). Assembly telling Private business how to operate(bath (room issue) and telling them who they have to serve. We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone is no more unless the Assembly allows. Discrimination Laws should apply to Muni owned/controlled not Private Businesses. Smoking Ordinance is a prime example. Great for Public Facilities, Private Facilitys should be determined by the Owners and their Customers. Lucky Wishbone did it 30 or so years ago. Smokers in Bars are forced out to Public Space thus forcing the Public to walk thru second hand smoke.	1/11/2017 11:08 AM
773	Not embracing change, trying new things, or thinking outside of the box Crime and petty theft statistics	1/11/2017 10:40 AM
774	Reliance on the oil-driven market, terrible traffic patterns.	1/11/2017 10:32 AM
775	Reliance on one industry, such as petroleum, making us susceptible to boom and bust type cycles. Legislative inaction at the state level.	1/11/2017 10:28 AM
776	Power & money in two few hands.	1/11/2017 10:11 AM
777	People not getting involved, lack of citizen participation.	1/11/2017 9:57 AM
778	Cost of transportation	1/11/2017 9:56 AM
779	Reliance on federal and state funding Reliance on imported food and goods Disruption of imported food and goods/natural disaster	1/11/2017 9:16 AM
780	Mass exodus. Real estate crash	1/11/2017 9:09 AM
781	See items in 3 above.	1/11/2017 9:04 AM
782	Drop in oil prices. Crime! We need even more cops! Pay the first responders more, better retirement packages.	1/11/2017 8:52 AM
783	Over taxation	1/11/2017 8:42 AM
784	liberals - new taxes and continued spending	1/11/2017 8:29 AM
785	The biggest threat is the legislature cutting state funding to schools, including universities, and cutting programs, road maintenance, etc., that make living in Anchorage (or anywhere) attractive. Raising revenue to make up for the lack of funds from oil would keep our cities and state vibrant, attractive places to live.	1/11/2017 8:17 AM
786	Homeless population, high crime.	1/11/2017 8:16 AM
787	Being unprepared for in-migration from rural communities, lack of mental health and substance treatment services, rising costs of health care and insurance impacting business.	1/11/2017 8:13 AM
788	Fluctuations due to the price of oil, natural disasters, failure of the State of Alaska to devise a fair and sustainable tax system to support education and infrastructure	1/11/2017 7:59 AM
789	Changing the lifestyle to meet only a small percentage of the population. directing the police to not pursue prosecution of crimes.	1/11/2017 7:54 AM

790	The AK State Budget is loaded with things we cannot afford. So is the muni. We just keep spending and have become an entitlement state	1/11/2017 7:21 AM
791	Overspending. Departments, including the school district need to be more accountable. There are many ways they can reduce their budget without reducing the amount of teachers they have. The mayor is currently pursuing a lawsuit to obtain eminent domain for the spenard road project. This project has been controversial for years and does not have majority support from the public. Why waste money, legal fees etc. pursuing this at a time we are in a budget deficit? Bad idea! Put money where it is needed and let extra stuff go for now.	1/11/2017 6:28 AM
792	Price of oil. Poor leadership from elected officials.	1/11/2017 5:22 AM
793	State inaction on fiscal solution Falling state and potentially city investments in infrastructure and development Parochialism of established local business interests (eg taxi lobby and inability to modernize Muni transportation)	1/11/2017 3:41 AM
794	Cost of living and housing rates.	1/10/2017 11:58 PM
795	Continued fall in the price of oil. Conservatives pushing to make the city less inclusive. Churches not paying property taxes.	1/10/2017 11:15 PM
796	Road improvements that are voted down an keep resurfacing	1/10/2017 10:48 PM
797	Low oil prices. Sales tax and Income tax would slow economic activity. Military draw down. Oil company cut backs. Potential reduction in green spaces or nom-maintenance of trails and parks.	1/10/2017 10:32 PM
798	Tax and spend officials who are very fiscally Liberal....Budget must be balanced in Good times and in Bad	1/10/2017 10:26 PM
799	Low oil prices, military base re-alignment, reduced federal spending, damage to fisheries.	1/10/2017 10:12 PM
800	See #3. Not sure how this question is different.	1/10/2017 9:06 PM
801	Downtown crime Municipality is very spread out Limited parking and cost increases Lack of diverse economic base-municipality depends on property taxes to fund services	1/10/2017 8:59 PM
802	Prejudiced leaders in our community. Let us not divide our community for no purpose.	1/10/2017 8:51 PM
803	Oil pulling out.	1/10/2017 8:50 PM
804	Not getting our port fixed. Our partisan legislators who refuse to fix the problems they can because the solutions would require them to work with the opposing political party. Environmental degradation, should have fixed the sewage treatment plant a long time ago, (beluga whales have large brains you do the math) property taxes, not walkable, hostile towards bike commuters, religious influence in politics.	1/10/2017 8:42 PM
805	Oil is king, when it's down, everything is down. That is the biggest threat	1/10/2017 7:48 PM
806	excessive tax breaks to the oil industry, brute force on the part of North Korea or Russia, climate change, a dysfunctional port of Anchorage	1/10/2017 7:29 PM
807	To dependant on oil and old money	1/10/2017 7:23 PM
808	The status quo. Every day this town and state don't make changes to how services are paid, the more savings vanish. #letsfixitak	1/10/2017 7:22 PM
809	Lack of established State Budget, inability to predict state expenditures.	1/10/2017 7:06 PM
810	Short sighted move to shift to private sector labor for government work.	1/10/2017 6:57 PM
811	Too much spending & public union control	1/10/2017 6:40 PM
812	Loss of oil company jobs, downsizing military, Alaska Legislature's inability to make decisions and pass budgets and bills that are fair and sensible ( instead of partisan politics)	1/10/2017 6:05 PM
813	Oil prices and enviromental policies.	1/10/2017 5:56 PM
814	the temporal discounting that leads to development of more and more 'infrastructure', destroying natural open space to create roads and 'development'	1/10/2017 5:30 PM
815	Federal Overreach towards oil retraction and sales Federal overreach towards hunting regulations	1/10/2017 5:29 PM
816	Large companies pulling out as they can't make the high profits they are used to. Macy's closing 68 stores... Is Nordstrom's next?	1/10/2017 4:58 PM
817	too much goverment	1/10/2017 4:39 PM
818	Donald Trump.	1/10/2017 4:38 PM
819	Reduced funding for education at all levels.	1/10/2017 4:25 PM

820	Lack of substance abuse and mental health treatment. Climate change.	1/10/2017 4:19 PM
821	Reliance on non-renewable energy sources as basis of economy;anti-government/regulation attitudes	1/10/2017 4:13 PM
822	Government regulations that throttle development and exploration.	1/10/2017 4:06 PM
823	Not solving our state fiscal problem this year. Downturn in oil industry.	1/10/2017 3:51 PM
824	Too many people abusing services, increases in crime, political and their special interests abuse !!! Other abuses, creating work! I.e. Overburdening the justice system and prison system by arrest first and asking questions later mentality .	1/10/2017 3:48 PM
825	(in no order) State fiscal situation, continued stagnation of development, aging population, perception that "the grass is greener" in the lower 48 for people with skills/money/mobility, reduction in key amenities like education system, recreation, infrastructure that impact quality of life. Relying too heavily on a few industries. When the economy rebounds, a return to a really tight housing market especially for first-time homebuyers will create a two-tier system of perpetual renters vs homeowners who lucked out and have had a good house for a long time. "NIMBY" (not in my backyard) attitudes about development, change, city growth and urban living--established neighborhoods and homeowners not being receptive to new development or different styles of development or other changes to how Anchorage looks. Changes in federal policy that trickle down to state and local governments. Rising health care and other cost of living in Alaska that make it less attractive for families.	1/10/2017 3:43 PM
826	Adjusting to an economy where the volume of oil and oil royalties to the state are decreasing. Petroleum volumes are going down, but we are not ready to pay for the things that has paid for. I would like to hear local politicians accept that property taxes are a significant part of the high cost of housing. Every time I hear our local politicians talk about the high cost of housing and rent... it seems like property taxes are a huge percentage of housing costs at this point. The monthly payment on Muni property tax is really a large percentage of a mortgage when interest rates are at 3.5% on a 30 year fixed mortgage. Healthcare costs continuing to increase and increase. If the local hospital is the most profitable in the Healthcare system, but the state can not afford retirement healthcare costs, then something is wrong. If all sectors of the economy are losing jobs, but the healthcare sector number of jobs is the only one increasing.... then that is not a "Win" for the local economy if the state and local governments are paying a huge percentage of the healthcare costs. Celebrating increased employment numbers in healthcare is like saying "YEAH- the entire private economy is shrinking, but government spending in healthcare is skyrocketing without control." Where can we save money in the school district without it all coming from the classroom and what is offered to students like school sports. I like my local public school, but it just seems like what is offered at the school is decreasing while the costs are increasing. Where is the money going? Is it all going to healthcare and retirement spending? We just can't make every kid the same, and trying to spend more money like everyone is going to graduate with the same level of knowledge is not practical. Maybe 90 by 2020 or whatever it is needs to go away and focus on providing quality education without that.	1/10/2017 3:39 PM
827	Growing sectors like Cook Inlet Housing that is getting grants and offering housing at a lower rate, thus putting small apartment owners out of the running.	1/10/2017 3:28 PM
828	The reliance on property taxes to fund municipal government services.	1/10/2017 3:23 PM
829	Continuing low oil prices. Dysfunctional and ineffective legislators.	1/10/2017 3:22 PM
830	Continued federal and state payroll cuts	1/10/2017 3:21 PM
831	Government and big business not hiring. And The cost of health care.	1/10/2017 3:18 PM
832	More government	1/10/2017 3:00 PM
833	Not enough long-term planning. Lack of infrastructure, maximum use of current transportation modes (commuter train, busing)	1/10/2017 2:55 PM
834	The greed & selfishness of the rich, the Oil Barons & the bought dogs they selected to run the state senate.	1/10/2017 2:55 PM
835	Failure to look into petro opportunities through out Alaska and improve transportation/vehicle commute routes between Anchorage and Mat-Su valley. It's necessary to go forward with Knik and Port MacKenzie bridge. If San Francisco can construct bridges in dangerous and seismic-active waterways why not in Anchorage, Alaska's largest commuter city?	1/10/2017 2:51 PM
836	Liberal Democrats	1/10/2017 2:43 PM
837	Lack of reasonably priced and decent housing, lack of investment in quality of life issues, necessity to have a car to live here comfortably (which is not appealing to many young people), dependence on unstable and shrinking oil production/prices.	1/10/2017 2:41 PM
838	The failure of the legislature to act and develop a sound economic plan for the future, one that includes a state income tax.	1/10/2017 2:34 PM

839	Big issues are undiversified revenue stream and lack of housing. There are only so many homes, which means there are only so many homeowners who have to pay property taxes. As the cost of services go up, this is the group who shoulders the burden. Spread out the costs so individuals know the cost of government. Homeowners are the only ones who know, renters haven't a clue.	1/10/2017 2:27 PM
840	lack of courage among legislators and leaders to recognize that there is a cost to living here, and that we all must share in it. the free ride is over. to continue to deny this blatant, in-your-face fact is to drive our economy and the infrastructure which supports it right into the ground.	1/10/2017 2:10 PM
841	Getting too anxious to do something without thought to the environment as a whole	1/10/2017 2:09 PM
842	Small-minded, racist, sexist, xenophobic people. Those who think they are "independent" Alaskans yet don't want to pay for any services and like government subsidies. Shortage of affordable housing.	1/10/2017 1:57 PM
843	Inaction by the legislature to address our fiscal crisis. This is affecting our economic ratings.	1/10/2017 1:57 PM
844	Political division at state and local level.	1/10/2017 1:39 PM
845	Oil's lost impact on economy, out of touch politicians, poor economic decisions, inability to cut across the board when money is short and incapability of balancing a budget.	1/10/2017 1:36 PM
846	Oil issues-job and production losses. Outside people working in Alaska. Heroin and opiod addictions causing theft, concern for personal safety, etc.	1/10/2017 1:30 PM
847	Continued dependence on oil, sprawl, a backwards urge by some folks to not change or improve infrastructure, to continue status quo car dependence.	1/10/2017 1:26 PM
848	The failure of the State of Alaska's Legislature to find a financial solution to the current economic deficits. Obviously, this greatly impacts Anchorage's and other communities in the State. Also gangs and violence in our City.	1/10/2017 1:25 PM
849	The States economy. Sales Tax, living in Seward I watched people drive to Anchorage to shop to avoid the local tax, even though the cost to drive was more than they saved. It is more a matter of perception than reality. That continues today. There is steadily decreasing available land in the Anchorage Bowl and a sales tax would shift significant future business into the Valley as Anchorage becomes indistinguishable from the Valley.	1/10/2017 1:24 PM
850	1. Excessive environmental lawsuits. 2. Inexperienced people in the planning and development departments 3. Public hearings with no-growthers, nimbys and elderly shaping new development. 4. State and Municipal Union leaders (not members)	1/10/2017 1:23 PM
851	Oil prices, state government not cutting the budget (government overspending),	1/10/2017 1:22 PM
852	Removal of jobs and workers	1/10/2017 1:20 PM
853	Low oil prices, high crime gang relations	1/10/2017 1:15 PM
854	hard times in the oil industry can pull down other sectors, we are not doing a good job educating our children, crime	1/10/2017 1:12 PM
855	Reduction of oil revenues.	1/10/2017 1:11 PM
856	Taxes, shrinking resource development industry, less federal dollars, continuing to increase the minimum wage, rising cost of healthcare.	1/10/2017 1:07 PM
857	Rental pricing is too high, need more affordable housing.	1/10/2017 12:58 PM
858	Poor infrastructure/maintenance, over building, climate change.	1/10/2017 12:57 PM
859	Loss of oil and gas jobs. Isolationism.	1/10/2017 12:56 PM
860	Greenie tax and spend liberal politicians	1/10/2017 12:55 PM
861	State governments inability to develop meaningful solutions to our fiscal challenges. Public safety, crime appears to be on the rise. Lack of well paying jobs, will continue to facilitate a brain drain.	1/10/2017 12:55 PM
862	Wasteful government spending and excessive regulations.	1/10/2017 12:48 PM
863	International Trade wars , state and federal political crisis	1/10/2017 12:46 PM
864	Please see the answer to number three.	1/10/2017 12:41 PM
865	Hate, fear, reactive status quo thinking. The perpetuation of short term solutions based on political gain rather than long term deliberative problem solving.	1/10/2017 12:38 PM
866	State legislature partisan politics preventing reasonable compromises for both sides so Alaska can progress. If both parties continue to dig heels in and spout inflammatory rhetoric, we will get nowhere. Compromise and listening to all citizen concerns (not just those who supported the campaigns) is essential to progress.	1/10/2017 12:38 PM

867	Poor city planning (too car oriented)	1/10/2017 12:33 PM
868	Violence, gangs, religious intolerance	1/10/2017 12:32 PM
869	Poor financial management and over spending of the government, State legislation that makes business less competitiveness nationally, and the institution of an income tax would retard private sector growth.	1/10/2017 12:31 PM
870	Vulnerable to the success of the oil industry, and the military. Too much crime. Not diversified enough. High and uncertain costs of health care.	1/10/2017 12:28 PM
871	Further cuts to the state budget.	1/10/2017 12:27 PM
872	Reliance on oil, cuts to education, and decreasing public safety will cause people to leave.	1/10/2017 12:25 PM
873	Highly dependent on a few sectors (especially natural resources) and large employers, state fiscal crisis could reduce incomes for low-income Anchorage residents (through PFD reductions and sales/income tax) and reduce access to resources (closure of DOL facilities, etc.).	1/10/2017 12:20 PM
874	Raising taxes and not downsizing government.	1/10/2017 12:15 PM
875	Loss of jobs with the decline of oil industry development; Loss of economic activity from reduced military activity. Lack of a sustainable state budget for the future. Lack of a sustainable Municipal Budget for Anchorage.	1/10/2017 12:10 PM
876	The type that of people that will tear down a historic building or green space in order to build one more parking lot for yet another barely solvent lower 48 fast food place. AEDC and Downtown Partnership's obsession with harassing the homeless and nickle and diming everyone else is gross.	1/10/2017 12:03 PM
877	Abrupt and deep cuts in federal and state spending. Lack of a diverse economy. Health care taking up more and more of the economy. Deteriorating conditions of the port.	1/10/2017 11:47 AM
878	Oil prices. Bad housing market. No sales tax.	1/10/2017 11:46 AM
879	Shutting down oil production	1/10/2017 11:46 AM
880	The oil price is not likely to increase significantly in the next five years. This will keep State revenues down, forcing the Legislature to reduce support to Municipalities. This could severely hurt Anchorage. The Municipality needs to get ahead of the curve.	1/10/2017 11:42 AM
881	fiscal uncertainty	1/10/2017 11:41 AM
882	Overcrowding; lack of zoning; trail and park safety; lack of mass transportation.	1/10/2017 11:40 AM
883	Continued low oil prices, uncertainty at the federal level. Mindset at the state level of "cutting" to prosperity, Not diversify tax base.	1/10/2017 11:39 AM
884	Failure of the state legislature to deal with the budget realistically! We must have a balanced income plan NOW. This includes an income tax. Get your heads out of the sand, legislators.	1/10/2017 11:35 AM
885	I am all for keeping the outdoors great but the threats come from both sides, trapping on trails is just as likely to keep me off the trails as making them unassessable to "save them" from people. I think the resources should be open to use, both from a drilling and mining stand point and a general use stand point. But the people and corporations should be expected to keep them nice.	1/10/2017 11:31 AM
886	States lack of fiscal plan and it's not paying oil companies the tax credits it is obligated to pay in a timely manner.	1/10/2017 11:27 AM
887	Declining oil and gas revenues, lack of diversification, undeveloped tax base, potential "brain drain."	1/10/2017 11:24 AM
888	The state legislature and the municipality in both regulations and taxes	1/10/2017 11:22 AM
889	Narrow minded, conservative politicians that only see lowering their taxes and dismantling government as their sole purpose.	1/10/2017 11:20 AM
890	Loss of high paying jobs in the oil and gas sector.	1/10/2017 11:19 AM
891	Investing in 19th and 20th century energy - coal and oil.	1/10/2017 11:19 AM
892	oil companies and their stranglehold over politicians	1/10/2017 11:18 AM
893	dependence and budgeting based on single industry, lack of visionary leadership willing to invest in opportunity beyond infrastructure. Unwillingness to invest and collaborate towards quality of life metrics.	1/10/2017 11:18 AM
894	Low price of oil (affects state funding of local projects), many layoffs recently (hence my husbands unplanned early retirement),	1/10/2017 11:17 AM
895	Downturn in oil industry and military reductions.	1/10/2017 11:14 AM

896	Current tax structure emphasizing property and business taxes. A seasonal sales tax is recommended to reduce these burdens.	1/10/2017 11:12 AM
897	Conservative political and financial agendas	1/10/2017 11:11 AM
898	Power limitations, resource development restrictions	1/10/2017 11:08 AM
899	Refugees from Africa, the middle east and the Mediterranean. Gangs from the lower 48.	1/10/2017 11:07 AM
900	Federal and state funding of government.	1/10/2017 11:07 AM
901	Gangs, crime, divided local government, low police presence, homelessness, chronic inebriates	1/10/2017 11:07 AM
902	Canadian Tourism companies and other national big business taking over downtown Anchorage - basically shutting it down off season and taking over between May 15th and September 15th leaving nothing for local tourism. You want our economy to grow? Support the local business owners - the catering to corporate, out-of-country and lower 48 business is destroying the tourism business in Anchorage. Tax free out of country employment taking jobs and money out of city.	1/10/2017 11:03 AM
903	Economic downturn, government regulations, healthcare costs.	1/10/2017 11:03 AM
904	Limited diversity	1/10/2017 11:02 AM
905	Individuals/companies who are used to making money off of oil, and will stop at nothing to maintain the flow of profits from that industry, even at the expense of our quality of life, our environment, and the future of civilization for their short term gain.	1/10/2017 11:02 AM
906	Inaction by the legislature on the state's economy	1/10/2017 10:58 AM
907	government over regulation, we need less rules, and we need the government following their own rules.	1/10/2017 10:43 AM
908	Unable to attract new companies	1/10/2017 10:42 AM
909	Legislature -- old school conservative	1/10/2017 10:41 AM
910	Focusing just on oil and natural gas	1/10/2017 10:39 AM
911	Vagrant activity, and crime. Less of a presence by APD.	1/10/2017 10:39 AM
912	Ignorant party politics and overblown egos that fail to address real issues and provide effective solutions.	1/10/2017 10:38 AM
913	Short sighted cuts in education, including college. Constrictions in the petroleum industry. Changes in the field of medical insurance that restricts demand for medical services.	1/10/2017 10:38 AM
914	Petroleum	1/10/2017 10:38 AM
915	Bureaucratic barriers to development. Excessive empowerment of NIMBY's	1/10/2017 10:37 AM
916	Low oil prices. Rising crime rates (tourism), Pebble Mine (would kill off a lot of fishing which damages industrial fishing and sport fishing, reducing tourism \$\$).	1/10/2017 10:34 AM
917	Unequal power wielded by the strongest industries that are sucking up a disproportionate amount of the money in circulation - oil and healthcare.	1/10/2017 10:34 AM
918	Constriction of oil industry/economy. We need to diversify our economy even more, as a state, so that job losses in one industry don't negatively effect population/real estate.	1/10/2017 10:32 AM
919	Too many hand outs.	1/10/2017 10:32 AM
920	over reliance on oil and gas production	1/10/2017 10:32 AM
921	Not facing the need to adequately support State funding by instituting new taxes. People moving away because of the aforementioned.ACK!	1/10/2017 10:32 AM
922	High paying jobs are leaving... as are the folks who held those jobs. The folks who remain may not be able to relocate therefore leaving jobless, homeless and less skilled workforce in Alaska.	1/10/2017 10:31 AM
923	Municipal restrictions on development. It takes to long to get building permits and no flexibility for new technologies or thinking outside the standard box. reductions in state funding and statewide development hurt.	1/10/2017 10:30 AM
924	Over taxation and dwindling population.	1/10/2017 10:30 AM
925	Our State not working on a good budget and plan.	1/10/2017 10:29 AM
926	Very poor budget outlook at the State level.	1/10/2017 10:28 AM
927	Drugs, alcohol, homelessness	1/10/2017 10:27 AM

928	Oil price.	1/10/2017 10:27 AM
929	Relying too much on oil industry to keep us afloat. Safety/crime issues	1/10/2017 10:25 AM
930	Failure to act. Lack of vision. Threats to public safety. Homelessness.	1/10/2017 10:25 AM
931	People who come to Alaska for 5 years, make their money and later taking their talents and our money then leaving. Good doctors, teachers, artists, musicians, leave here because there is no way to support their income. Leaves Anchorage a dull and boring place. We need to keep our talented people here by opening up an opportunity to make a home here instead of hiring folks who are only here for a stint. I was born here and gifted in my profession and there are no opportunities here for me because Anchorage decides to hire people with an accent. It's frustrating. I'm moving to the lower 48 so I can support myself in next 5 years. Sad I have to leave my home because of this.	1/10/2017 1:03 AM
932	State of Alaska's failure to address the fiscal shortfall of the state government.	1/10/2017 12:54 AM
933	reliance on oil as single source of revenue, ignorance of Alaskans regarding economics, math and reliance on financial subsidies.	1/9/2017 6:56 PM
934	Ignoring the fact that the world is increasing less dependent on oil	1/9/2017 5:16 PM
935	An anti-oil government hindering the progress and expansion of North-Slope development.	1/9/2017 4:17 PM
936	Anchorage beaurocracy scaring investors toward the matsu. With driverless vehicles on the near horizon the matsu could easily house our professional workforce.	1/9/2017 3:23 PM
937	Climate change, lack of income and sales tax, huge budget deficit, pace of health care costs, lack of competition in the health care marketplace, invasive species	1/9/2017 12:53 PM
938	The state legislature's inability to curb state spending, act responsibly on what needs to be needs to be done and stop the damn divisive bickering on who's right and wrong. The biggest threat is the lack of compromise.	1/9/2017 11:37 AM
939	Failure to improve the business attraction of the State, coupled with escalating barriers to resources which will come from the mega-trend of industrial limitations, plus State and local governments who fail to achieve a new economic level without higher resource taxes. Also the budget cuts that are gutting the basic services of government - law enforcement for example - all the while State leadership preserve all sorts of non-vital programs. And weaken basic criminal statutes at the same time our crime rates are finally recognized what they are - among the highest in the world. Do you think THAT piece of news is going to attract new business to Alaska?	1/9/2017 11:23 AM
940	Oil price fluctuations	1/9/2017 10:51 AM
941	It's huge reliance on tourism, and a weakened school system which is producing people with poor skills and lack of objective thinking which is contributing to the increase in unemployment and crime.	1/9/2017 9:59 AM
942	Per capita crime rates, darkness, and unwilling to accommodate latest technologies and ideas like the rest of the world.	1/9/2017 9:11 AM
943	The leftist liberal agenda.	1/9/2017 8:37 AM
944	Low oil prices, housing prices about to drop and kill revenue through property tax.	1/9/2017 7:59 AM
945	Social service costs, increasing taxes and governmental service fees, especially increasing fuel taxes in a state where travel distances are great.	1/9/2017 7:47 AM
946	The regulations and laws either put into affect by or supported by the local Government.	1/9/2017 7:09 AM
947	Too many immigrants and illegal aliens taking Alaskan's jobs and putting a strain on health and social services.	1/8/2017 9:27 PM
948	Dependence on natural resource extraction, and the market swings that accompany commodity markets. Building and zoning regulations that stifle innovation and development in our city. Over-reliance on federal dollars to fund construction projects. Land speculation by the wealthy in our city.	1/8/2017 9:17 PM
949	violence	1/8/2017 8:30 PM
950	The way criminal activity has grown is definitely a detarrant to new business moving in and starting up. The cost of living is continually going up however there are no increase in incomes to offset that.	1/8/2017 7:25 PM
951	Regulation, over-taxation on certain resource industries, lack of fiscal certainty for major international investors that need multi-decade duration planning horizons, fiscal policy discipline,	1/8/2017 6:46 PM
952	lack of diversity, losing our quality residents due to job loss, or lack of perceived safety in Anchorage.	1/8/2017 5:42 PM
953	Lower bond ratings due to cuts in State funding. Also future cuts in state funding.	1/8/2017 4:04 PM
954	Losing oil drilling opportunities	1/8/2017 4:04 PM

955	crime rate that is going up faster than anyone in office will admit to	1/8/2017 3:45 PM
956	Not sure	1/8/2017 3:15 PM
957	Religious based groups and organizations forcing Muni code to be less inclusive (anti-LBGTQ) making Anchorage a less attractive location.	1/8/2017 2:22 PM
958	See answer to Number 3 plus the price of oil although that may be changing and moving higher. Cutting of government budgets are threats because we rely so much on government. Sales tax will not help the Anchorage economy such as purchases from people who live in neighboring communities coming into Anchorage for their purchases.	1/8/2017 2:16 PM
959	Low oil prices	1/8/2017 2:13 PM
960	legislatures catering too much to oil companies, and spending way too much on petty projects.	1/8/2017 12:39 PM
961	Low oil prices, reduction in military, lack of diversity	1/8/2017 10:02 AM
962	Poor long-range planning and lack of intelligent direction	1/8/2017 9:03 AM
963	State budget crisis, declining oil and gas economy, changes to federal spending	1/8/2017 7:42 AM
964	Oil and the fact that Anchorage and the State have not diversified. Lack of infrastructure. Low population.	1/8/2017 6:41 AM
965	Politicians that have no back bone & only care about money & power -	1/8/2017 2:05 AM
966	The fact we have made the press as being one of the most dangerous cities in the US, Not keeping oil field jobs in the state	1/7/2017 10:44 PM
967	Crime, violence, gangs, low-class drug shenanigans, mental illness, serial killers. Car theft, dangerous drivers, home break-ins. Inability to plow streets and sidewalks in a winter city. Government waste and over-spending. Health care professionals who blatantly gouge residents. Elected officials who are incapable of managing our community. Imports and transplants who do not love or care about our community. Having a single primary news source that is owned by East Coast billionaires.	1/7/2017 10:25 PM
968	Unemployment; lack of drug rehabilitation channels	1/7/2017 9:58 PM
969	Budget cuts	1/7/2017 6:20 PM
970	Increasing crime and illicit drug use. Declining tax base and educated talented people leaving the state for better schools and quality of life. We are far away from the lower 48 which can be a draw yet if many of the quality factors disappear more and more may be jumping ship.	1/7/2017 6:06 PM
971	Decreased funding from Jueau, lack of leadership in forging a long term fiscal plan	1/7/2017 5:55 PM
972	The Mayor's proposed sales tax. I know if enacted, I will take my spending dollars elsewhere where I can shop tax-free and my money will go farther.	1/7/2017 5:47 PM
973	Cutting/stealing from OUR dividends, crime, job loss.	1/7/2017 5:17 PM
974	A continued depressed economy. Many people I know, who absolutely love Alaska, that are talking about leaving. Brain drain.	1/7/2017 4:56 PM
975	We don't have a broad base to sustain us	1/7/2017 4:18 PM
976	Neglecting education, spoiling our natural heritage with rampant, uncontrolled development, increasing crime, expensive healthcare.	1/7/2017 4:04 PM
977	High rents that prevent small business owners from opening up and crime.	1/7/2017 3:52 PM
978	Unsure	1/7/2017 3:39 PM
979	The state legislature not getting our fiscal house in order and forcing Anchorage to pick up the pieces without having the available resources to take care of the things we must and build a city that is competitive in global markets.	1/7/2017 3:27 PM
980	Austere measures to defund government services that provide a safety net for most people. When government lets private industry gets subsidies for profit and the public subsidizes losses it threatens our way of life.	1/7/2017 2:54 PM
981	Crime.	1/7/2017 2:40 PM
982	Legislative failure to right ship of Alaska's economy; losing smart, educated, hardworking, go-getters due to economic uncertainty; Pressure by established businesspeople and policy makers to keep doing things the same old way	1/7/2017 2:35 PM
983	Lack of competitively qualified job force; high costs of living; time zone differential with lower 48 puts Anchorage out of play for much of US Economic activities; federal deficit; period of long-term oil consumption reduction and increased global production leading to a ceiling on oil price averages	1/7/2017 2:25 PM



984	High rental costs, low supply. Low oil prices. Lack of usable public transportation,	1/7/2017 2:14 PM
985	Job losses and population moving out. Taking permanent fund money away from the people.	1/7/2017 2:05 PM
986	Rising violent crime and gang activity. Loss of state revenue sharing from collapse of state oil revenues and total failure of the legislature to seriously address the problem rationally. A demonstration of cowardice and short term selfishness by elected members.	1/7/2017 1:58 PM
987	Crime,	1/7/2017 1:47 PM
988	No oil	1/7/2017 1:39 PM
989	Bigotry and racism	1/7/2017 1:38 PM
990	Low oil prices, economic weakness in Asia, aggression from Russia.	1/7/2017 1:32 PM
991	Looming housing shortage, especially affordable housing for service sector workers. Rising crime rate due to opioid epidemic. The state budget crisis will have serious consequences for Anchorage and other cities as they are forced to carry more of the burden.	1/7/2017 1:31 PM
992	Basing economy and jobs on a single sector and hoping it all works out	1/7/2017 1:22 PM
993	Crime	1/7/2017 1:20 PM
994	Proposed taxes	1/7/2017 1:20 PM
995	Not modernizing the port is the main one. Reliance on low wage retail jobs to carry the economy when no other large raw resource extraction industry (oil, fishing, mining) is strong. With LNG cheaper than coal, that's not going to be an option here. LNG plant investment should be a priority as we have lots of it, and the market will be hot for a long time to come. Downstream from that in the energy sector, Alaska with all it's coastline should be a leader in tidal generated energy. We should be doing the R&D, testing the models, manufacturing the machines and exporting the product. Taking a page from the Copper River folks, we should be establishing fish markets in Anchorage that sell internationally like the one in Tokyo. ASMI needs more funding to continue to help build local cooperatives that could ship direct from Anchorage to Europe and China. Finally on a different note, we need a professional police force that clean up the town, implement safe living for residents, and eliminate crimes against both property and people. The current crime situation is intolerable, 34 people murdered in a year in our small town? Who the hell wants to move or stay here and raise a family and have a good job if your car is smashed, your garage emptied and your family shot all in your own home??	1/7/2017 12:56 PM
996	ugly buildings, littered land	1/7/2017 9:15 AM
997	As we saw at the national level in 2008, the biggest threat to our economy is the loss of a public safety net for those that will be hit hardest by a recession.	1/7/2017 9:01 AM
998	Lack of economic diversity. Too much reliance on oil, government, tourism.	1/7/2017 8:42 AM
999	Insufficient infrastructure for developing or major (international) business/industry, and of course our location relative to the lower 48.	1/7/2017 8:41 AM
1000	Limiting oil production and restrictive legislation.	1/7/2017 7:33 AM
1001	Continuing to depend on oil for income	1/7/2017 7:22 AM
1002	If public safety continues to worsen, more businesses will suffer, fail to open, or close existing locations.	1/7/2017 6:15 AM
1003	Anchorage is very diverse - I love that it is that way! With the way the world is going I sometimes worry that some of that "help" that we provide may "hurt the hand that feeds - so to speak"	1/7/2017 5:22 AM
1004	The crime wave and the homeless population	1/7/2017 4:03 AM
1005	State government collapse. And short of that, state government turmoil that jeopardizes the quality of education for our children, the sound management of our wild and natural resources, and affects statewide bond ratings.	1/7/2017 1:25 AM
1006	inability of legislature to act, uncanny ability of legislature to block anything or refuse to move anything not on their party lines. I know...this is about the municipality! However, the muni can't fare too well if the entire state around it is doing poorly because politicians lack the guts to do what is necessary.	1/7/2017 12:46 AM
1007	Oil industry changes going on	1/7/2017 12:26 AM
1008	Crime has increased and we have to have more affordable housing....unique housing downtown and in urban areas that is safe and affordable. Getting bad landlords to comply with the laws. One of our biggest threats is not providing alcohol and drug treatment in this town.	1/7/2017 12:14 AM
1009	Outside influences... The cost of oil, whims of presidential/congressional decisions on budgets and policy.	1/6/2017 11:38 PM

1010	Outside businesses taking away from the little guys. Why is it so east for an "Applebees" or the Hard Rock Cafe to come in and take away from a vibrant local downtown? Also, why are we not encouraging more people to spend time in Anchorage rather than just getting on a bus and leaving straight from the airport?	1/6/2017 11:07 PM
1011	Price of oil. lack of	1/6/2017 11:07 PM
1012	Depending on oil	1/6/2017 11:07 PM
1013	A dependence on oil industry money. Lack of investment in new products such as electric cars, renewable energy, garden food.	1/6/2017 10:31 PM
1014	Lack of revenue for infrastructure (as above) and the lack of understanding that we all have to contribute to the support of our community (need a sales tax and a state income tax). Reduction in education funding at all levels. Reduction in federal cost sharing.	1/6/2017 8:30 PM
1015	High housing costs, shrinking quality of higher education due to disappearing class and instructors, our young people not attending and going outside, to not return, high costs of health insurance for business and individuals, diluted skilled labor pool. Creating welfare assistance dependents....., rising prices due to slow sales, Nothing about economic threat is new...causes have been the same for ages.	1/6/2017 7:44 PM
1016	Over reaction to our boom and bust cycles Trying to make Alaska look like Portland	1/6/2017 6:44 PM
1017	Only depending on oil and gas. And constant cuts to education, especially the universities. We need an educated society in order to be economically viable. Cuts to education is the worst idea to grow our economy!	1/6/2017 6:30 PM
1018	Very low oil prices Curtailing state spending and government employment	1/6/2017 6:28 PM
1019	cuts in state funding for social welfare programs; homeless populations (it hurts business in certain areas of city)	1/6/2017 6:01 PM
1020	I believe more people would want to live here if there was more to do, and more choices. But in the end I feel it may hurt the small business owner.	1/6/2017 5:13 PM
1021	The greed and need for control by Oil.	1/6/2017 4:41 PM
1022	Anti-development mentality and permitting culture	1/6/2017 4:22 PM
1023	Economic pessimism and fear; people panicking and leaving the state.	1/6/2017 4:15 PM
1024	Our lack of business diversity, with the oil and tourist businesses having such large pieces of the pie! Our current crime rate!!!	1/6/2017 4:05 PM
1025	Lack of public transportation	1/6/2017 3:54 PM
1026	Continued belief that the oil industry can be tapped for additional revenue.	1/6/2017 3:52 PM
1027	Once again, the decline in oil prices.	1/6/2017 3:50 PM
1028	Cost of living for Alaska in comparison to the Lower 48 combined with relying too much on key core industries.	1/6/2017 3:45 PM
1029	The homeless problem and crime. If people don't feel safe here, they won't want to live here.	1/6/2017 3:41 PM
1030	Continuing to rely on oil, while we're facing ecological disaster due to climate change. Our reliance on oil is our state's biggest weakness. We need to look beyond out-dated technology, and become a city of the future. Necessity is the mother of invention, and we have the opportunity to lead the world in self-sustainable communities.	1/6/2017 3:37 PM
1031	Crime panhandling homeless camps	1/6/2017 3:34 PM
1032	Public Safety Permitting Process which prohibits building by creating too many roadblocks We don't have a sales tax	1/6/2017 3:31 PM
1033	State budget cuts.	1/6/2017 3:30 PM
1034	Drops in oil price, reductions in federal government spending	1/6/2017 3:30 PM
1035	Depleting and putting our natural resources at risk. Allowing large corporations to negatively impact the quality of life for families and local businesses by allowing outside interests to manipulate the way our government makes decisions.	1/6/2017 3:29 PM
1036	reliance on oil revenues, lack of local taxes collected, nowhere for unskilled folks to work	1/6/2017 3:19 PM
1037	high and unyielding cost of healthcare services from healthcare providers One dominant industry Not -for-profit business driving large portion of economy Lack of engagement in cost of public services by not having a state income tax. Spending is left unchecked by the public as tax dollars don't fund SOA health plan and other programs. Aging population	1/6/2017 3:09 PM
1038	Lack of the public's willingness to pay for services they require. The PFD check itself.	1/6/2017 3:07 PM
1039	Public safety, uncertainty with the state budget process.	1/6/2017 3:05 PM

1040	Lack of diverse economic streams, if oil &/or military disappear, ANC is in trouble.	1/6/2017 3:05 PM
1041	Shortsighted-ness of both our residents and our legislators.	1/6/2017 3:04 PM
1042	The states fiscal situation, low oil prices, high medical costs, poor port management,	1/6/2017 2:44 PM
1043	Building going-to-be slums called low income housing.	1/6/2017 2:43 PM
1044	Drugs, crime, mental illness, homelessness. When a city doesn't take care of its problems, its economy is threatened.	1/6/2017 2:41 PM
1045	Loss of jobs and businesses	1/6/2017 2:30 PM
1046	Cost of living, especially land and housing	1/6/2017 2:28 PM
1047	The eight assembly members who are pro tax and more regulations	1/6/2017 2:19 PM
1048	Crime and gangs	1/6/2017 2:19 PM
1049	Holding on to the past. As oil changes, not getting stuck in the "in the past we did it this way". To have lots of support small business days,they are the ones who employ lots of people.	1/6/2017 2:19 PM
1050	Drug usage, gangs, crime, unemployment	1/6/2017 2:15 PM
1051	Cost of living, A more prosperous Lower 48, Lack of Muni and State resources and disinvestment momentum	1/6/2017 2:13 PM
1052	Too dependent on oil revenue, crime rise, budget cuts.	1/6/2017 2:13 PM
1053	recession resulting from failure of tax structure to support schools and public safety and amenities. sever cuts to PFD	1/6/2017 2:13 PM
1054	Crime is a serious problem. People looking at our stats before deciding to move here or take employment here will reconsider.	1/6/2017 2:01 PM
1055	agenda of next federal administration	1/6/2017 1:59 PM
1056	Oil-centric focus.	1/6/2017 1:55 PM
1057	Lack of a solid state fiscal plan	1/6/2017 1:53 PM
1058	More taxes, especially a Sales Tax. Government intrusion.	1/6/2017 1:53 PM
1059	Crime	1/6/2017 1:52 PM
1060	waiting for oil prices to rebound	1/6/2017 1:50 PM
1061	the ability to get cheaper goods outside of the state; mediocre businesses; too much turnover in businesses; too many seasonal businesses	1/6/2017 1:49 PM
1062	A very thin economy based on government spending, oil and the service industry. Why would people live in Anchorage if not for good work and if you are an enthusiast for the outdoors? Realistically if there are jobs down south, rational consumers will move. Anchorage considers itself a city on par with other American cities of similar size. I think this is only really true in population. The two dimensional economy, the distance and inherent limitations of distance and climate that Alaska has means that Anchorage cannot think like a Portland or even Boise. Anchorage is an outpost, dependent ultimately on the land and transportation.	1/6/2017 1:43 PM
1063	Lack of affordable housing, lack of childcare options for 2 parent working households, drug abuse and increasing property crimes, the recession.	1/6/2017 1:36 PM
1064	Higher taxes	1/6/2017 1:31 PM
1065	Opiates are a major threat. Drug treatment centers are needed and would create jobs.	1/6/2017 1:26 PM
1066	State budget. Future tax increases. Continued low oil prices and production. Perception of the bad business environment and crime rate.	1/6/2017 1:24 PM
1067	No bridges.	1/6/2017 1:23 PM
1068	Crime is the biggest issue facing Anchorage.	1/6/2017 1:11 PM
1069	Funding for city transportation, shortage of police and troopers, homelessness.	1/6/2017 10:38 AM
1070	Short-sighted people who aren't being realistic about the state budget and reasonable ways to increase revenue to pay for essential state functions/services.	1/6/2017 10:26 AM

1071	Too many public employees we cant afford to pay for now or in the future when they are retired. And the muni cant fire them so we are stuck. The whole system needs an overhaul. I would like to see more privatization of services. Give the public (which in more cases is more qualified than the muni employees) a chance to make a living. The muni wont have to pay for retirement and health care and vacations for them. It makes sense. Why aren't we doing more of that? That's how you break the stranglehold were under. Privatization. Then start laying off muni people. And by laying off, I don't mean give a promotion and raise and move to a different department. That's not laying off, that's semantics. Actually get rid of them period!	1/6/2017 10:26 AM
1072	Supervisors who don't allow their employees to have a voice or opinion. Those who do not listen.	1/6/2017 10:24 AM
1073	Having grown up in Anchorage and remembering the late 80's, exodus is a familiar threat. A lack of economic diversity. Tourists simply passing through Anchorage. Our hotels are aging and generally not very appealing (with the exception of a few).	1/6/2017 9:19 AM
1074	oil prices, bad publicity for tourism (like the terrible crime rates)	1/6/2017 8:32 AM
1075	Uncertain oil/gas future, Sales Tax, Rising Cost of Living	1/6/2017 8:31 AM
1076	Out biggest threat is lack of vision. We could easily go the way of slow decline, without a plan for a better future.	1/6/2017 8:12 AM
1077	1. Shrinkage of government and Oil/Gas production, along with their halo effect on other industries 2. Diminishing infrastructures and the loss of jobs across industry sectors 3. Business costs, including government mandates, ML&P, health care benefits, attracting labor	1/6/2017 7:48 AM
1078	Lack of revenue for the State government and going unfunded.	1/6/2017 7:43 AM
1079	State leadership, municipal leadership, poor public policy with a focus on growing government - dumb. The AEDC over simplifies the troubles Anchorage faces - stop painting a glorious picture and tell it like it is.	1/6/2017 6:58 AM
1080	The cutting of public transportation leaving people without ways to reach their jobs.	1/6/2017 5:33 AM
1081	Crime, stodginess	1/5/2017 11:27 PM
1082	Lack of reasonable building codes to prevent ugly, cheap strip mall type building; difficulty getting around without a car; lack of positive, safe outlets for young people	1/5/2017 11:25 PM
1083	Gang activity and increased crime	1/5/2017 11:20 PM
1084	Cost of living. Crime rate. When I can retire I'll be moving out of Alaska like every other Senior to someplace more affordable and where there are Senior Programs available should I ever need assistance. Increasing the minimum wage has raised the price of everything. As a Landlord, I must now raise the price of rent....where are we now? Back to square one....unaffordable housing!	1/5/2017 11:08 PM
1085	Not maintaining an environment that would keep people here in Anchorage, even if they lose their job with the oil companies. In example, good trails and parks. Many people are here for the environment/community that exists here and is continually developing in Anchorage. Keeping up the parks, creating more trails and bike trails. Opportunities for new businesses that are modern and keeping the city clean and inviting.	1/5/2017 10:05 PM
1086	Refusal of legislature to deal with fiscal gap, hurting Anchorage services (schools, social services, police and other public services, recreation) that are part of a quality of life here. Increased internet purchasing, hurting especially the smaller businesses.	1/5/2017 9:02 PM
1087	State Government not being able to deal with budget. SB21.	1/5/2017 9:01 PM
1088	Outside companies	1/5/2017 8:52 PM
1089	Uncontrolled socialism.	1/5/2017 8:47 PM
1090	The Governor and the Mayor. The Governor insists on spending Alaska's money on a gas pipeline which is not economic and will not be built in the near or middle future. He prefers to steal the PFD from Alaskans (thus placing about 22,000 Alaskans in poverty and taking the lifeblood from the retail sector), and impose new and higher taxes. He should instead work hard on making Alaska a friendly place to develop oil and gas, and to operate other businesses. The Mayor likes to tax and spend the citizens money, and to favor those who supported his election (municipal workers and union members). He should be working to reduce the tax and regulatory burden to attract more business to Anchorage, and to allow existing businesses to grow.	1/5/2017 8:27 PM
1091	Residents who don't care or are only here as long as they have a nice job.	1/5/2017 8:15 PM
1092	Too high property taxes related to public employees with too generous benefits packages	1/5/2017 6:39 PM
1093	Oil prices	1/5/2017 6:20 PM
1094	Politicians sitting on their butts talk,talk no solutions	1/5/2017 6:18 PM

1095	People not finding work that pays	1/5/2017 5:48 PM
1096	Aging work force, kids who grew up here and want to return but can't find a good job, high cost of medical care drives many people out once they are retired. Lack of public transportation. Threat of high capacity planes who can fly over Anchorage and not stop, government tightening. University system that is stripping back rather than building up Online shopping	1/5/2017 5:48 PM
1097	Being tied so much to oil production and prices	1/5/2017 5:18 PM
1098	Oil dependence, terrible post-secondary education, lack of jobs in industries that are booming elsewhere.	1/5/2017 5:14 PM
1099	Inaction by legislators, as the date approaches when oil will not come down the pipeline--about 200,000 barrels/day. They are not making the state ready to diversify its industry and its revenue sources	1/5/2017 5:02 PM
1100	Transient population or people who only are here for a short term. Trying to be too much like a lower-48 city.	1/5/2017 4:58 PM
1101	Anchorage will need to support rural Alaska.	1/5/2017 4:57 PM
1102	Governor Walker. Oil prices. Crime	1/5/2017 4:53 PM
1103	State legislature that cannot compromise. All sides need to let go of their sacred items and being willing to give up more.	1/5/2017 4:53 PM
1104	drugs and crime and lack of education	1/5/2017 4:51 PM
1105	See above: Dependency on oil and gas industry alone	1/5/2017 4:49 PM
1106	Over-taxation of oil companies.	1/5/2017 4:34 PM
1107	Uncontrolled violent crime. No real consequences for people that commit crimes involving violence. Previous mayors in Anchorage have chosen not to adequately fund the police department. Over the last 10+ years we are seeing the consequences of this decision. The MOA needs to try to work with the state to prevent the district attorney's office from taking plea deals that let violent criminals off with a suspended sentence and maybe a requirement to wear an ankle bracelet for a few months. Non-violent offenders should not be taking up space in our already overcrowded prison system. An ankle bracelet may be appropriate for them in some circumstances.	1/5/2017 4:30 PM
1108	Rising crime, homelessness, poor urban planning from past that never created true neighborhoods so that don't know one another. Poor public transit...cannot live here without a car and be successfully employed and raise kids without one. Robust public transit is key to the health of a city.	1/5/2017 4:01 PM
1109	LACK OF JOBS, CRIME, DRUGS.	1/5/2017 3:54 PM
1110	Drugs	1/5/2017 3:43 PM
1111	Stupid young adults who choose substance abuse rather than life. The abysmal rate of High School Graduation and the poor physical and mental health of our inhabitants is a horrid drain on everybody-I mean everybody.	1/5/2017 3:26 PM
1112	Gangs and no housing	1/5/2017 3:24 PM
1113	Giving tax breaks to corporations.	1/5/2017 3:24 PM
1114	Reliance on oil industry and oil industry alone. Not providing youth and young adults with needed educational opportunities.	1/5/2017 3:05 PM
1115	Fiscal uncertainty and cuts at the state level that (a) reduce business investment here (including oil and gas companies) and (b) raise our cost of living (by eliminating or reducing the state's funding of essential services and programs, forcing us to do more with less or seek new ways to raise funds for things like education, health services, road maintenance, etc.). We're also seeing work drying up and have watched as some companies have shifted their workforce outside (wasn't there a contractor who recently shifted their workforce out of state, because work was drying up here and it made no sense for them to pursue work in other states from afar?). There's also the rampant crime in this community that must be addressed; if we lose quality of life, then it's the well-educated, highly-paid professional families who will be the first to leave, which will hurt the economy.	1/5/2017 2:07 PM
1116	Huge homeless drain on resources without a plan. Price of oil, no business friendly environment	1/5/2017 1:45 PM
1117	lack of coordination between Muni, business groups, and developers	1/5/2017 1:23 PM

1118	Over reliance, even desperate reliance on North Slope oil production. This will continue to distort our public policy and revenue structure. Fear, we need to be bolder then we have been in the past. Reduction of funding for education K - University. A perceived Alaskan attitude, we don't need outsiders, blue tarps always work for me, don't see why we need libraries, performing art centers, or government buildings that look nice. There is such a thing as pride of place and there are times, especially in the summer where Anchorage looks dumpy and I wonder why I live here. Similarly, this fear of "other" has to stop. Most specifically the LGBT community, but with the diverse population that is Anchorage - we cannot be building the walls that is being talked about in the lower 48. We are a global hub city and we need to act like it, otherwise there will be no growth in our economy and people will leave.	1/5/2017 1:19 PM
1119	All threats to the oil industry.	1/5/2017 12:09 PM
1120	Unfortunately, our location. Man we are far from a lot of stuff.	1/5/2017 11:39 AM
1121	Poor planning, high cost of living, high cost of power.	1/5/2017 8:12 AM
1122	Taxes. If the government decides it wants to levy higher taxes on the people who do work in order to support people who don't-that's a problem.	1/5/2017 3:17 AM
1123	Too much government regulation and programs hand outs. Excessive city and state salary base.	1/5/2017 1:30 AM
1124	Not investing in infrastructure needs like building the Knik Arm Bridge, cuts to public education and the university system, cuts to police force/high crime.	1/4/2017 11:11 PM
1125	The alaskan people losing trust in our current legislation. Your outrageous retirement benefits and lavish lifestyle.	1/4/2017 10:54 PM
1126	Donald Trump is a huge threat to Anchorage's economy, as well as all of the United States, but Alaska especially. If he repeals the ACA I will no longer be able to afford healthcare, as will a lot of Alaskans who are only able to afford healthcare in Alaska because of the exchange subsidies. Also, his promise of more natural resource development is bullshit, seeing as development isn't happening because of low global energy prices, not because of government regulation. Also, gutting federal agencies, when the federal government comprises a huge portion of Alaska's employment/economy will only lower us more. Lastly, an inevitable trade war with Mexico/China will only cause a huge increase in consumer prices, right when Alaska (who already pays the most in the US) is going through a recession.	1/4/2017 4:27 PM
1127	Out of state hiring and the money leaving alaska and not being spent in our own community.	1/4/2017 4:19 PM
1128	Over reliance on oil and gas: It's been great to us, but not fair to industry or ourselves to depend solely on this industry for tax dollars. Politically-based decision-making, lack of political courage: Let's make economic decisions in the interest of Anchorage's economy, not a few community council members. Natural disasters: Lack of port redevelopment could pose threat to Anchorage's resiliency. Military/Federal budget cuts: A risk that's mostly out our control. Commodity price fluctuations: Too reliant on oil, mining and seafood, which are global commodities.	1/4/2017 3:24 PM
1129	Decrease in the oil and gas industry in the state and no new industry to take its place.	1/4/2017 3:18 PM
1130	Employment opportunities too vulnerable to outside influences: military and oil. Thin, expensive resupply lines serve this city.	1/4/2017 1:52 PM
1131	Biggest threat I see is a loss of jobs from Oil and Gas, Medical. This in turn takes high paying jobs out of our city. This will waterfall affect to many areas in anchorage. City infrastructure is a big challenge to me. We our way behind on technology to attract new business. Many buildings are old, and would cost so much money to tear it down. We have old buildings like the 4th avenue theater and Northern Lights Hotel that are just wasting space and are true eye soars. We need to be able to Zone our city better.	1/4/2017 11:03 AM
1132	Overbearing laws and regulations on a proper capitalistic economy prevent and hinder nearly all growth. Including the oil patch.	1/4/2017 11:01 AM
1133	Oil prices and political discord.	1/4/2017 10:48 AM
1134	Anchorage has aging infrastructure that will be expensive to replace and as a city, we lack a vision for where we can be in 20-50-100 years. We have no incentives to attract or retain business or their employees. And we lack a focused investment strategy for addressing these issues. We cannot be solely reliant on property tax as the MOA's revenue source. Many residents love Anchorage, but don't have anything beyond the "scenery" that would cause them to stay here ... with an aging population, we risk losing our institutional knowledge and stable income if Anchorage just becomes more expensive and less attractive. And why would our young professionals choose Anchorage with stories focused on homeless, crime and a poor economic outlook?	1/4/2017 10:22 AM
1135	Fear . . . of change and taking actions that accept and adapt to change. Change happens . . . we need to adapt or die. No rational person can deny that Alaska and world markets, politics, culture, technology and climate are all changing faster than at any other time in human history. We can deny and fight these changes . . . and hunker down while they erode away the assets that we have built and inherited from previous generations . . . or we can embrace the change and use it to discover opportunities to improve Alaska's economic position.	1/4/2017 9:46 AM

1136	The downturn in oil and gas whether its driven by our own government, state and federal, or from outside governments and/or organizations such as OPEC	1/4/2017 9:29 AM
1137	Loss of anchor businesses and major employers	1/4/2017 9:22 AM
1138	Low oil prices, disruption in Tourism and cut backs in the military	1/4/2017 9:13 AM
1139	The drug issues, the amount of small business closures in the last year.	1/4/2017 8:43 AM
1140	Aging and deficient seaport infrastructure that could fail at any time, inefficient road infrastructure, political stupidity and fear that has--to date--translated into inaction; migration out of state of intellectual capital because there's no job opportunity here; excessive environmental compliance regulations, the apparent rising violent crime/gang-related crime rate, significant homelessness issues	1/4/2017 8:38 AM
1141	High level of regulation and a slow response time from muni.	1/4/2017 8:25 AM
1142	As above, crime. Move to valley Weakening of rental market Lack of state funding Weight of drug related incidents on our resources	1/4/2017 7:41 AM
1143	Naysayers, lack of unified efforts by the economic engines, instability in natural resource extraction industries, the Alaska Legislature.	1/4/2017 6:35 AM
1144	Making Alaska just another State that has the same Big Box Stores and Same small crammed in neighborhoods.	1/4/2017 6:12 AM
1145	Amazon.com, solar energy, long dark cold winters, retirement income tax, and higher interest rates will pull down asset prices.	1/4/2017 5:22 AM
1146	Crime. Gangs. Reactions to oil industry.	1/4/2017 4:58 AM
1147	The fiscal/budget/revenue issues in Juneau need to be dealt with this session - this should have happened two years ago, or at worst last year - it is long overdue. Over-investment in utilities and fast rising costs for electricity.	1/4/2017 1:37 AM
1148	Loosing small local businesses, more online shopping, rash of crimes, not enticing new businesses to town,	1/3/2017 11:31 PM
1149	Ill advised stimuli targeting population growth, continuing proclivity to encourage extraction and development projects at expense of environmental stewardship.	1/3/2017 9:18 PM
1150	Decline in oil Gov not making tough decisions	1/3/2017 8:03 PM
1151	Stagnation & not having leaders with enough vision to see longer than their mandates. It's not about votes, it's about keeping up to snuff with the economic times & respecting all people who make up our community.	1/3/2017 7:19 PM
1152	Panhandling and homeless people who intimidate downtown customers and employees. The perception of a dangerous and hostile environment. (Foot patrols are a huge plus) Out of state businesses and employees who siphon money out of the economy. And of course, the malignant state legislature intent on bankrupting the state.	1/3/2017 7:14 PM
1153	Oil prices, news media	1/3/2017 6:48 PM
1154	UAA is not attracting out of state students -- we are losing the battle for talent, as a result.	1/3/2017 6:22 PM
1155	maintaining the current level of services without raising taxes	1/2/2017 5:31 PM
1156	City budget	1/2/2017 5:25 PM

## Q6 What actions/initiatives/changes do you think should be implemented to ensure the economic resilience of your community?

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1	Greater investment in the university, while also better connecting it geographically and with practical learning opportunities. Targeted investment incentives in areas with great potential: downtown and Spenard. This requires new tools and incentives as well as new rules and a way to do business. It's not all about the big projects -- small businesses are the heart of Spenard, and with some support in the built environment and relaxation of zoning code (keep it funky), we can create the example neighborhoods that other parts of town will demand.	3/16/2017 3:59 PM
2	Any chance to lessen our dependence on fossil fuel extraction.	3/1/2017 9:19 AM

3	we should come together and fix some of the hatred in anchorage	3/1/2017 8:16 AM
4	working with trump	3/1/2017 8:14 AM
5	stop taking the pfd	3/1/2017 8:12 AM
6	everyone but the most disabled must work and contribute	3/1/2017 8:08 AM
7	Some sort of plan.	3/1/2017 8:07 AM
8	change	3/1/2017 8:01 AM
9	Getting rid of our Senators first of all.	3/1/2017 7:58 AM
10	Some sort of action plan.	3/1/2017 7:56 AM
11	See above	2/28/2017 11:25 PM
12	Creating jobs in the clean energy arena.	2/28/2017 10:26 PM
13	Additionally, Tax oil according to the environmental impact of burning it	2/28/2017 7:39 PM
14	Open numerous tech trade schools, create business corridor unlike anywhere in the US. Need a 300 acre business incubator campus.	2/28/2017 7:27 PM
15	A difficult question. In any city, it is wise for local government to invest in initiatives that will attract talented people from all walks of life, but government also has a duty not to misuse the people's tax dollars and not to spend money it does not have. A good start would be to restructure Anchorage's downtown to be taller, i.e., fewer parking lots and more parking garages, apartment buildings, and office space. This would in turn free up land in more outlying areas. Anchorage needs both types of people - those who want to live in downtown apartments and on large wooded lots. In time I hope the Knik Arm Bridge will be built, freeing up more land. However, it is important to recognize that without economic diversification, there will not be housing demand to build new apartments or government funds to build bridges. Private wealth creation is necessary to drive public investments.	2/28/2017 5:01 PM
16	creation of jobs less dependent upon natural resource or government funding streams emphasis on home-based employment which makes use of technology for telecommuting - live in Alaska, work anywhere	2/28/2017 3:06 PM
17	We need to retain and increase our oil industry jobs. This issue is more on the state of Alaska then on Anchorage. We need to open up exploration and redo SB21 which is bleeding us dry. We need to stop the crime. Police react to crime. They cannot deter it as they cannot see into the future. The biggest change would be fixing SB91 and stop the catch and release criminal program we currently have. The criminals have become emboldened and know the punishment for their crimes is a slap on the wrist. If government will not do anything then the people of Anchorage need to stand up and take care of the crime themselves. That is not what anyone wants, but when people can shoplift, steal cars, break into businesses, sell drugs and whatever else without consequences something has to be done.	2/28/2017 1:54 PM
18	Diversify economy Decrease redundancy in local government Conduct third-party assessment of how best to increase efficiency of local government and increase revenue	2/28/2017 1:45 PM
19	Budget cuts	2/28/2017 1:23 PM
20	Address the statewide financial crisis with a graduated income tax (and maybe other options too, particularly those that our economists recommend to be least regressive). Invest in quality education throughout the pipeline (K12, job training, university) and on continuing to make our city a great place to live, work, learn, and play.	2/28/2017 1:13 PM
21	Assistance in creating/encouraging low income housing as well as help from local government to ease the permitting process for residential and commercial development.	2/28/2017 12:46 PM
22	This is an important question, I'm not sure if I have an answer to contribute to this right now.	2/28/2017 12:44 PM
23	Housing First. Attention to school funding so people are ready to work. Seeking employers who locate here. Drug treatment beds. Emphasis on citizens being willing to pay income taxes to the state and possibly a sales tax in Anchorage (leaving out food and rent and necessities so the poor are not further disadvantaged.) Cooperation with Native Corporations.	2/28/2017 12:19 PM
24	invest in educating and developing people as well as trying out locals who might. It be as well known in the community.	2/28/2017 11:43 AM
25	All reasonable ideas should be considered. It is time to learn from other states, such as I mentioned above with legalized marijuana taxation. What about focus groups or brainstorming sessions in various communities around the city. For example, the small business community, cultural communities, professional organizations, Rotary Clubs, the Universities, etc. Increase the gas tax. This may encourage people to use public transportation or bike. We could use some of the revenue to fund an improved bus system in Anchorage. I think we need a high soda and higher tobacco tax. Health care costs resulting from these substances are extremely high. We need an income tax.	2/28/2017 11:27 AM



26	My community seems to be doing ok - safety is an issue for people choosing to live and recreate in the city (vice backcountry or Hawaii)	2/28/2017 10:36 AM
27	Seasonal sales tax	2/28/2017 9:40 AM
28	Old ways of thinking have to go. Everything should be discussed to include sales and/or income tax. I know some assembly members have proposed these before.	2/28/2017 9:39 AM
29	Answered in #4	2/28/2017 8:36 AM
30	A marketing campaign to influence shoppers to support local businesses. Support local entrepreneurs.	2/27/2017 10:32 PM
31	1) TERM limits & ethics clauses for State Legislators. 2) VOTE in 'new' Fed Reps. 3) Efficiency Study within all Depts of State Gov 4) Institute public transport within ALL of ANC, to Mat Su, Girdwood. Implement modernized rail options throughout State 5) Re-institute the AK Health Commission so qualified team can assess. present to the citizenry & implement evidence-based strategies to the NON-AK Native health care system to facilitate increased access to preventive cost-effective, evidence-based services to IMPACT our outrageous rates of violence, infant/child adverse experiences, addiction(s), over-wt/obesity & its NEG consequences ETC!!!	2/27/2017 10:14 PM
32	Promote buying local even more, mitigate fear so people don't stop spending.	2/27/2017 9:41 PM
33	Return full funding to UAA and make it one of the centers of our economy and future. Look forward in a realistic way to the future.	2/27/2017 8:49 PM
34	I think business hubs are a good idea providing shared office space and mentorship. Getting involved in education and schools to talk with kids about innovation- and success and failure would be progressive. And as always, we need public transportation and affordable housing.	2/27/2017 5:58 PM
35	Continue funding public schools to educate next generation and provide skilled workers of future economy.	2/27/2017 3:43 PM
36	Help those who want to leave. Help clean their house for showing on the market, help hook up their uhaul trailer, and drive them to the airport. The sooner we get rid of those who have thrived on oil money, the sooner we can get back to building an economy for those who want to live here. For those who choose to stay, give them loans for education and retraining. The investment with the greatest return and with the greatest potential to help adapt to the changes is an investment in people. That's why AEDC needs to step aside; it's all about investing in businesses --- antiquated businesses that are no longer viable in the changing economy. The sooner we disband AEDC, the Chamber of Commerce, Commonwealth North, and other business boosting, corporate cheerleading organizations, the sooner we can focus on creating an economy. Until then, we'll have to listen to AEDC summaries of surveys like this that tell us how important business is, how important it is to subsidize oil, how important it is to keep giving handouts to corporations, how ridiculous it is to believe anything other than what the businesses say. Boring, and not useful all the propaganda you produce. Just Stop it. Now.	2/27/2017 2:37 PM
37	Keep taxes low/reduce city employment costs (that are passed on to taxpayers) caused by excessive salaries in union contracts.	2/27/2017 1:58 PM
38	Sales tax so everyone including the tourists can help us pay for our city streets and law enforcement.	2/27/2017 1:16 PM
39	more open and receiving society; continued improving of the recreation opportunities and connecting outdoor recreation to neighborhoods;	2/27/2017 12:50 PM
40	Stabilizing the state budget would be a good start	2/27/2017 12:40 PM
41	Strengthen public transportation, maintain trail system, offer good climate for small businesses, and keep our public schools viable.	2/27/2017 10:58 AM
42	I think that Welcoming Anchorage is a good start but it would be good to see some of the ideas from question #4, more hydroponics (and other growing season extending practices), and to reconsider building a bridge across Pt. MacKenzie.	2/27/2017 10:03 AM
43	Grow tourism and fund PR of tourism Incentivize renewable and energy/cost saving practices Improve alternative transportation options Better support for high risk members in community. Cheaper to help them in the long run	2/27/2017 9:44 AM
44	Stabilize funding for local government. Address homelessness. More mixed-use housing/retail complexes. More public transportation.	2/27/2017 9:30 AM
45	Increase school funding. Advocate for strong Affordable Care Act to help entrepreneurs and small businesses. Speak against over aggressive Customs and Boarder Patrol to help protect our tourism dollars. Support projects that restructure sections of the city into walk-able, livable, inviting spaces.	2/26/2017 9:05 PM
46	Diversify by actively recruiting new businesses to come to Anchorage	2/26/2017 8:52 PM
47	Hemp/cannabis farming for export. And hemp oil for cars/heating.	2/26/2017 7:53 PM

48	Develop tourism industry, attempt to expand summer season beyond May - September. promote winter tourism. Develop transport links and infrastructure Promote alternative energy systems Promote diversification in industry	2/26/2017 12:33 PM
49	Statewide progressive income tax. Balanced state budget that doesn't cut so deeply that the economy stalls out and education is shorted which will short change future generations of Alaskans. Review the property tax assessments. I think that residents are paying substantially more than commercial or rental property owners.	2/26/2017 11:21 AM
50	Less dependence on oil	2/26/2017 9:31 AM
51	Stronger university Investment in technology Incentives to get manufacturing located here	2/25/2017 7:16 PM
52	Small business loans. Influence state and federal representatives to make decisions that support communities, large and small.	2/25/2017 4:54 PM
53	Universal basic income needs to be considered. At the same time we need to encourage the development of a new industry based on machine learning and artificial intelligence. We need to redefine our political system in Anchorage to encourage more community support and involvement without forcing them to sit through the inane process of meetings and public comment periods as we have it now.	2/25/2017 12:30 PM
54	I think what the AEDC is doing to address opportunities and plan for challenges as united interests is a positive thing that should be encouraged in all business and community sectors. Then the information of those collaborations should be presented to the community at large and the legislature (who holds some of the purse strings and rule-making power) with the rationale behind what seems beneficial for the community.	2/25/2017 12:10 PM
55	Yes, a sales tax is okay by me. Also, aggressively upgrade the look of the city. Tear down or re-face ugly buildings (that's about 3/4 of them), and do some urban planning.	2/25/2017 10:12 AM
56	State income tax (which would tax people who work and earn money here but don't live here), and perhaps even a small sales tax (preferably seasonal? to capture the tourists more), to improve the overall state (and municipal) economy, so that we can provide some of the above-mentioned, especially: Better (and better-maintained) schools. This is a priority! And includes the University system, and perhaps some more technical training availability. Infrastructure. Parks/trails/arts.	2/25/2017 10:11 AM
57	Sales tax except on necessities (food, medicine, diapers)	2/24/2017 7:33 PM
58	Improve bike and hiking trails to attract the independent visitor. Improve educational opportunities for digital manufacturing, tech jobs and information technology.	2/24/2017 7:22 PM
59	Absolutely, and primarily, the Legislature must address the fiscal gap this year, and must do so by adjusting the oil tax system and adopting an income tax.	2/24/2017 6:07 PM
60	Communities that are bold enough to make a long-term investments in early childhood see returns in: health, educational achievement, lower crime, higher public safety, and more. Why not go all in on education and see how successful our citizens can be?	2/24/2017 4:38 PM
61	We need to look at successful communities in the lower 48 such as Portland, Ashland, Oregon. I think Anchorage needs something like the Shakespeare Festival that happens each year and people from all over come to attend it.	2/24/2017 3:03 PM
62	Government is not the answer, it's the problem. Make room for private industry to move ahead. Listen to those who will create jobs vs. the social management programs that just suck money.	2/24/2017 1:19 PM
63	Don't know, that's why we voted in representative to work hard to find answers to these questions.	2/24/2017 12:41 PM
64	Invest in local businesses. Renewable energy initiatives statewide.	2/24/2017 12:26 PM
65	Bottom line - implement a sales tax (on everything but food) to help pay for expenses and take the load off property owners. Consider a \$10 school tax that everyone pays for regardless of your age or if adult whether or not you have children. We all need take ownership in our children's education. The state use to have a school tax of \$10 per year from workers and then when one person complained, it was stopped as being unfair to those who didn't have children. That was a big mistake. Invest in children and the elderly. They are too often forgotten by the very people who were children and will soon find themselves part of the elderly.	2/24/2017 10:24 AM
66	Moderate sales and or income tax. Continued focus on downtown development. Encourage real mixed use developments of the sort that attract young talent.	2/24/2017 9:38 AM
67	Small gathering centers like the plazas in European small cities or central gardens in Mexican towns. Architecture that captures the southern exposure, puts parking underground, energy efficient and aesthetically pleasing to the our gorgeous landscape.	2/24/2017 9:22 AM

68	At least a seasonal sales tax. Making sidewalks and community parks more accessible to people walking or biking. Especially sidewalks in the winter. Instead of using most of the sidewalks for snow storage instead of use by residents. Dropping projects from the DOT list that are very costly. Have you ever heard of the Northwood Extension. The Project was originally estimated to cost 5-7million. Several years ago an expert from the lower 48 came up to observe and add walkable areas to Anchorage. He estimated that because of the marsh like conditions and environmental concerns of Campbell creek the project would most likely cost 20+ Million. In an unofficial vote at the Sand Lake Community Council meeting the project was voted for a " No Build" option 18-11. Why is this project still on the books? (Because a "Fink" owns the property where the project would be built?) The current budget cannot support projects that will be this costly unless it benefits all of Anchorage not just possibly a road that would allow an access to a platted area next to Campbell Creek that would be a potential site for 400 homes or a project similar to Strawberry Cottages low income housing. The project has been on the books since 1976!! Why.	2/24/2017 9:17 AM
69	Implement sales tax with increased tax for tourism (e.g., cruises, hotels, etc.) and DO NOT implement income tax (middle class is already carrying enough weight...as a middle class person, it would impede my ability to make general purchases that would feed into the economy). Provide small tax breaks for local business owners. Encourage community taxes (could be based on the current school zones) for things like snow removal and road maintenance (I would pay a little extra in tax to have my roads plowed, driving in one lane on what is supposed to be a two lane road is not good or safe). Increase access to mental health services especially in prisons and for uninsured or underinsured persons. I have a family member who is on Medicaid could not receive mental health services for 7 months because the waiting list was too long. By increasing mental health services, we'll likely see a decrease in domestic violence, substance abuse, uninsured hospital visits, recidivism, etc. Implement or increase tax on alcohol. Encourage residential land purchases and development to drive down the cost of living. A single bedroom, crap apartment, in some of the most unsafe neighborhoods runs \$800+ and with current wage, even with a 4 year degree making \$14.45 an hour is not doable, even with a roommate or significant other working at the same amount. Provide state education loans that run under similar requirements as federal student loans. Right now, Anchorage Alaska area is not worth living in. As soon as my husband has completed his 4 year degree, we will be moving out of state....You want to keep us, we are educated (I have my degree in mental health and my job is in health research) but because of the current state of the economy, there is no reason to stay when we can get paid more, and pay less in other states.	2/24/2017 8:59 AM
70	Expecting people to take more financial responsibility for necessary governmental functions.	2/24/2017 8:54 AM
71	A tax cap would be nice. Repeal of title 21 would be nice. Adjustment of land use regulations to allow for affordable housing, even if it does not have all the bells and whistles, would attract young/poor people to live in Anchorage A streamlined permitting process would be helpful for building. Property crime seems to really be increasing - perhaps some sort of award in general from the MOA for anyone who provides evidence used to convict people committing property crimes?	2/24/2017 8:53 AM
72	Reducing crime would be foremost, coupled with basic maintenance and some redevelopment of dilapidated areas. Lower crime, better lighting, safer streets, more green space, cleaner areas; all these would help boost consumer confidence and encourage economic growth in the Northeast neighborhood.	2/24/2017 8:38 AM
73	Find ways to get more businesses involved.	2/24/2017 8:34 AM
74	Investment in technology and beautification to attract new leaders, inspire youth, and invigorate residents.	2/24/2017 8:29 AM
75	User fees, income tax. Leave tourists alone. They spend money, encourage that by being sales tax free. The profits become taxed through income taxes. The tourist actually feel blessed to no pay a sales tax.	2/24/2017 8:22 AM
76	Keeping Anchorage a wonderful place to live with open spaces, good public transportation, good housing, etc. f	2/23/2017 7:54 PM
77	Tax incentives for manufacturers	2/23/2017 5:11 PM
78	Connecting community members to causes that they individually care about	2/23/2017 4:27 PM
79	Continue the push to make Anchorage a great place to live to encourage business owners and skilled workers to stay and/or move to Anchorage and contribute.	2/23/2017 4:13 PM
80	Establish a realistic and balanced fiscal budget. Initiate forward funding, establish budget based on what you have, not what you think you will get. Similar to the averaging process for the permanent fund.	2/23/2017 4:05 PM
81	Better MOA/SOA decisions; take the permanent fund/earnings - return when the economic situation is better.	2/23/2017 3:38 PM
82	More incentives for young people to return to Alaska (student loan forgiveness), better policies/incentives for redevelopment.	2/23/2017 3:35 PM
83	Actions that work to change the perception the public has of anchorage, decrease crime rates, promote innovation and create small business.	2/23/2017 3:15 PM

84	<p>Ok, I know nothing of our police union nor what categories of police we have. However, we need more police officers and we can't seem to afford them. Can we afford to hire squads of bike patrols (not police but civilian bike patrols) to hit the streets of Anchorage and the trails in pink, yellow or orange to ensure community safety - we need lots of them. They can be equipped with pepper spray, foghorns and hand held radios to call in the real police in the event of emergencies. Maybe Anchorage could find a grant for a pilot project for an urban conservation unit or ccc bike patrol. More police on bikes too, they act more like human beings, more part of the community, more approachable and reduce peoples fear of the police. Camera's to deter the red light runners. Its too scary to be a pedestrian in Anchorage, I and many others are afraid of being hit by a car or truck. Use plain English, it took me forever to find the phone and address of the dump in the yellow pages. The operator finally told me that the dump was called a waste transfer station (only place in Alaska). Solar panels are getting cheap. When will it be cost effective to try some out on city buildings? How about trying out some small electric vans (with solar powered charging stations. Think on this, solar power runs the laundry mat in Venetie, even in the winter. Could Anchorage partner with the state of Alaska to start a state infrastructure bank. The West Coast infrastructure Exchange (WCX) could be a model or maybe Alaska could join. It is made up of British Colombia, California, Oregon and Washington. (why not Alaska too?) I believe that both political parties have professed support for I banks. I think the definition of infrastructure has not been nailed down but proposals have been made to include not only transportation but also energy, broadband, water supply, public housing projects, and construction of schools and libraries. Anchorage will eventually have to expand across the inlet so how can we do that in a responsible manner. Anchorage needs to petition our delegation to create a bike corridor from government hill (a corridor through that base) to the coastal trails. We need state wide contiguous bike trails (wide ones) then the state can advertise bike treks, races, whatever from Seward to Fairbanks. Alaska at this point doesn't have much going for it but tourism, fishing, and arctic location.</p>	2/23/2017 1:26 PM
85	<p>taxation to pay for services such as police, education, city wide improvements and investments into the community, initiatives to boost new to Alaska industries</p>	2/23/2017 1:17 PM
86	<p>Streamline bureaucratic processes to assist existing businesses and attract new ones. MARKET ALASKA! We have a lot to offer and there needs to be a dedicated marketing effort to share "US" with the world.</p>	2/23/2017 12:42 PM
87	<p>increase of state and local taxes</p>	2/23/2017 11:16 AM
88	<p>broaden the economy with more tourism, bring in more high tech and specialized engineering businesses and make us less reliant to barges and boats where we get all our supplies. an improved mass transit system</p>	2/23/2017 10:47 AM
89	<p>Saving money. Investing in projects that will earn us money in the future. Never taking from educational programs.</p>	2/23/2017 10:39 AM
90	<p>Support expansion of social services as both a jobs creator and development of economic participation through support in diversifying service funding sources, developing community-based networks and supports, and engaging service providers in municipal development opportunities.</p>	2/23/2017 10:22 AM
91	<p>Pass a state budget that includes income taxes, reduced PFD, inflation proof the permanent fund, use permanent fund to help fund state government. Don't base yearly state budget on projected oil prices. Rather, withdrawals from the permanent fund on a percentage of the fund (4.5-5.5%/year). Increase transparency for health care costs.</p>	2/23/2017 10:15 AM
92	<p>Cut spending so heavily on social services</p>	2/23/2017 6:51 AM
93	<p>Formally partner with other cities in the US to share and compare program structures and large expenses. More money should be spent on research before it is wasted on actions.</p>	2/22/2017 11:56 PM
94	<p>Balance the state budget. Better real estate development working with builders/affordable homes. Get a handle on drug/crime issues.</p>	2/22/2017 10:58 PM
95	<p>Support schools, teachers, &amp; families - everyone matters but strong support (not just \$) pays off the fastest.</p>	2/22/2017 8:34 PM
96	<p>Be more diligent about building up infrastructure and services to support the housing that's being built</p>	2/22/2017 7:32 PM
97	<p>Sidewalks and protected bike lanes. Local small business support, particularly grocery, cafes and restaurants.</p>	2/22/2017 6:58 PM
98	<p>Tax breaks for sustainable technologies and energy development, focus on re-balancing inflated health care systems, complete revamp of the UA administration to eliminate the current president with a focus on faculty initiatives</p>	2/22/2017 5:36 PM
99	<p>This is a huge question. Again, this is not an easy place to live. Its more expensive than most places due to things needed just to get by/around/ seasonally. Still folks choose to be here since they get welfare. Makes NO sense to me. For those that are contributing through work and consumerism etc., continuing to make this place a quality of life choice is important. Healthy folks choose to be here because of the wilderness and recreational options/ community of like minded folks. Improved Local Chugach SP access is super important. Again, it attracts healthy, educated, "wanting to be here and contribute folks" from ALL races and walks of life.</p>	2/22/2017 5:18 PM
100	<p>We need to minimize restrictions/regulations on Oil &amp; Gas exploration. Make our state look appealing to other industries that may want to invest in AK</p>	2/22/2017 4:36 PM
101	<p>taxes</p>	2/22/2017 4:34 PM

102	Focus community support around the oil/gas industry, reducing regulations and keeping taxes low.	2/22/2017 4:11 PM
103	Keep the roads plowed. If it's unpleasant to live here people will move. I'm hearing that this year. As PFDs are impacted, the economy suffers, and roads are not maintained, people are not interested in staying here. Also maintain the police force. Safety is important when choosing where to live. Eagle River is a more desirable community for many of the reasons I've outlined above.	2/22/2017 2:58 PM
104	Tax incentives to bring diverse businesses into anchorage.	2/22/2017 1:35 PM
105	Training/apprenticeships.	2/22/2017 1:31 PM
106	Increase funding and promote and support the local education system through university level. Current reductions clearly negatively impact our city.	2/22/2017 1:11 PM
107	Diversify tax base and invest in education.	2/22/2017 10:00 AM
108	Sustainable long term care/ healthcare facilities for the growing elderly population to age into. Modernization- Uber, AirBnB, increased public transit options to entice tourism. Gentrification of high crime areas. Incentivizing demolition of older housing complexes and building of new, efficient budget housing.	2/21/2017 11:28 PM
109	Making sure everyone in Anchorage, no matter where they are from, are given equal opportunity to start new businesses.	2/21/2017 10:05 PM
110	More cultural fairs, markets etc : things that get everyday people actively experiencing the diversity of culture, food, music our city has.	2/21/2017 8:56 PM
111	Invest in technology, entrepreneurship support, tax incentives for job growth, sales/income tax (especially non resident wages), market Alaska to outside business, incentives to train/hire unskilled workers, advocate at state level local pilots that have seen success to expand statewide.	2/21/2017 8:41 PM
112	Diversify. Work on green energy and renewables. Money to education and infrastructure.	2/21/2017 8:31 PM
113	The ability to anticipate possible risks, evaluate how those risks can impact the key economic assets of Alaska. Establish and implement steady- state initiatives and responsive initiatives.	2/21/2017 7:11 PM
114	cut spending (mostly pay and BENEFITS to state and local employees	2/21/2017 6:57 PM
115	Earn the trust of individuals so that they will participate and take back the power from specialinterests	2/21/2017 4:40 PM
116	More mixed-use real estate (residential and commercial combined) Improved safety. Better access to trail system via Fish Creek trail.	2/21/2017 4:23 PM
117	Support for arts, students, immigrants, entrepreneurs, and collaboration between industries. Look beyond oil for revenue. Foster tourism. Long-term planning for healthy environment and society.	2/21/2017 3:36 PM
118	expanded revenue stream options for muni (sales tax - property development and rental - expanded services) Increase investment in start-up community - make it easier for small businesses to start, survive and thrive look at pitfalls for small business development and make it easier Court new businesses to chose Anchorage as a headquarters (i.e. amazon, google, wells fargo, anything) Bring in diverse foundational businesses (do not rely on the big three - oil, tourism, fish)	2/21/2017 3:29 PM
119	Improved safety, more access to housing downtown, and more successful small businesses	2/21/2017 3:20 PM
120	As a mountain view resident I would really like to see fewer smoke shops and liquor stores allowed in the neighborhood. I know many these are small businesses offering a product people are buying, but I think it's a deterrent to other businesses wanting to open in the community, a deterrent to families that might want to buy homes in the neighborhood, and aids the stigma that already exists against our neighborhood. There's so much potential over here to have a vibrant neighborhood with a shops, services and housing. I want to be able to walk to a Kaladi brothers, not walk to buy cigarettes.	2/21/2017 3:16 PM
121	See #4 and #5	2/21/2017 3:14 PM
122	Support all Local venues & services - Community Gardens Local libraries Park & field use	2/21/2017 3:13 PM
123	Tourism...continue to invest in infrastructure to make Anchorage an attractive destination. Need to think out of the box to encourage extended overnights. What do people look for these days? Immersive activities in urban areas that attract growing industries and their employees, ex: as a Kayak Park (Campbell Creek, Ship Creek?), improved mountain bike opportunities, better connectivity to the Chugach State Park and Kincaid Park and downtown.	2/21/2017 2:57 PM

124	Our environment and access to nature is crucial to who we are. Protect our environment and support initiatives that responsibly allow public access to enjoy nature. Living in Chugiak, the maintenance of roads/infrastructure is crucial to allow for commuters. I would love to see a public transportation system set up in conjunction with Mat Su. Commuters may consider moving to Anchorage thanks to the ridiculous traffic jams on the Glenn- which obviously would take away business from Eagle River/Chugiak.	2/21/2017 1:19 PM
125	Support our public schools and university. Support new businesses.	2/21/2017 1:10 PM
126	Proper use of pPFD to invest in diversifying our economy	2/21/2017 12:10 PM
127	Essential infrastructure investments, renewable energy projects. New value added processing to renewable resources like fisheries.	2/21/2017 11:41 AM
128	I believe that Anchorage needs a sales tax to lessen the burden felt by property owners and transfer that obligation fairly to all members, and visitors, of our community.	2/21/2017 11:03 AM
129	Support for small local businesses and locally-sourced / generated products (e.g., community gardens); support for high-quality public education options;	2/21/2017 10:49 AM
130	I don't know	2/21/2017 10:44 AM
131	1. Targeted incentives to encourage the development of value-added products (to avoid, for example, shipping materials out to be finished elsewhere, and then shipped back in) 2. Increased spending on social support services to increase the ability of many individuals to participate in the consumer marketplace 3. Funding of the above through broad-based taxation and fees	2/21/2017 10:10 AM
132	Have the oil corporations pay their fair share/impose a state income tax instead of a sales tax	2/21/2017 9:36 AM
133	Stop rezoning land that was set aside for industrial use for retail businesses.	2/21/2017 9:16 AM
134	Focus groups (?) to develop a process bring in different businesses that create jobs in development of products for the Arctic, and other parts of the world. An example is the Palmer company that built a machine for cleaning runways and Aircraft carrier decks. Very cool and specialized. As stated above quality supported public schools, high quality university (s), well developed communities with local markets and store, not crap boxes strip malls. This will help. Think Rustic Goat. Pushing for education and involvement in Community Councils by members of the community. Developing ways to allow residents to feel ownership in their community, city and State.	2/21/2017 8:22 AM
135	Make small business loans available to local businesses so that we can maintain a diverse set of local businesses	2/20/2017 8:27 PM
136	Property tax reduction/equalization	2/20/2017 8:20 PM
137	Affordable housing. Affordable, convenient public transportation. Better public schools. Legalized marijuana stores. Law enforcement. Drug treatment and homeless resources.	2/20/2017 7:49 PM
138	Local Government should insure our tax dollars are spent at local businesses. Zoning and tax codes should reflect our desire for a business environment that fully invests in our community. Only businesses that want to make our community better and make our economy stronger should be allowed to operate in Anchorage. Those that bleed us dry should be taxed. Support small business so we have a diverse and exciting place to live, shop and eat. Again this will support tourism, tourists want charm and unique culture to visit, not McDonalds and Costco.	2/20/2017 5:08 PM
139	Oil taxes in line to compete with other oil regions to spur local development. Trimming of state government spending to long-term sustainable levels.	2/20/2017 4:53 PM
140	Cracking down on drug activity and criminal activity. Fixing the roads and making it safe for residents to go out to dinner and a show downtown again.	2/20/2017 3:16 PM
141	Help for the homeless, maintain roads and bike trails, strong and interactive police force, good community involvement, community watch programs, innovations in energy usage	2/20/2017 1:02 PM
142	Actions/initiatives/changes which ensure economic and cultural diversity, and equal treatment and opportunities of all citizens. Also, if we were to institute an income tax which helped to pay for the services and benefits which make a community a desirable place to live and work, that would encourage people to come or stay and live here and engage in business and community endeavors. Enforcement of zoning and building laws which make Anchorage a safe and desirable place for people to live (and not just make contractors rich) is also important. See also, answers to questions 1-5 above.	2/20/2017 12:18 PM
143	See #1	2/20/2017 11:50 AM
144	The crime rate in this city is unbelievable, and must surely effect the economy. I believe the city needs to do a better job of outreach, community forums, and sending continuous positive messages into our communities indicating a true boiling point, and intolerance for the crimes that currently plague us.	2/20/2017 8:38 AM

145	Greater tax on marijuana industry State tax Greater oversight and management of both ASD and universities. Lots of waste Better prioritization of expenditures	2/20/2017 7:26 AM
146	Put the prisoners/ criminals who are no good to mandatory community service. STOP THE FREE GIBS ME DATS! Right wing safety squads to promote health safety and environment in our communities.	2/20/2017 7:16 AM
147	continue to maintain our existing roads and trails, end/lower homelessness, promote tourism to Anchorage/AK	2/20/2017 7:09 AM
148	ldk	2/20/2017 3:06 AM
149	More affordable office space for people wanting to start their own business	2/19/2017 11:56 PM
150	invest in human capital and technology startups - Silicon Valley of the North	2/19/2017 9:12 PM
151	Look at a small sales tax. 2%. But not on things like medical and fuel and doctors. A goods tax. We lose a lot of revenue from everyone who shops here. Keep up the parks and recreational areas. It is a draw for visitors and residents. More training for police. Encourage more neighborhood watch groups.	2/19/2017 7:50 PM
152	Build the port, maintain economic and cultural diversity, improve non-car access to downtown and continue to extend the trail system, especially the coastal trail. Protect the green zones already beautifying our city and patiently add to them when possible. Involve the Great Land Trust in managing the Heritage Land Trust.	2/19/2017 7:35 PM
153	more local businesses embedded in / close to neighborhoods (would take zoning changes). Make public transit very good/clean/reliable for a small area close to downtown (will have to sacrifice service to everywhere, but worth it)	2/19/2017 6:24 PM
154	Investing in long-term infrastructure--roads, utilities, libraries, education.	2/19/2017 4:15 PM
155	Diversify.	2/19/2017 3:55 PM
156	Focus on affordable housing for all, ensure Pfd continues to be distributed, raise minimum wage, focus on access to healthcare, continue to develop marijuana markets for safety and prosperity	2/19/2017 1:18 PM
157	Less taxes get a better marijuana system and use the mony for the city	2/19/2017 1:15 PM
158	Stay away from "Right to Work" legislation. The average person doesn't understand what this does to a state/community. It may be time for each community to take care of their own education. This could provide greater involvement and taking of responsibility for all aspects of ed. Focus on new development ideas, especially clean tech. Focus on our sustainable resources: fishing, new agriculture, tourism (with better enviro measures), Arctic Research.	2/19/2017 10:40 AM
159	We need to consider tax revenues feom.multiple areas, utilize PFD income in keeping basic needs	2/19/2017 10:27 AM
160	I support a sales tax and more police support. I NEVER see anyone getting a ticket anymore. How about a traffic patrol? I see folks blowing through school zones at 40 mph.	2/19/2017 8:27 AM
161	Inviting more Native functions to Anchorage,	2/19/2017 8:22 AM
162	More community involvement. The presence of authority can ensure some security to the people and bring them out into the community.	2/19/2017 4:24 AM
163	Responsible municipal budgeting,	2/19/2017 3:06 AM
164	See above	2/18/2017 4:36 PM
165	Educating Anchorage residents of the impacts of the fiscal crisis. It is WAY more than the reduction of the PFD. we need to provide services to the homeless so they are not gathered at the transit center, at parks or at intersection making Anchorage seems like a heartless city to visitors, to make a safer community and to provide needed services. We should consider ways to maximize the economic impact of the legal Marijuana industry.	2/18/2017 4:12 PM
166	A sales tax, with transparency on how it will benefit Anchorage. Less time spend in Jueau. I think moving the Capital to Anchorage (or at least many sessions) would save money. While it won't save nearly enough to balance a budget, it would project that the Government is trying to save money - which will increase faith in the system.	2/18/2017 2:31 PM
167	We need to increase oil production to give us more time to develop new sources of revenue.	2/18/2017 1:27 PM
168	Anchorage needs to get a handle on the substance abuse environment. We are playing wack-a-mole with substance abuse issues without a concerted and coordinated effort to address boredom, scattered resources, stigma and punitive treatment. Community, medical and social work agencies need to work with public safety and department of labor entities to counsel, correct, embrace and celebrate our fellow citizens who have fallen to the wayside.	2/18/2017 1:05 PM
169	For ideas look at other US and European cities people like to visit and live in, what do they look like & how did they achieve their desirability. Everything can be improved.	2/18/2017 12:58 PM
170	More cops and less thugs	2/18/2017 11:20 AM

171	The limited halibut limits for high paying tourists who bring in revenue to all aspects of our economy, airlines, hotels, restaurants, bars, national parks...the list goes on and on..The limited barges for people to bring up cars and see the inside passage is being cut more and more. It's a wonderful way to come to Alaska but is not being exploited enough.	2/18/2017 11:00 AM
172	Decrease the size of government. Decrease the PERS/TERS pension plan. We pay way too much at way too early of an age.	2/18/2017 10:52 AM
173	I'm honestly not sure. Tougher penalties for criminals who commit crimes with guns.	2/18/2017 8:17 AM
174	?	2/18/2017 5:38 AM
175	No more talking! Take ACTION, built our own community stronger, using our own local talented residents.	2/18/2017 2:56 AM
176	Tv and radio ads encouraging residents to buy local. Incentives to encourage slope workers to live in Alaska.	2/17/2017 9:42 PM
177	Collaborate with the airlines to reduce airfares for more tourists to come visit the state. Take lessons from Iceland	2/17/2017 9:04 PM
178	Getting back to basics, more police making arrests, harsher punishment for thieves. Having jobs available to all.	2/17/2017 7:40 PM
179	Letting the residents of Alaska make decisions concerning the cities' and state's economy could greatly improve not just one city's, such as Anchorage but also bring a more profitable future to many other places and as long it is in cooperation with each city and it's inhabitants there could be and should be an increase to the state's gross profit overall.	2/17/2017 7:38 PM
180	More neighbors watch programs.	2/17/2017 7:14 PM
181	Increase in police force Better transportation facility Better infrastructure	2/17/2017 7:13 PM
182	See # 4. See alot of people from around state spending alot of money for goods and services . With sales tax it could help pay for free shuttle to diamond center downtown and big shopping mall and any big shoping center around town.	2/17/2017 5:36 PM
183	Crackdown on crime, tougher sentences, more community involvement	2/17/2017 5:36 PM
184	Unknown	2/17/2017 5:29 PM
185	Incentives to participate in the democratic process- all community represented	2/17/2017 5:11 PM
186	Inc apd coverage, stronger penalties for criminals	2/17/2017 4:55 PM
187	Look at the tech boom and how to bring that further Northwest from California, Oregon and Washington. It's a self renewing resource and the way of the future.	2/17/2017 4:25 PM
188	tout recreational opportunities; (i am a scientist, not economist or developer)	2/17/2017 4:09 PM
189	Anchorage needs to attract more businesses that are not resouce extraction related. Perhaps the kind of advertising that New York State is producing right now. Or incentives for tech industries to move to Alaska. Economic growth anywhere in the state will have a positive impact on Anchorage. I don't know, but maybe landing fees for passenger airlines should be reduced to encourage more international flights. I wish we still had some nonstop flights to Asia.	2/17/2017 3:56 PM
190	Fast approval of business expansion. Improve schools to provide the best education.	2/17/2017 3:54 PM
191	From the state level, getting appropriate money for OUR OIL. Also, term limits for elected representatives in all sectors. On a federal level, maintaining health cost reductions for Alaskans with a workable replacement to ACA.	2/17/2017 3:48 PM
192	Not sure	2/17/2017 3:22 PM
193	pride in buying local, eating local, hiring local - being proud and comfortable with our big city diversity in a small town way	2/17/2017 3:21 PM
194	Good working attitude	2/17/2017 3:14 PM
195	Expand business opportunities. Expand opportunities for working from home and telecommuting. Anchorage probably needs to institute a sales tax for the purpose of helping education and parks and rec.	2/17/2017 3:04 PM
196	Need a firm and solid master plan for the city that includes ways to make it beautifull	2/17/2017 2:08 PM
197	Personalized and family oriented encouragement to prevent drug use and alcohol abuse.	2/17/2017 2:07 PM
198	Provide incentives to attract new types of businesses to set up shop in Anchorage.	2/17/2017 2:04 PM
199	Increased police patrols	2/17/2017 1:58 PM
200	Follow 20/20 plan Support renewable energy innovations and manufacturing	2/17/2017 1:55 PM
201	Incentivizing startups in downturned areas like Fairview, part of Spenard, etc.	2/17/2017 1:43 PM
202	Smart, considered government cuts.	2/17/2017 1:40 PM



203	Getting people to work. We can't make this economy work when so many do not participate in the workforce. Working is good for self esteem, and the community. I am not talking about feel good jobs, I mean real work.	2/17/2017 1:38 PM
204	Diversify economic opportunities, increase tourism marketing budget and bring in more tourism dollars.	2/17/2017 1:33 PM
205	Less oil reliance, new industry	2/17/2017 1:32 PM
206	More attractive downtown; less cheapo bars and tourist traps.	2/17/2017 1:29 PM
207	Sales tax, doesn't need to be a huge amount but something. Building areas around the coast for families and tourist	2/17/2017 1:15 PM
208	Investment into industries that are managed by Alaskans and that can withstand low economic downturns	2/17/2017 12:54 PM
209	Better safety...murders, thefts, burglaries, shootings...crime is out of control!	2/17/2017 12:36 PM
210	Market our city to businesses outside to establish an office/market up here	2/17/2017 12:13 PM
211	Education to help reduce waste - information about how long cars need to be run in the winter to heat up, and the costs of failing to do so, more widely available air pumps for tire inflation and education about the economic and safety costs of failing to keep tires at the recommended pressure, etc. Each of these may individually have a relatively small impact but they are things everyone could do and together could have much larger effects. Also, efforts to produce more things locally, such as the move for indoor gardening in midtown may help reduce the resource footprint of some products and provide local training and jobs.	2/17/2017 12:05 PM
212	More focus on incubator development for businesses. Better usage of older successful business Redons to help new entrepreneurs	2/17/2017 11:51 AM
213	Strict crime enforcement. New education opportunities to learn real-world skills. Job-training internship opportunities for young people, even high-school age.	2/17/2017 11:07 AM
214	Rethink planning approach to make new development more attractive, strengthen public safety, support small business efforts rather than huge chains.	2/17/2017 10:50 AM
215	not sure	2/17/2017 10:47 AM
216	Train youth and young adults for real jobs.	2/17/2017 10:41 AM
217	Make positive changes. Look at all possibilities.	2/17/2017 10:20 AM
218	If you make Anchorage a nice place to live - beautiful, well designed, welcoming, diverse, interesting, with a good variety of outdoor and indoor recreational opportunities - people will come (or stay) and invest the future of their families here. Listen to your local planning department and follow the land use plan. Stop with the economic development schemes - waste of time and money, as all who have lived here a long time can attest to. Stop trying to make government smaller - the government sector is an extremely important and stable source of jobs. Stop criticizing the federal government - they are an important source of money.	2/17/2017 10:14 AM
219	Keep taxes low. Reduced property tax	2/17/2017 10:04 AM
220	get a new breed of politicians	2/17/2017 10:02 AM
221	Implement more crime and homelessness prevention strategies. Eliminate charter schools at ASD to save money and promote educational equity. Solve the medical cost issue that has the potential to destroy the economic well-being of Anchorage families. Actively work to promote new industries like film, expand tourism, etc.	2/17/2017 9:59 AM
222	Seek additional companies to invest in Anchorage as a base to grow job market	2/17/2017 9:21 AM
223	We need to watch our spending, which I believe our current administration is doing a great job of. I would add UBER back in our community to give people a transportation choice. I hope to have our port fixed so it can support us for many years to come.	2/17/2017 9:13 AM
224	Clean up the crime - kick these guys out or lock them up. Implement an income tax that is waived for those who qualify for a PFD. Implement a sales tax (seasonal) Get rid of the property tax assessors office and have property tax based on the selling price of the property. (don't change from year to year - just the sales price - if buyer won't share this with the city the city will assess it based on Zillow).	2/17/2017 9:12 AM
225	The Welcoming Anchorage initiative is critical, as is the work the Homeless Action Plan. We need to put people first. Safety and the work done through Green Dot and Vision Zero are necessary for making Anchorage a better place to live.	2/17/2017 8:55 AM
226	Economic programs that have holidays for start up costs and tax relief, based on new job projections and new services, that are not normally or under represented products for local us.	2/17/2017 8:53 AM
227	Luxury goods tax.	2/17/2017 8:51 AM
228	Diversify in every way possible. Attract the younger population from the lower 48.	2/17/2017 8:48 AM

229	Clean up the homeless and crime problem. Economic prosperity relies on the citizens' feeling of general well-being. You can do nothing to encourage business activity if business people generally feel negative towards their community. This fosters personal greed and sticking it to others, which discourages positive relations between productive members of society.	2/17/2017 8:47 AM
230	Diversify and grow our tax base.	2/17/2017 8:47 AM
231	Increase paid internships with tax incentives for high school & college students.	2/17/2017 8:31 AM
232	Learn to support ourselves (renewable energy, greenhouse-grown local food at cheaper prices), support local businesses who give good service and fair prices, public transport	2/17/2017 5:04 AM
233	Invest in tourism, expand road system open up other areas in AK. It's not just Anchorage economy. We have to think more state wide.	2/16/2017 8:10 PM
234	Attract more businesses to operate in Anchorage.	2/16/2017 7:37 PM
235	Attract other industries from the lower 48.	2/16/2017 6:47 PM
236	Sales and income taxes	2/16/2017 5:15 PM
237	Telecom infrastructure to lower cost of online entrepreneurship	2/16/2017 2:11 PM
238	Sustainable resource companies of all kinds can be made to provide many jobs. Keep PFD.	2/16/2017 2:07 PM
239	Stop overtaxing property owners.	2/16/2017 1:48 PM
240	legislature needs to get serious about cutting bloated budget	2/16/2017 11:43 AM
241	Energy independence	2/16/2017 10:40 AM
242	Summer job initiatives and training for youth to teach them the value of having a job. Easy to do summer tourism events because there are a lot of older folks coming to Anchorage that can't necessarily hike Flattop but want an Alaska experience.	2/16/2017 9:54 AM
243	Break the gridlock politically on the state level; on the city level the answer isn't higher taxes for more services. Let's start living within our means.	2/16/2017 9:17 AM
244	I believe that we need to push the next generation to be self sufficient. Give back the PFD, Implement a Sales tax, also a state income tax for people that are not Alaska residents and are employed by an Alaskan company.	2/16/2017 8:19 AM
245	Tax reform	2/16/2017 7:05 AM
246	No taxes	2/16/2017 7:04 AM
247	Make the area more military friendly (discounts, celebrations, ect) so more military will choose to extend here or get out of the military and stay here.	2/16/2017 6:48 AM
248	Teach older citizens how to understand and use new technology tools.	2/16/2017 5:47 AM
249	Diversify. stop bringing in "outside" experts (architects, Concession operators,etc) use local people	2/16/2017 5:08 AM
250	We need to work to diversify our zoning and land use to encourage light commercial development in sub-urban residential deserts. Invest in pedestrian infrastructure and community third-spaces to build community pride and respect. Encourage respectful and progressive companies who hire on merit, not socially constructed limits, and who give back to the community in more ways than money. Diversify the businesses to attract customers from every social class and up-bringing.	2/15/2017 10:02 PM
251	Look at alternative sources of revenue (sales tax, income tax). Renewable resource development. Fix the State budget crisis.	2/15/2017 7:34 PM
252	Reduce the size of local and state governments. Reduce the tax burden of the local citizenry Ban public employee unions	2/15/2017 7:15 PM
253	More paths for bikes	2/15/2017 5:35 PM
254	Give back all PFD	2/15/2017 4:43 PM
255	Be proactive w homeless population & get them out of downtown public areas- they're a threat to tourism & locals.	2/15/2017 4:17 PM

256	- promote locally owned businesses that keep dollars in the community. Ease any regulatory burdens locally-owned businesses may face or reward them for keeping spending local. - reduce barriers to cheaper, higher quality housing. - create an income tax on those working in Anchorage (regardless of their home address) - tackle the homelessness / poverty cycle - increase teacher pay/benefits to recruit and retain high quality teachers who can afford to live in Anchorage. Decrease number of students per classroom. - increase police officer pay / training/ benefits to recruit and train high quality safety personnel - provide more affordable childcare/ early learning care	2/15/2017 1:39 PM
257	Open more training centers. Open more on the job internships.	2/15/2017 1:23 PM
258	Modern governments (State, Local and Education), businesses, health care facilities and universities are adopting the Lean Thinking model of management. Alaska has been incredibly late and ineffective in even considering it.	2/15/2017 12:54 PM
259	Encourage our legislature to pass a budget that reconnects residents as owners and investors in our state.	2/15/2017 12:11 PM
260	Anchorage needs to invest in a highly efficient intermodal transportation system that moves goods to and through the community. It also needs to be a rational winter city in a changing climate - we need to question past practices and status quo with how we run this city. We need to keep an eye on Cook Inlet natural gas and not become complacent about our energy future. We need to invest in and support projects that improve community beautification, livability, and quality of life. We need to expand career and technical education and articulate career paths that will keep young people here.	2/15/2017 11:49 AM
261	Sales tax	2/15/2017 11:43 AM
262	Each of us being willing to take more responsibility for ourselves and not depending so much on the Government looking after us. That is not to say Police, Fire and care of our infrastructure is not necessary and appreciated. We need to focus on making our city a better place by helping ourselves and each other inasmuch as we are able.	2/15/2017 10:21 AM
263	As population declines, reduce people employed in providing services. Targeted reductions to personnel/services, not flat rate cuts across the board.	2/15/2017 8:42 AM
264	Highway to highway project would make anchorage a viable place for growth and upward movement.	2/15/2017 7:10 AM
265	Sand Lake is unique in Anchorage as a multi-generational community where people were raised and returned to live. The economic resilience of our commercial areas on Dimond Blvd and at 4-corners relies on government support for business such as not raising taxes	2/15/2017 6:24 AM
266	Reducing property tax and using sales tax. Allowing Uber.	2/15/2017 6:11 AM
267	Make people receiving financial and other supports do something to help the community to continue receiving help - Plant flowers, play music, etc... Everyone has some talent and we all need purpose. Don't issue a new ordinance or increase any tax/ fee for at least 1 year. Why did the city council waste time talking about a military discount for pot shops when it is against federal law for military personnel to have marijuana in their systems? Cut waste, including incompetent people!	2/14/2017 10:37 PM
268	A sales tax!!!!!!	2/14/2017 8:04 PM
269	Put money into fire and police protection. Fully fund education and support improvements to our local parks and trails.	2/14/2017 8:03 PM
270	Fully funded diverse public schools.	2/14/2017 7:52 PM
271	City planning, new business initiatives, tourism advertising-promoting, International collaboration with Arctic nations.	2/14/2017 6:42 PM
272	public safety (police presence increase).	2/14/2017 6:02 PM
273	Every small business and entrepreneurial initiative we can think of; encouraging and supporting diversity; making sure we pay attention to the infrastructure that allows people to enjoy the landscape year-round (yes, that includes clearing snow from paths along the streets even when the snow is heavy) and keep that quality of life, and avoiding falling into a 'fear of the future.'	2/14/2017 6:01 PM
274	Again, avoid over-regulating and encourage competition between businesses. No one has the right to monopolize.	2/14/2017 4:13 PM
275	Tax incentives for small businesses	2/14/2017 4:05 PM
276	Bring more industrial work here.	2/14/2017 4:03 PM
277	We need to address homelessness and crime in the Municipality of Anchorage. It's a citywide issue that makes Anchorage a less attractive place to live, work and play. We need to continue to build our infrastructure and maintain our existing assets e.g. roads, facilities, parks, trails. Care for our natural spaces that attract visitors and keep our residents healthy and happy. Anchorage needs a signature monument or attraction. Embracing more of the shared economy - welcoming businesses like Uber that consumers expect to see and that can also address other transportation needs in our community.	2/14/2017 3:50 PM

278	More active community watch. Policing traffic violations in South Anch could help the CITY fiscally and safety for residents.	2/14/2017 3:21 PM
279	Alaskan legislatures are in the 'pocket' of big oil.....bend over backward to give them tax breaks and big oil threatens 'to pull out of Alaska' EVERY time their tax breaks may become compromised. I have seen this cycle over and over again. Tax them like you want to tax everyone else.	2/14/2017 3:15 PM
280	Better mix of taxes. Sales tax to capture tourist dollars.	2/14/2017 2:17 PM
281	See answers to Q4 (promoting new business, investing in the outdoors, making sure young people get quality educations, etc)	2/14/2017 1:50 PM
282	Get change leaders involved in revitalization of our community - future thinking. Build our city up since we can no longer build out. Do something important with our transit system.	2/14/2017 1:47 PM
283	Institute a sales tax for additional income (ensuring non-residents help pay for Anchorage services, too). Encourage new businesses. Develop a stronger sense of community (the spring clean-up day is wonderful).	2/14/2017 12:07 PM
284	looking for opportunities with international companies	2/14/2017 12:06 PM
285	Improve access to affordable housing. Utilize dead space downtown and in midtown for more housing/multiple use buildings rather than just parking lots or empty lots. Build off international relationships.	2/14/2017 11:46 AM
286	more trails and access to existing trails, expanded bus service/public transportation options, hire more police officers- presence and visibility is noticeably down, community improvement positions (garbage pickup, trail crews, sidewalk snow clearing)	2/14/2017 10:41 AM
287	Support the Welcoming Anchorage approach to identifying barriers to entry for our economy and other similar efforts to engage the community to find out the potential	2/14/2017 9:01 AM
288	Stronger police force. We are experiencing too much crime at the present time.	2/14/2017 7:56 AM
289	We need the State to create a predictable equilibrium. This business about changing (or trying to change) oil taxes every other year and refusing to re-focus the permanent fund drives investors away. And it makes local people think twice about investing their own money here to start businesses.	2/14/2017 7:54 AM
290	Public discussion and education on economic opportunities and challenges outside of the energy sector.	2/14/2017 7:01 AM
291	Try to bring another industry here	2/14/2017 4:56 AM
292	A louder, more assertive voice from constituents and government officials willing to work for them.	2/14/2017 4:12 AM
293	More construction would be helpful personally	2/14/2017 12:45 AM
294	Perhaps more community-centered projects and/or gatherings so people in the community get out and meet each other and find out what their neighbors can offer. Networking opportunities. Neighborhoods of folks who know each other and can help each other by sharing skills are going to be more resilient, not just economically.	2/13/2017 11:56 PM
295	Build the Bridge across the Kinik river to Settlers bay, cutting spending on frivolity, easing restrictions on manufacturing, and harsher sentencing guidelines to prevent drastic loss to business due to theft.	2/13/2017 10:04 PM
296	Reduce entitlements and make people work. There should never be a piece of trash, an unshoveled sidewalk, or fear to enter town square. Violent crime is out of control	2/13/2017 9:28 PM
297	Good planning. Improve infrastructure	2/13/2017 8:02 PM
298	Economic diversification, welfare to work programs, housing first, and public WiFi for challenged neighborhoods.	2/13/2017 7:17 PM
299	Support for local food producers, incentives for adding value to raw materials, support of independent tourism activities.	2/13/2017 7:06 PM
300	Protect schools, maintain libraries, provide real opportunities for young Alaskans.	2/13/2017 6:55 PM
301	Tax relief for the start up phase of local businesses. If there is support for them then it can become a sustainable economy.	2/13/2017 6:10 PM
302	Support publically education at all levels. Demonstrate we are an educated community.	2/13/2017 6:03 PM
303	We need a better taxation system in order to maintain a good quality of life. People don't like icy roads, walking in the streets because the sidewalks are plowed shut, insufficient numbers of police and troopers for us to feel safe, inadequate school systems to train young people so they can get jobs instead of being unemployed and getting into trouble with the law.	2/13/2017 5:29 PM
304	Reduction of property taxes in favor of high-end consumer oriented sales tax (similar to a VAT).	2/13/2017 5:00 PM

305	Build a beautiful place to live and people will want to live here. Keep up with the roads and infrastructure. Put additional funding in parks and rec. hire more policeman. Place a higher value on the school district.	2/13/2017 4:45 PM
306	Invest in schools.	2/13/2017 4:40 PM
307	1. Establish a minimum of 3 years for people living in the State to receive PFD 2. Bring the ANS gas to Asia!	2/13/2017 4:39 PM
308	Repeal SB91 Invest in our airports and ports. Allow for competition in our frieght companies so that there is not a monopoly.	2/13/2017 4:32 PM
309	A stable source of funding for public education, perhaps through a public endowment or "permanent fund" for the purposes of funding public education.	2/13/2017 2:17 PM
310	reduce requirements and streamline the permitting process for real estate deveo9pment, it is out of hand....	2/13/2017 2:05 PM
311	Volunteer to the community for whatever good you can do for the community.	2/13/2017 12:58 PM
312	I think there are thing we can do to be more sustainable, for example: process our own oil, grow more of our food, and hire locally.	2/13/2017 12:50 PM
313	Public campaigns to increase support of education, public transportation.	2/13/2017 12:17 PM
314	increasing walkability, and public transit; increasing innovation in use of public space: summer in Anchorage offers the possibilty to create outdoor pop-up parks and activities in parks that many bigger cities have done: like brightly-colored tables and chairs in town square park for lunch time. We have a lot of nice civic spaces that should be fully utilized! <a href="http://www.uwishunu.com/2016/07/oval-returns-benjamin-franklin-parkway-friday-july-15/">http://www.uwishunu.com/2016/07/oval-returns-benjamin-franklin-parkway-friday-july-15/</a>	2/13/2017 12:14 PM
315	Coalitions that address the causes of issues, not just the symptoms.	2/13/2017 11:10 AM
316	See above comments. By supporting those measures, you could improve our resilience.	2/13/2017 10:43 AM
317	Inaction on the State budget will spell disaster for all parts of the economy.	2/13/2017 10:31 AM
318	1. Focus of education. I heard a statistic that people that don't graduate from HS stay close. Make sure kids graduate, one way or another. Focus on providing them with skills to earn a decent wage. 2. Create a culture of learning in our community....whether it is formal or informal.	2/13/2017 10:05 AM
319	Sustainable, low-income housing should be a priority, as should affordable medical services. More so than my concerns about affordable, reasonable quality durable goods.	2/13/2017 10:01 AM
320	Implement a sales tax, strong support for education, planning to utilize public resources more efficiently, share resources between schools and muni	2/13/2017 9:49 AM
321	The resilience of Anchorage depends on its ability to sustain itself absent the big oil companies. We need to diversify the economy and change its focus to things that aren't going to go away. Also, we need to shift from a natural resource dependent economy to actually adding value. I do think Alaska in general has a bright future in growing crops, and perhaps anchorage could be a processing point for those crops. Industrial hemp comes to mind. There are ways to refine hemp and its products to create fuels, foods, and fibers, and why aren't we in that game?	2/13/2017 8:33 AM
322	Marijuana approval and expectionce	2/13/2017 8:23 AM
323	Implement a sales tax.	2/13/2017 6:27 AM
324	See above. In addition, a clean community is a safe community. Keep parks and public spaces clean.	2/13/2017 6:22 AM
325	1) We need a statewide health insurance system that provides broad coverage for all. Look at what they did in Massachusetts. 2) We should build more partnerships between the University (UAA) so people who lose jobs can go back to school -- there are many higher level professional programs, as well as community college certificates.	2/13/2017 4:33 AM
326	Continue to diversify services, maintain parks & trails & wildlife for quality of life, welcome diverse cultures, provide better education and life skills for youth.	2/12/2017 11:17 PM
327	Find a balanced approach to minimize impacts to declining state revenue. Actively seek new businesses to Anchorage including potential for tax inventivez	2/12/2017 10:13 PM
328	Promote innovation. Replace old ideas of oil and gas buoying the state economy and encourage new ideas that are emraced by younger generations that keep up with national trends.	2/12/2017 9:09 PM
329	1) Push emergency preparedness to maintain continuity of operations and fast recovery; 2) robust eduation K-12; college, trade schools and apprentice-type programs. We should not need to import well-qualified labor.	2/12/2017 9:02 PM
330	Actually enforce codes and ordinances - the fines alone would kickstart some money coming in.	2/12/2017 6:59 PM
331	Homelessness and alcoholism is a huge problem especially in summer. We should be funding housing initiative and moreven low income housing in general.	2/12/2017 6:58 PM

332	Decrease crime. More police presences. PROSECUTE criminals instead of letting them go.	2/12/2017 2:24 PM
333	Strengthening our education system and investing in our students from pre-k to college, incentivizing alternative industry and businesses to oil and gas	2/12/2017 2:11 PM
334	We need to focus on finding new resources to tap into.	2/12/2017 1:58 PM
335	Overall reduced state and local spending to sustainable levels Use of the earnings in the permanent fund to inflation proof the fund, provide dividends and fund sustainable levels of government for future generations	2/12/2017 1:50 PM
336	Anchorage should support a small sales tax, a small increase of property taxes, and a small suite of tourist taxes (bed tax, taxis, etc). In order to be successful, research should be done and carefully presented comparing anchorage to other similar cities inorder to generate support for such measures.	2/12/2017 11:12 AM
337	NO high density, low density or whatever it's called housing developments. For goodness sakes, Eagle River is quickly turning ghetto.	2/12/2017 11:06 AM
338	More attention to infrustructure for affordable housing--smart growth.	2/12/2017 10:22 AM
339	Clean up downtown Anchorage. It is looking seedy and sad. Keep our parks safe and beautiful. We love the trails and parks in Anchorage. Keep Alaska attractive to businesses by limiting taxes and regulations. The oil industry can go anywhere in the world. Alaska is not an easy environment for extracting oil. What it has going for it, is that it's in the USA. Don't kill the goose that laid the golden egg!! The hatred of the oil companies is ridiculous! We were not involved in the oil industry, so don't think that we are biased because of any connection with it. We retired in Alaska because of the beauty, the friendly tax environment, low population, hunting. Property taxes are high, but we like no state income tax. We think that a sales tax is probably necessary. When the state collects tax, we will be watching to see that it is used efficiently. The government workers in Alaska are over compensated. We have a friend who worked only five years and now has a pension. She immediately left the state after she put in five years. That's crazy!	2/12/2017 7:07 AM
340	Building and expanding local food systems.	2/12/2017 12:13 AM
341	Invest in the knowledge based economy. Encourage those businesses to come & grow in Anchorage.	2/12/2017 12:13 AM
342	Focus on the promotion of the visitor industry on a year round basis. Make sure we support and protect our military bases including Elmendorf and Fort Richardson.	2/12/2017 12:09 AM
343	I recently tried to bring a small govt conference to Anchorage. I learned that the Feds have listed Anchorage on a list of cities that require lengthy justification and several approvals (similar to Las Vegas, Hawaii, etc.). Though it might have only been about 130 attendees, the conference planner had little success in working with the few local hotels that could offer conference space. They dragged their feet on responding to her request and really weren't very competitive when they did get back with her. Between the lousy offers and the bureaucracy to go justify Anchorage as a destination for a govt conference, I just gave up. Surprisingly, the air fares were the least of the concerns (post September 15). Is suggest getting Murkowski's office to look into why we're are on the list and get the hotels to pull their heads out and make themselves more attractive. Maybe the Chamber could help them get a clue. Frankly, I am not an economist and I'm not up on the latest industries that offer high paying jobs, but oil appears to be done, and I have no faith in the lawmakers to figure out how to bring Alaska out of this recession. Trump's administration should scare federal government employees, as well (including military personnel who have anything to do with the F35s). The University is being dismantled and is not attracting students. It seems tourism and is where it's at, but I would be very disappointed if I were a tourist spending \$250-\$300 each night at some shabby hotel (Hilton, Sheraton) and didn't feel safe walking around.	2/11/2017 7:57 PM
344	Increase in revenue through taxes and increases in police budgets.	2/11/2017 5:14 PM
345	less government	2/11/2017 3:54 PM
346	Sales tax Cap on dividend	2/11/2017 3:32 PM
347	Create environment for productive local training, keep a clean city, careful natural resource development, move state government to Anchorage where the population is highest, promote tourism and Anchorage-as-a-destination convention opportunities, keep the military bases open.	2/11/2017 3:06 PM
348	Careful balance with the fisheries industry allowing commercial fishing to be part of the backbone of our residents in that field while still providing for the individual/subsistence users.	2/11/2017 10:50 AM
349	Build a business that supports Tiny Businesses, a model that tiny businesses can afford.	2/11/2017 7:54 AM
350	More trading opportunities. Better public transportation/roads to promote ease of commute	2/11/2017 4:56 AM
351	We need to diversify our economy.	2/11/2017 3:09 AM
352	More businesses and more affordable housing.	2/11/2017 12:28 AM

353	Allowing oil and gas production in ANWR, NPR-A, and offshore in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. Marketing Alaska tourism more aggressively for Anchorage.	2/10/2017 11:08 PM
354	Business incentives	2/10/2017 11:04 PM
355	Providing incentives for business owners. Providing low cost business loans and grants. Doing market research about what services or products are needed.	2/10/2017 9:59 PM
356	Stability, politicians that make decisions based on what is best for the community and not their own interests (good luck!)	2/10/2017 9:12 PM
357	Increase public infrastructure	2/10/2017 8:30 PM
358	Lower state spending, eliminate the PFD, decreased regulation on resource development.	2/10/2017 8:11 PM
359	Tax the three major sells in our state. Marijuana, booze and tabacco. Give tax cuts to development companies to provided housing rentals with income restrictions. So the people can afford to live in their community.	2/10/2017 7:58 PM
360	We have a huge part of the local population using all the support services without contributing financially. The system can't sustain at this level for much longer.	2/10/2017 7:39 PM
361	Community action groups to be established that could focus on future endeavors.	2/10/2017 7:36 PM
362	PFD, no sales tax, do not bring a shelter to Eagle RIVER	2/10/2017 7:25 PM
363	Create more law enforcement and fill vacant real estate.	2/10/2017 7:07 PM
364	Anything??? Because right now it seems like we aren't doing shit.	2/10/2017 4:16 PM
365	Better city life. Downtown sucks. there's nothing on south side. THERE ISNT EVEN A GROCERY STORE DOWNTOWN. HOW DOES THAT HAPPEN	2/10/2017 4:11 PM
366	Reduce the difficulties associated with starting a small business. Build the Knik Arm Bridge to improve transit and integration with the Valley and the interior. Improved zoning laws (look at the principles of Japanese zoning laws for an example of more effective and efficient land use). Reduce the reliance on tourist dollars. Possibly implement a sales tax or, if possible, a VAT (value-added tax).	2/10/2017 3:32 PM
367	Focus on developing alternative energy sources and producing what we need in state (especially food), re-explore the idea of a water pipeline to California, encourage start up of more small businesses.	2/10/2017 3:20 PM
368	Community engagement, strong leadership, and money.	2/10/2017 3:15 PM
369	Hard to say... its important that businesses have the freedom to operate without undue constraint, but there also need to be limits, somehow, on how much power they have within their sector in our community. I've thought for a while that a cap on profit margins would be beneficial, but also difficult to implement reasonably.	2/10/2017 3:13 PM
370	more initiatives from the city to include LGBT, people of other races etc.	2/10/2017 1:59 PM
371	Less regulations for business start up and building infrastructure	2/10/2017 1:02 PM
372	moving away from finite resources (oil), research into cold weather technology	2/10/2017 12:25 PM
373	more value for our tax dollars	2/10/2017 11:51 AM
374	I think Welcoming Anchorage is an essential initiative that can and should be strengthened. I also think there should be an initiative to bring together organizations with similar missions that are only collaborating superficially to dig into that issue of pervasive organizational distrust.	2/10/2017 11:27 AM
375	Girdwood needs more than scraps,...from the muni. Heritage Land Bank has too much control over Girdwood development. We have a new 4 million dollar road to nowhere at the "drop of a hat" and we've been working for years to get: a cemetery, a safe public crossing at the four corners by the FD and grocery, and an industrial area suitable for local businesses that directly serve the community,...just to name a few	2/10/2017 9:19 AM
376	Increase/better safety. All the killings and shootings make residents (or at least those people I know) want to stay home/away from stores and restaurants in the evening. I don't think we'd go downtown for a late dinner right now.	2/10/2017 6:03 AM
377	N/A	2/10/2017 4:57 AM
378	Legalize and control gambling and sex work. They deserve the protection of the law and the benefits of Social Security and workers comp/ unemployment insurance and discrimination laws	2/10/2017 1:47 AM

379	The majority of the income I generate gets sucked into the following areas: medical insurance (1200/mo), heat (200/mo avg), electricity (60/mo avg), water (90/mo avg), gasoline for vehicles, food costs. If there is any way the city can help alleviate those costs, I would be a lot more active in spending money in the community and supporting businesses and enjoying a higher quality of life. Unless the city is benefitting from the above services, that is \$\$ being siphoned OUT of our system.	2/9/2017 11:41 PM
380	cut the fluff, focus on public safety including snow removal	2/9/2017 10:42 PM
381	No more bonds. Pay off what we have	2/9/2017 10:06 PM
382	Monthly business briefings devided to the local residential district's (communication) to consumers.	2/9/2017 9:53 PM
383	Seriously open up the regulation on weed , you will create more jobs and revenue for the state.	2/9/2017 8:21 PM
384	Good roads, buying locally with persistence, welcoming public spaces.	2/9/2017 8:08 PM
385	Offer incentives to small businesses -- low-interest loans, for example. Spend some money on making foot travel easier, and more pleasant especially where there are neighborhood shops. Raise the state minimum wage to give people more spending power. Offer incentives to large retailers to locate stores here.	2/9/2017 7:23 PM
386	Implement both a sales tax and an income tax on out of state workers.	2/9/2017 7:06 PM
387	Community service for welfare	2/9/2017 6:18 PM
388	Income & sales taxes	2/9/2017 4:45 PM
389	I'm not sure how to answer that. Perhaps the State balancing its budget would help each community better administer their own.	2/9/2017 4:24 PM
390	Get rid of the Mayer and most of the assembly, larger police force, move parking enforcement in with Community Services not the ACDA.	2/9/2017 2:25 PM
391	Diversification, particularly into tech, alternative energies, and indoor farming	2/9/2017 2:20 PM
392	Having a budget that includes money set aside for winter cleanup. This year, we all can agree that we were not expecting as much snow as we have seen so far. We all dropped the ball on that. I, like my fellow anchorage neighbors when the city didn't have the money to plow streets in a timely manner; went and shoveled people out of the ditch. If i can go out and do that for free, imagine what we could do if there was a rollover fund each year. Year we don't use it, goes on to next year. But for years like this, we needed that money. And to have the excuse of we can either have more cops or more plows, that's a copout. During times like those if there's no fund, you cut back for those couple weeks and return them to full strength after winter storm.	2/9/2017 12:51 PM
393	Lower property tax and implement a seasonal sales tax. Lower health care and health insurance costs. Collect marijuana taxes. Allow creative property use - business/residential mix; tiny home lots; in-home apartments. Encourage alternative energy development and usage.	2/9/2017 12:44 PM
394	Implement more effective drug/alcohol/addiction cessation programs. Enforce laws regarding the sale of alcohol to intoxicated persons (the Brown Jug in Mountain View is a frequent violator of this law). Simplify local regulations.	2/9/2017 12:07 PM
395	Recruit more industry and businesses, encourage entrepreneurs, better educational systems, multi source income for taxation, more neighborhoods with mixed use of residential and commercial, a rental market with better options and more competition	2/9/2017 11:54 AM
396	Continue to work on the successes in building the APD back up after years of denial from the previous administration. Continue to partner with APD to increase our officers support in the community and support OF the community. APD seems to enjoy a good reputation and I would like to build on that by making sure they have appropriate training in diversity so that they are aware of inherent biases. Keep working on improving safety and wellness for our homeless population--building community connections, brainstorming ideas focused on housing first, lobby the legislature for funding for substance abuse programs. Improve street and sidewalk maintenance so those without cars can safely wait for buses without being up to their knees in snow and forced into the roads.	2/9/2017 11:44 AM
397	Work on making UAA a truly exceptional university so that we can attract and retain intellectual capitol. Reduce housing costs. Continue all efforts at economic diversification. Reduce dependence on the state government.	2/9/2017 11:43 AM
398	Gas tax: make MatSu commuters understand that they have cheaper housing because we subsidize their roads; income tax: out of state contract workers may shy away from working in AK, which would encourage local training and hires; grappling with health care costs	2/9/2017 11:24 AM
399	More crime prevention. Lock up car thieves, deal with petty criminals more harshly. Housing to get homeless off the streets.	2/9/2017 11:16 AM
400	Income tax and sales tax.	2/9/2017 10:36 AM



401	If the PFD is cut, it needs to be on a scale. Poor people rely on that money more. As for this research, I truly hope an effort is made to get a non bias sample of respondents--people who do not use online surveys, and people who represent multiple intersections of oppression.	2/9/2017 10:27 AM
402	investment in local education to keep our best and brightest in state. students go away for school, find romantic partners and never come back. we can't build a better tomorrow without the people.	2/9/2017 10:17 AM
403	Teaching people about their personal finances, best practices, how to buy a home or invest in a business for young people and UAA changing it's education programs to make valuable people right out of the gate.	2/9/2017 10:17 AM
404	Keep Alaska jobs in Alaska for Alaskans.	2/9/2017 10:03 AM
405	providing a local hiring strategy for businesses (both local and national) and community plan for real estate development in respect to cost of living	2/9/2017 9:48 AM
406	Inforce the laws we have. Make trade school affordable to our unemployed people.	2/9/2017 8:44 AM
407	Public transportation; income tax	2/9/2017 8:18 AM
408	sound policy decisions on state and local level	2/9/2017 6:16 AM
409	investment in and visibility for new ventures, industries, collaborations/partnerships, make business environment easier for start ups	2/9/2017 6:15 AM
410	i feel I answered this in the questions above...	2/9/2017 5:38 AM
411	Sustainable development of natural resources, focus on community and improving the quality of life to the city. Lower cost of goods and increased job opportunities.	2/9/2017 12:44 AM
412	Make public drunkenness a crime. Clean up the streets not just of criminals who are now preying on us since SB 91 and also clean the snow from the streets. Stop catering to the minority bike riders and cater to cars. Cater to the Elderly who are the fastest growing group in the state.	2/8/2017 8:24 PM
413	Eliminate waste; re-evaluate union contracts; consolidate services where appropriate & possible. Privatize where appropriate & possible. More community review boards.	2/8/2017 8:23 PM
414	Make sure Troopers can cover the highway between Anchorage and Girdwood.	2/8/2017 7:45 PM
415	unknown	2/8/2017 6:48 PM
416	Oil tax credits, stable fiscal policy	2/8/2017 6:00 PM
417	Bring forth a Sales Tax. Slowly move away from our dependence on oil. Stop frivolous government spending. I.E. LIO Building.	2/8/2017 5:17 PM
418	Great question. 1. We need to develop our downtown and Port area 2. Continue to reach out to artists and community for downtown projects, events- focus more efforts to make out Downtown attractive for tourism and quality of life for young residents. 3. The change will come from the community itself with the right opportunities- Do what ever is possible to make Anchorage a better city to attract industries that would benefit from our unique location. 4. Sales tax to support these efforts if needed.	2/8/2017 5:09 PM
419	Actions that celebrate and empower diverse groups and businesses, provide opportunity for young people to become engaged in their local processes, and put anchorage on the map as a leader in green city planning	2/8/2017 4:27 PM
420	Use the existing rail line to offer an easier commute between Anchorage and Girdwood. Develop Alyeska as a year round destination with more opportunities for families to enjoy the mountains (open beginner terrain, for example). Ensure and publicize better safety on the Seward Highway.	2/8/2017 4:19 PM
421	Income tax. Cut oil tax credits.	2/8/2017 3:41 PM
422	More business friendly atmosphere. Grow the arts. More recreational opportunities and maintain what we have. Commercial waterfront opportunities. More housing in the downtown core (need incentives).	2/8/2017 3:03 PM
423	Affordable housing and fixing the awful conditions of Anchorages current rentals. Not sure for the advertising community in Anchorage. I think 50% of my friends are laid off and agencies are struggling to stay open. It's sad to see people forced to relocate - myself included. A city that size should have a strong network of agencies doing good work. When funds are tight, marketing gets cut first and Anchorage is seeing that now.	2/8/2017 2:14 PM
424	MOA needs to lead. Take some chances developing infrastructure, supporting business opportunities and increasing housing density in downtown and midtown instead of passing off all risk to businesses and developers.	2/8/2017 1:43 PM
425	Municipal government needs to find a way to manage the operating and capital budget without relying on bonding to fund the deficit. The more bond debt we take on, then there is less focus on what it takes to balance the operating budget. More taxes or bonding should not be the first option for funding.	2/8/2017 1:40 PM

426	1. A focus on work readiness in education 2. A focused training effort to take back oil patch jobs from non-residents 3. Creating disincentives for oil patch to hire non-residents 4. A State-initiated effort to re-structure our health care delivery and reimbursement system to elevate health status at lower cost 5. More robust support for start ups, entrepreneurs 6. Build a robust, thriving downtown	2/8/2017 1:04 PM
427	Wider press for HS graduation - education inc technical i.e. Culinary welding fisheries State budget crisis- need State Senate to get out of a cave "time to grow up & start paying rent" i.e. Taxes	2/8/2017 12:57 PM
428	Free college, free job training with pay, lower utilities, reduce state and city spending, restructure state & city offices, give us our PFD, tax surplus, PFD payout before they take it all, free after school childcare so parents can work, casinos, state lottery, marijuana sales and tax. Community gatherings for children to ensure our children stay good because they are our future.	2/8/2017 12:39 PM
429	Diversify. Having the university teach real world applications for graduating students. ASD having higher expectations to help increase test scores. Most importantly, the legislature has to act now to address the fiscal crisis.	2/8/2017 12:28 PM
430	Develop Ship Creek in to a mini Pike Street Market. All the way out to the inlet. Get JBER to release land closest to downtown for expansion of the port.	2/8/2017 12:27 PM
431	Tax breaks for larger employers to relocate here. Stop killing wolves and other wildlife so that they'll be around for people to see.	2/8/2017 12:24 PM
432	more social services that will actually benefit citizens in the long run like job training etc	2/8/2017 11:52 AM
433	As the price of oil goes up, the taxes on it should go up.	2/8/2017 11:49 AM
434	Internet tax and more art being brought to the city, if we have an ugly city no one wants to live here.	2/8/2017 11:42 AM
435	Girdwood is great just as it is.	2/8/2017 11:31 AM
436	Electing competent people to the assembly/mayor's office; legislature and governor's office. We're doing better in some of these areas than others right now.	2/8/2017 11:29 AM
437	We have to tax ourselves more. Can't be dependent on revenue sources that go away without notice. We have to attract new industry hopefully in ways that benefit business and local economy. We need to make sure our core government service are running efficient and continue to keep our community safe and inviting.	2/8/2017 11:23 AM
438	Move away from oil money dependence, stop taxing the hell out of the little guy.	2/8/2017 11:23 AM
439	Sales tax	2/8/2017 11:10 AM
440	Find more businesses that will create good paying jobs and lure them here.	2/8/2017 11:03 AM
441	Use permanent fund to partially fund state government. Fair and stable taxes on oil industry.	2/8/2017 10:53 AM
442	EDUCATION EDUCATION EDUCATION. We need to educate the community (both upper and lower income levels) on projects and voting opportunities that they can part-take in. Establishing a city tax will also go a long way. DO NOT INSTATE AN INCOME TAX! I foresee this being a large step backward. This will result in less money being circulated in our economy. Our community is already hesitate on spending and are being more tactful in where and how far their dollar can go, do not cut that spending dollar further.	2/8/2017 10:35 AM
443	Put gags on the hypersensitive, knee jerk reactionary environmentalists and lib thinking politicians.	2/8/2017 10:01 AM
444	Attract new industries to diversify the economic spectrum of opportunity	2/8/2017 9:24 AM
445	We can become a leader in alternative energy. We already have great resources of people using smart and efficient building practices. We still have pristine nature- a commodity that is priceless as other States have destroyed theirs and people are willing to pay to experience.	2/8/2017 9:08 AM
446	Workforce development and especially for business needs like accounting	2/8/2017 8:59 AM
447	Public safety - whatever is being done isn't working. Strategy needs to be changed. Economic Development - real attempts to attract new businesses and industries to Anchorage. Separating social justice warriors from economic development - two very different issues - focusing on social justice does not lead to economic development.	2/8/2017 8:57 AM
448	Provide assistance to those with dependency issues and homelessness, incentivize learning opportunities (making the education more meaningful thru mentoring and tradesperson programs that lead to a career opportunity). Teaching subjects in a way that relates them to that field (i.e. English/math as its used to fill out a repair quote, etc.).	2/8/2017 8:56 AM
449	with all the crimes that are going on they need to put these people behind bars for a long time or maybe seek help for them. I really don't know but right our community is really bad with all these crimes going on its crazy	2/8/2017 8:46 AM
450	Make downtown livable.	2/8/2017 8:37 AM
451	Long term fiscal plan to ensure policies and programs put into place to fund opportunities and threats are achieved.	2/8/2017 8:30 AM

452	ensuring that big companies like cocnoco Phillips bp etc don't have enough power to destroy our rivers streams and way of life	2/8/2017 7:11 AM
453	People learning to live with less, a return to living smaller and more simply. Development of commercial cultural space -building commercial development for small businesses in Girdwood.	2/8/2017 7:09 AM
454	police	2/8/2017 6:55 AM
455	clean up our town. make it look attractive & appealing	2/8/2017 5:32 AM
456	More financing availability to small business owners to allow them to create jobs for the people of Alaska.	2/7/2017 11:14 PM
457	The Senate to come with a resolution for a budget so more people want to increase money into businesses and infrastructure	2/7/2017 10:24 PM
458	Improvements to the Seward Highway. With addition of a bike path running the full course from Anchorage to Girdwood. As a scenic highway it is imparitive to tourism. It would create jobs and with the addition of a bike path it becomes safer for all and increases tourist activities.	2/7/2017 10:19 PM
459	Introduce liquor taxes. If marijuana will be taxed, so will alcohol. Take a chance on your city. Spend money to make money.	2/7/2017 9:45 PM
460	Legislators need to take action to get our state finances and fiscal future on track - everything needs to be on the table, including corporate/oil taxes and subsidies, state and local taxes, etc.	2/7/2017 9:41 PM
461	Reduce government to essential functions.	2/7/2017 9:09 PM
462	Term limits for State legislators. Strengthening ethical standards in State legislature. State income tax.	2/7/2017 9:01 PM
463	Create a campaign to showcase local start-ups and rising success stories--(sort of a "Spirit of Youth" for "trending" businesses)--particularly business selling services outside and bringing new money and talent to our community. Feature that showcase on the AEDC, ACC and MOA websites. As a community, work with UAA to identify at least one field of special emphasis, like the Juneau community did for the UA School of education at UAS, and work collaboratively with the private sector to focus grants, mentoring and other supports to draw in world-class faculty to build a world-class program in that field, even if that means tough sacrifices elsewhere for a time. UAA can't be the best at everything, but if it's not among the best at something, it can never build a reputation for better than mediocrity. Currently, parts of the UAA athletic department, particularly volleyball, women's basketball, gymnastics and track, have a stronger reputation than the school. I am NOT suggesting those strongest areas be sacrificed, but just as the community has gotten behind those programs, the community needs to get behind some particular academic program, and help build it to national prominence. Form a private sector initiative to study and brainstorm ways to incentivize, support and grow new businesses, particularly focusing on identifying and overcoming the factors that cause new and promising businesses to migrate to greener pastures for funding, talent, professional support or other resources in order to build scale.	2/7/2017 8:23 PM
464	More infrastructure to encourage people to want to live here and encourage tourism.	2/7/2017 8:15 PM
465	Tax breaks for new businesses.	2/7/2017 7:49 PM
466	I think a local sales or income tax would be appropriate. No one, including me, wants to pay more taxes, but I also don't want to see vital services go away because we're too cheap to pay for them. Finding new industries to bring more diverse employment opportunities into our community would also strengthen our resiliency.	2/7/2017 7:42 PM
467	Encourage higher education, bring in more industries, and improve infrastructure.	2/7/2017 7:20 PM
468	Sales tax	2/7/2017 7:15 PM
469	I am an outsider to this place but as we say back home, "the drum sounds better and better as you get away from it." The farther one is away from it the more one realizes a "paradise lost." Yet, the answers are obvious... We can all be "travelling salesmen" and sell what this place is about... However, capital will probably hesitate moving to a place where human capital needs are not met and infrastructure is not there. And, one cannot develop human capital by simply slashing its budgets.	2/7/2017 7:03 PM
470	Higher wages and less property taxes	2/7/2017 6:49 PM
471	Anchorage needs to be an attractive place to live and work if the economy is going to grow. Things like a lack of basic public safety and a lack of city services like snow removal really affect this.	2/7/2017 6:39 PM
472	Oil	2/7/2017 6:03 PM
473	More education opportunities	2/7/2017 5:39 PM

474	Changes in zoning, land-use, and planning to allow developers to develop what the market demands coupled with incentives and creative financing to improve housing opportunities, particularly for young professionals and the types of housing young professionals want. Without work, there won't be any living or playing.	2/7/2017 5:37 PM
475	Attracting a broader industrial tax base through various incentive mechanisms, pushing for an overall state resolution of the budget gap to create some level of certainty for our future, attacking crime aggressively...	2/7/2017 5:33 PM
476	A balanced budget - the ability to make wise financial decisions to cap spending while maintaining essential programs and services to maintain a good standard of living, a safe environment and the ability to draw new businesses, visitors and other opportunities to our city and state. We need top class successful business people and creative people to join forces and come up with policies that would attract new businesses to our city.	2/7/2017 5:05 PM
477	Support oil production efforts for the nation's economy and the state through business incentives that encourages growth in one of our most interdependent segments of the economy. Investment in safety and security. Police force. Restructure planning departments including streamlining permitting processes, etc. Customer service training for the construction/permitting departments.	2/7/2017 4:31 PM
478	Better education about parking Downtown ANY investment into housing development and multi-use facilities Shopping centers geared towards local businesses Entrepreneurship programs that are proven to educate, prepare and grow new business owners (requires investment at a state/city level - use Atlanta as example) New profit creation for the state as a whole (cannot ride the oil train anymore)	2/7/2017 4:30 PM
479	HOUSING. The Live.Work.Play. initiative is a great start, but the meetings that I've been to seem to only advance our community towards this goal at a snail's pace. Catching a ride on a snail is better than just sitting and waiting for something to happen, but it may be too slow to make up for the losses we're starting to see, and will see more of, as oil pulls out of the state. Granted... there are A LOT of intricate moving parts, and high stakes. This is not something that should move so quickly as to be negligent of community concerns and interests. However, there is a point at which being so cautious and meticulous is negligent of the fact that this is a PRESSING matter. I totally don't claim to know how to find this razor's edge, I just know how it feels to be someone in Anchorage who can't afford a house, but wants to. Bottom line - we NEED affordable housing, probably medium to high density housing that can take advantage of existing infrastructure to keep costs at bay (and a wastewater utility may help!). We NEED the muni to continue their awesome hard work, not just implementing the Land Use Plan Map, but also just growing close to developers, while still keeping the public interest in mind. Of course they're doing this already, but average people don't know this - apart from the bizarre and periodic Muni/Fang family dynamics. Maybe a PR campaign just to let the public know that people are working on this issue, and there are a number of ways to help out! If we don't get on top of housing before oil \$ dries up, we may be stuck in a tight and shrinking spot. See Report from Northern Economics: <a href="https://www.adn.com/opinions/2017/01/20/economists-say-recession-will-last-three-more-years-followed-by-a-smaller-poorer-alaska/">https://www.adn.com/opinions/2017/01/20/economists-say-recession-will-last-three-more-years-followed-by-a-smaller-poorer-alaska/</a>	2/7/2017 4:13 PM
480	Continued diversity improvement, continued beefing up police force, housing affordability like Live work place is working toward.	2/7/2017 4:11 PM
481	Just create an appeal to keep Anchorage money in Anchorage.	2/7/2017 4:10 PM
482	diversification of industries to employ a wide range of skilled workers.	2/7/2017 4:06 PM
483	Investment in economic development, including funding startups.	2/7/2017 4:00 PM
484	Welcome the film industry to Alaska and build a sound stage. Improve downtown with grocery store/pharmacy.	2/7/2017 3:59 PM
485	Trade/skill workforce training for unemployed and low-income.	2/7/2017 3:57 PM
486	Increase investment in People Mover Continue to work on parks and trails	2/7/2017 3:55 PM
487	A plan that includes winter activity.	2/7/2017 3:54 PM
488	Economic diversification, housing improvement, community modernization	2/7/2017 3:54 PM
489	More outreach to other countries of what alaska has to offer as far as tourism goes. It is sustainable & we need to market it even more than we have in the past. Continue to support our schools & universities. Make it easier to get a degree or trade training. They are our future. We need to invest in them. Support micro business loans for made in alaska product or small tourism companies so the growth continues.	2/7/2017 3:54 PM
490	Fix the drug problem that starts in middle school. Give kids healthy food in school, recognize the issues they are facing and deal with it early. Give developers incentives to develop in our community. Take empty lots and make them productive. Raise taxes on empty lots to initiate development. Make the state give the muni the land that they owe us. Support JBER any way we can.	2/7/2017 3:47 PM
491	promotion of opportunities	2/7/2017 3:47 PM
492	See #4	2/7/2017 3:47 PM

493	Special Alaskan healthcare system for small business owners. Lobbyists sent to Juneau and DC to lobby for more usage of Alaskan natural resources.	2/7/2017 3:46 PM
494	Early education, vocational schools/opportunities	2/7/2017 3:42 PM
495	Trying out of the box approaches to prep for a post-oil-boom economy. I don't know what specifically will be most helpful, but I do think it may take some dramatic changes/initiatives to keep the economy resilient.	2/7/2017 3:41 PM
496	State government needs to get a plan implemented to deal with the 3 billion dollar state budget deficit	2/7/2017 3:31 PM
497	Girdwood is a gateway community to wilderness Skiing and tourism. Tourism infrastructure Should be strengthened.	2/7/2017 3:24 PM
498	Increase Housing	2/7/2017 3:22 PM
499	We have to fund and re-implement the gang violence unit as well as increase our police force/presence. I'm not sure how to come up with the money for that, but think it's important.	2/7/2017 3:18 PM
500	Small business encouragement; linked public transportation with anchorage; forestry and outdoor tourism enhancement	2/7/2017 3:01 PM
501	I like AEDC's 2020 goal. Develop/maintain the Port	2/7/2017 2:55 PM
502	Educating our public with facts so that they can make informed decisions about spending, saving and investing.	2/7/2017 2:54 PM
503	better affordable housing, better crime control, more local small business	2/7/2017 2:50 PM
504	More \$ to public schools.	2/7/2017 2:42 PM
505	sales tax	2/7/2017 2:41 PM
506	Continue Launch:Alaska initiatives to develop entrepreneurs with "global scale" products/services. Judicious use of tax increment financing to foster redevelopment. Municipal sales tax to support public infrastructure and programs.	2/7/2017 2:35 PM
507	Engage in economic activities that build a positive economy. The next economic plan that comes up, ask the question: "Will this help build a positive economy?"	2/7/2017 2:34 PM
508	We need a state balanced budget.	2/7/2017 2:29 PM
509	maintain no-sales tax structure	2/7/2017 2:27 PM
510	We have to continue to invest in PEOPLE and education. I like the example Berkowitz is setting. Build housing for homeless. Teach them to work, blue collar work is noble and good.	2/7/2017 2:22 PM
511	diversified portfolio of industries, quality and choice of secondary education,	2/7/2017 2:18 PM
512	Settle the states budget crisis!	2/7/2017 2:13 PM
513	Lower property taxes. Implement policies that lower the cost of energy. Work to attract new companies to locate here. Provide tax relief for younger Anchorage residents seeking to purchase their first property - will encourage young Alaskans to stay in Anchorage.	2/7/2017 2:13 PM
514	Pay the outstanding oil credits to producers, and shore up the Permanent Fund.	2/7/2017 2:12 PM
515	Stop wasteful spending and begin taking a look at what it will take to attract large companies with a solid foundation	2/7/2017 2:10 PM
516	I think the city and AEDC should commit to developing Anchorage to attract young people who want to live and work in urban cores. Focus on the downtown core first then Spenard. Support entrepreneurial initiatives that are growing the ecosystem. Support the sharing economy, bike commuters, and multi-use modern developments. Redevelop zoning and planning policy to support densely housed neighborhoods that reward developers for attractive architectural design and neighborhood amenities.	2/7/2017 2:04 PM
517	Fight against legislation trying to implement a state income tax, and instead introduce a local sales tax that more fairly taxes the population instead of just the workforce. Increase bed tax as tourism is strong and can handle the tax increases.	2/7/2017 1:37 PM
518	eliminate levels of bureaucracy that are so costly in terms of money and blockades to progress let the world know of our positives get rid of "visit anchorage" and replace with an equal opportunity cheerleader for ALL of the Anchorage area	2/7/2017 1:08 PM
519	work to attract new businesses	2/7/2017 1:00 PM
520	Get downtown to be thee place to visit. Upgrades to downtown, port development, strong anchor retail.	2/7/2017 1:00 PM
521	I plan to start a new church in Mountain View that will be a neighborhood church who will advocate for the residents of our home place and will be a clear demonstration and expression of our hope of a better community rooted in our faith.	2/7/2017 12:47 PM

522	Address increasing crime, assist local non profits with efforts to address homelessness,	2/7/2017 12:30 PM
523	More action.	2/7/2017 11:59 AM
524	Whatever it takes to decrease crime and drug use in our community must be the first priority, not addressing that first will cause other efforts to fail.	2/7/2017 6:50 AM
525	Same as #4	2/7/2017 4:57 AM
526	Ease title 21 restrictions and allow Tiny home concept to be pursued. Continue increasing arts/culture options to attract more high quality workforce.	2/6/2017 5:07 PM
527	Continued support for bikes and trails.	2/6/2017 5:01 PM
528	- Continue to develop ways to gain additional revenue from season workers and tourists	2/6/2017 3:15 PM
529	Stricter zoning codes to control big chain "takeover". Pushing for higher minimum wage. More public outreach about the state of the economy. Possibly either bus signs, radio PSAs or other public outreach that impresses the need to keep the city vibrant by supporting businesses people want to have here.	2/6/2017 2:59 PM
530	Incentivize business to invest	2/6/2017 2:42 PM
531	Sales tax	2/6/2017 2:25 PM
532	Anchorage should do its best to be more diverse and attract the people/businesses that it needs.	2/6/2017 2:22 PM
533	a balanced budget.	2/6/2017 2:06 PM
534	Elect people who will stand up to the issues in front of them	2/6/2017 1:16 PM
535	I wish I knew	2/6/2017 11:10 AM
536	As I mentioned above it is extremely important to support local businesses in this economy. Incentives to attract new business and job creation. Keep taxes and other associated fees low. Encourage investment.	2/6/2017 10:27 AM
537	Pride in our community and take back our right to use our public spaces or walk our streets without fear of being accosted.	2/6/2017 9:46 AM
538	We need to continue our inclusive policies - we need to make sure our minorities feel safe in OUR community	2/5/2017 11:54 AM
539	Increase our police force and fund schools.	2/5/2017 9:33 AM
540	Constant communication with community on the real status of our economy - normative shifts - plus highlight the great activities happening in our community. Dedicate resources to evaluate how to expand existing industry and court new industry to come to Anchorage. Support small to medium size businesses - we don't always need large corporations.	2/5/2017 8:51 AM
541	Truly supporting entepenures new ideas and ways of approach to being here	2/4/2017 11:27 PM
542	Incentives for supporting and buying from local businesses and products	2/4/2017 10:35 PM
543	Shed the dependency on State funding; become self-supporting for the realistic services Anchorage residents want. Make it easier for businesses to move/develop/relocate to Anchorage.	2/4/2017 12:02 PM
544	Fix our State Budget to a sustainable modes that relies in part on the Permanent Fund as a renewable economic resource, along with streamlining government, and new taxes.	2/3/2017 6:02 PM
545	State sales tax. use of PFD to help meet state health/safety expenses	2/3/2017 5:06 PM
546	Increase safety patrol. At one point panhandling wasn't allowed and now it is on every corner and it doesn't bode well for our city and community. Drug usage is everywhere and no one is safe from its impacts. There has to be more resources available for help.	2/3/2017 4:07 PM
547	Much, much, much more and bigger apprentice programs between public schools and businesses. More programs in public schools geared toward the trades, arts, etc., like German schools.	2/3/2017 1:47 PM
548	encourage more tourism, add local food growing opportunities, build bike and pedestrian infrastructure, encourage multi-use development	2/3/2017 10:51 AM
549	encourage local and renewable sources of energy	2/3/2017 10:50 AM
550	Loosening government regulatory restraints, to allow for thoughtful and creative investments and developments. Solve our State budgetary crisis.	2/3/2017 10:19 AM
551	Better zoning will help make our community more visually appealing, feel safer, and more organized.	2/3/2017 9:40 AM

552	Build upon the tourism economy - more than summer Seek and develop better opportunities for logistics or Anchorage's strategic geographic location Continue to build/exploit Native corporations and their competitive advantages especially in federal marketspace	2/3/2017 8:07 AM
553	sales tax on all non-food items. Increase to the Police Dept so that people feel safe living in the community.	2/3/2017 8:01 AM
554	Offer tax holidays or other incentives to attract manufacturing, especially using recycled materials which are currently shipped outside at costs which may exceed their value.	2/2/2017 8:53 PM
555	Diversity is key. Promote manufacturers to come in to provide good high tech jobs. Stabilize the Oil and Gas industry with good tax policy, Financial services increased, Promote tourism, Upgrade and incentivize the Health care industry. Ensure the Aviation industry stays vibrant and alive with the new more efficient planes.	2/2/2017 8:18 PM
556	New business growth outside of oil & tourism	2/2/2017 4:10 PM
557	Local & State government need to be more open to small businesses. Way too many regulations.	2/2/2017 2:21 PM
558	Senate Bill must go away its clearly not working.	2/2/2017 1:08 PM
559	Revenue generation in the form of taxes. We've been living too spoiled and we should reinvest	2/2/2017 12:47 PM
560	We need to have people who want to work and not just exist.	2/2/2017 12:12 PM
561	Diversification, and focusing on a long-term future where the oil industry is just one part of our success.	2/2/2017 11:22 AM
562	Increased opportunities in employment, housing Encourage innovation in modes/scope of non-profit services	2/2/2017 11:21 AM
563	Encourage AK Legislature to address budget issue this session, support innovative ideas to diversify economy thru new businesses, etc.	2/2/2017 11:08 AM
564	What industries require an Alaskan sense of place and are most viable here? What new 21st century sectors fit Alaska's unique circumstances? Industries that come to mind are clean energy microgrid technology, arctic inter-polar transportation, environmental research, filmmaking, etc. Identify and justify that list of targeted industry sectors, and then develop incentives to recruit those industries and get them to set up headquarters in Anchorage.	2/2/2017 9:59 AM
565	State sales tax unfortunately. Budget cuts (not education - this would be counterproductive). Ending the PFD. Not relying on PFD money for continuing to operate the state - we need a permanent solution not just a band-aid.	2/2/2017 9:01 AM
566	1-seasonal sales tax (May 15 to Sep 15), where residents could get a rebate or exclusion 2-attracting another fortune 500 business in an industry currently outside of the Alaska norms	2/1/2017 3:39 PM
567	Balance the budget. Collect reasonable taxes that don't gouge the poor or middle class and invest taxes back into the community. Don't pay them out to oil companies in tax credits. Invest the money in schools and infrastructure. This will generate jobs, encourage people to move here, and give young Alaskans a hope at a future.	2/1/2017 2:29 PM
568	Make significant cuts to every aspect of State spending including education and health care. Leverage the permanent fund to be a big part of solving the State fiscal issue. Privatize more government functions. The State should match every oil/gas job loss one for one.	2/1/2017 2:10 PM
569	walkable cities, more promotion of local businesses and products, more focus on 'resilience' and sustainability as a whole, also working to make downtown more water/coast oriented and developing a more defined 'Anchorage' city identity with more local art.	2/1/2017 1:14 AM
570	There should be incentives to keep productive, hard working citizens planted here. Without the slope jobs in the oil industry there are not many well paying jobs in Anchorage with respect to the cost to live here. Let's be honest without good jobs the rest that Anchorage has to offer would be moot even if it is great. Economics teaches that in order to have a customer you have to have someone that is "willing" and "able" to purchase what you have.	1/31/2017 9:24 AM
571	Fix state finances, more affordable housing, more police	1/30/2017 12:41 PM
572	rezoning land, fund basic services fully (i.e. police), reduce city overhead (non essential services),	1/30/2017 10:58 AM
573	A broad-based tax to ensure other industries pay their own way.	1/30/2017 10:47 AM
574	Do not install red light cameras. Quit over spending in the assembly. Fiscal responsibility.	1/30/2017 10:04 AM
575	Develop a balanced, reasonable plan to address the state's fiscal gap. Until that is done, business will be jittery.	1/30/2017 9:19 AM
576	A reasoned approach to budget deficits and revenue enhancing measures. Raising taxes to keep the status quo will end badly.	1/30/2017 9:02 AM
577	Help immigrants and refugees use the skills/education from their country to contribute more to our economy in higher level jobs.	1/28/2017 10:46 AM

578	Statewide income tax with revenue sharing to support necessary services, red light cameras to curtail the dipshits, people in their thirties running for office at all levels, Don young's death and/or removal from office, enforcement of title 21 to ensure a contemporary (non- strip home) city, etc. Sure, not directly causative, but correlative.	1/27/2017 10:29 PM
579	more diversification; research and development especially of alternate energy sources and technology	1/27/2017 4:36 PM
580	above - expand into valley (thus lowering Anchorage land value) Free Trade Zone abundant gas	1/27/2017 4:18 PM
581	Progressive income tax used applied to core business/economic needs like infrastructure, child care, food assistance, healthcare, job training, alcohol/drug treatment, education, housing, refugee services, etc.; investment in education; infrastructure improvements like the Spenard project; criminal justice reform (like SB 91) to reduce spending and increase workforce rehabilitation; housing-first projects to reduce homelessness; stable and realistic long-term budget for the state	1/27/2017 1:18 PM
582	Encourage sense of pride and reinvestment back into our neighborhoods with sidewalks, beautification, maintained trails, diversification of economic opportunities.	1/27/2017 12:56 PM
583	More money for schools so that students are staying safe, away from drugs, and learning job skills, Encourage energy efficiency and renewable energy, improve trail and road systems	1/27/2017 7:43 AM
584	Improved public relations (more information and truthful reporting) regarding the fiscal situation of the state. Release of more public (federal and state) land for private ownership. Relieve the fears of businesses regarding potential threat of increased taxes and more regulation. Focus secondary and post-secondary educational opportunities to better fit the types of career fields and employment opportunities that exist in Alaska.	1/26/2017 9:50 PM
585	New urbanization, decreasing the amount of vacant/parking lots and installing gardens to cut down on the amount of imported goods needed to sustain the community. Trying to make the sprawl of Anchorage less of a necessity by allowing more local businesses and work to come into neighborhoods so people don't have to drive as far to the things they want/need.	1/26/2017 8:23 PM
586	More investment in renewable energy projects to reduce cost of living create jobs and reduce dependence on non renewables making our energy infrastructure more secure and resilient	1/26/2017 2:23 PM
587	Term limits, state and Federal. We need the politicians to start working to help all the people, not just the corporations and the 1%. Get rid of lobbyist. Kill the concept of corporations as "people".	1/25/2017 8:27 PM
588	Independent review of financial decisions	1/25/2017 7:40 PM
589	Arrest and prosecute criminals. Levy sales and income taxes (take some of the burden off of property owners and get transient workers and tourist to shoulder some of the load). Think more about making Anchorage a clean livable city (look to other northern cities like Stockholm) Leverage off of our geographic location to take advantage of trade between Asia and the North America (encourage Fed Ex and UPS for example). Find creative ways to add value to the products coming through our city. Encourage high-tech startups - although that would take an understanding that education is important. Northern cities in Norway, Sweden, and Denmark are thriving, and we are turning into a grey, dirty city -- we should look at what they are doing.	1/25/2017 7:32 PM
590	We need to be able to safely move about Anchorage. We need to be able to get to and from. Sidewalks pathways and road need to be plowed.	1/25/2017 7:22 PM
591	Diversify local government revenue stream to reduce influence of fluctuating oil prices on ability to provide core services (i.e. infrastructure maintenance, police, fire, education). Identify more goods and services export opportunities.	1/25/2017 9:36 AM
592	More oversight of government handouts that will get people working instead, filling up the open job positions.	1/24/2017 8:08 PM
593	Hold elected officials responsible for their actions. Giving oil companies tax breaks at the same time school and health benefits are cut is unacceptable. Blaming the economy on one party vs the other is ridiculous and officials should be challenged as a whole to make the best of a difficult economy. Spending reserves on dream projects is outrageous. A budget should reflect actual income and reasonable expenses.	1/24/2017 7:14 PM
594	Income tax and sales tax	1/24/2017 6:04 PM
595	Moving more towards green infrastructure and alternative energy.	1/24/2017 4:21 PM
596	cut government spending - more efficiency in government lower taxes to attract industry other than oil/gas	1/24/2017 3:04 PM
597	Encourage our elected leaders to invest and quit playing political games. We see it every year in Juneau. Why is it that nothing gets done until the 11th hour? Rally folks to say "we are watching you and we want change" If it means taxes, bring it but we want results not waste.	1/24/2017 2:40 PM



598	We need to generate revenue, so start with a sales tax and/or income tax to take better care of what we already have in place, such as our roads, parks, infrastructure, etc. We need to become sustainable and free from relying on the oil industry. It has run its course and the time is now to find new revenue sources. Grow our arts and culture programs, it could utilize existing local talent and inspire community action. The city quite frankly needs a makeover, it is outdated in its vernacular and is lacking in a real authentic sense of place. The urban sprawl that lines our streets is only made worse by the lack of thoughtful planning in regards to the endless seas of strip malls. Anchorage is not leading in any particular industry, in order to attract fresh hot talented professionals and keep them here, we need to have the best of something...what are we right now? There should be action taken to attract developers who can create improved streetscapes and parks, trails, etc.	1/24/2017 1:42 PM
599	more trails and bike lanes. City-funded bikes downtown for tourists	1/24/2017 12:03 PM
600	Build the bridge to nowhere and make it somewhere great. Or at the very least a car ferry. Incorporate hydro electric turbines into the bridge to harness the incredible tidal power of Cook Inlet. Even if it has to be lifted out of the water or closed down for freeze up. There has to be a way around the ice issue. Invest in young people, not just education but their interests. We gotta introduce a tax. Capping the pfd may be somewhat effective but seemed like an idea from someone who doesn't really need it. Or at least make it marginal, so percentage of pfd awarded is income dependent. Low income getting 100% but those above average income losing most of it if not all. A marginal tax would probably be less controversial overall though. I'm speaking here from experience. I am a plumber but decided this year to be a stay-at-home dad, partly due to cost of childcare but also for the long term well being of my son. When my wife and I were both working, the PFD was a very nice bonus but this year, now down to one income, we really needed it. Thankfully we weren't relying on it to stay afloat but I'm sure for many, living pay check to pay check, the PFD is one of their only sources of security.	1/24/2017 8:25 AM
601	Reduce government assistance and put the money towards developing local farming	1/23/2017 9:35 PM
602	Using all or a portion of the permanent fund to offset the budget, continue to cut government spending and jobs, lower all government salaries, implement a small State income tax, implement a statewide sales tax, so that all Alaskans must contribute to help the economy.	1/23/2017 8:39 PM
603	Support for education and renewable and sustainable resource development businesses.	1/23/2017 7:07 PM
604	Increased availability of quality child care for those young families that are so critical to our community. Perhaps encouraging more employers to provide on-site childcare? I think we need to develop an overall vision for Anchorage. What do we want our communities to look like? I think we already do a good job in many ways, with our park & trail systems. But we do not provide what is needed for homeless people, among other things. I think a lot of the break-ins in some of our areas are likely homeless people looking for money to buy food. If we have a vision for Anchorage we can focus on that as we look at other project ideas, bonds, etc. - how do these ideas help us meet our vision?	1/23/2017 2:43 PM
605	We need to diversify more.	1/23/2017 2:31 PM
606	Safe streets and trails, improved public transportation, a welcoming environment for diverse populations, higher wages, support for small businesses	1/23/2017 1:40 PM
607	Continue to implement policies that foster and support economic diversification. Reduce regulations that do little to protect consumers while limiting businesses and opportunities. Alaska has many regulations that amount to crony capitalism and strangle businesses. The limits on small breweries that have been lobbied for by bars and restaurants are a prime example of these kinds of harmful regulations.	1/23/2017 11:32 AM
608	More opportunities for Americans and Alaskans in this state and	1/23/2017 9:47 AM
609	Awareness of community	1/23/2017 6:24 AM
610	Unknown.	1/23/2017 5:48 AM
611	Everything listed in opportunities section. Invest in tourism making Alaska a prime destination for winter tourists and not just summer. Getting to know your neighbors type of events and community involvement for healthy living can make Anchorage safer, healthier and more together. By having community leaders and home owner associations lead the movement of "community engagement" each community across Anchorage to work to compete in raising awareness, funds and healthy opportunities for non-profits and those in need within their own community. Technology including embracing mobile engagement and cloud platforms can help grow business and build community. Property improvements on older homes and commercial properties or the funding to support continuous property improvements to maintain the quality and living standards in older Anchorage homes, apartment complexes and commercial buildings.	1/23/2017 12:04 AM
612	Carbon fee and dividend for Anchorage. Become a sanctuary city for immigrants.	1/22/2017 10:24 PM
613	I need more time to think about this.	1/22/2017 10:19 PM
614	cut the crime, drug use and unemployment and the rest will fall into place.	1/22/2017 9:12 PM

615	Recruit great chefs!	1/22/2017 7:55 PM
616	Incentives for business to expand in the city and hire more.	1/21/2017 7:03 PM
617	First and foremost, quit focusing on public assistance. There are enough of us out there with good jobs that would like to purchase a home but can't because of the high cost of housing. We enable people in this state to be so dependent on public assistance that it's become an epidemic. We pay for their kids, their food, their medical, their housing, etc. Second, develop areas of housing that people with moderate incomes can afford. Not apartments, small houses. There are so many young/middle age people working and living here that would love to own their own homes but can't because a decent home in a decent area is upwards of \$300k.	1/21/2017 10:00 AM
618	Crime needs to be addressed...the amount of thefts and the policies regarding reporting is absolutely ridiculous. I learned that if your car is stolen, yet if anytime in the past you ever lent it to someone, regardless of it's nine months ago or more, the police can't place it on the stolen "hot list" for 7 days!! The DA's office said this law was so the rental car company's cant report a car stolen in case someone decided to use it just a little bit over their scheduled contract time.	1/20/2017 2:43 PM
619	simplify government processes (such as procurement) so long-term planning doesn't get the short end of the stick (precious time is being lost for the AMATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan because of the excessive time it took for get a consultant under contract . . . this will make it harder to develop as strong of a plan, which can have long-term consequences)	1/20/2017 1:37 PM
620	Hiring local, having a balanced budget and managing our resources efficiently. Also planning for our future, investing in education and diversifying our economy.	1/20/2017 9:01 AM
621	Work to clean up the city by exploring ways to help those in need through education programs that teach life & coping skills at the earliest stages to break the dependency cycle. Work to build on the things we all have in common rather than focusing on our differences, while respecting our individual cultures.	1/20/2017 8:01 AM
622	I support anything that boost the economy.	1/19/2017 10:47 PM
623	Moderate voters standing up for policy solutions that aren't driven by far right or left, especially the budget. Business, church, military, civic-duty and family leaders/elders do outreach to socioeconomic groups that don't read the papers and set high standards of expectation for community involvement and responsibility. Get UAA back to the basics of teaching students. Institute a mechanism for energy project planning/implementation to be integrated statewide, without be controlled by cult of personality, regional bias or campaign cycle.	1/19/2017 8:32 PM
624	Reduce property tax on commercial sites to draw in industry. Implement employment tax to gain benefits from people working and NOT buying here.	1/19/2017 6:16 PM
625	Schools, retraining opportunities to keep work force in Alaska. Lower the cost of Alaskan housing.	1/19/2017 4:32 PM
626	A pursuit to better educate our citizenry about the need to support our local government financially with acceptance of taxes, to support and value the employees of our government from teachers to police, firefighters to parks and rec employees and everyone in between and generally appreciate what a great city Anchorage is because of the commitment all our city employees, our neighbors, our friends.	1/18/2017 4:51 PM
627	Promote young entrepreneurial think tank/recreation activities. We push work/play but do we have enough opportunities and housing that support effort. Leverage young military for volunteer efforts - most don't have families here in Alaska and would enjoy volunteering to help solve housing/homeless issues.	1/18/2017 1:20 PM
628	Diversification of "production" jobs -- oil/gas jobs have been the mainstay of the economy for 40 years. Develop production jobs in mining, timber, fishing, industrial and micro scale power (renewal energy), various manufacturing with local raw materiel or locally available components. With decent jobs in every level of need (exec, mgmt, profes, service, labor), then retail, service, recreation etc. jobs will follow in support of the workforce. Homes, cars, "toys" follow that. Herberies and microbreweries are not going to sustain the population. Utilizing and managing the land and natural resources available to us, especially renewable resources like energy -- wind, tides or 24-hour solar during the summer -- and timber and fishing. Oil/gas and mining may eventually go away as extraction exhausts the supply, but producing with other resources will provide that resilience years to come.	1/18/2017 1:07 PM
629	support small local businesses - support local farmers - give them incentives to keep growing	1/18/2017 11:37 AM
630	Need an a solid plan to deal with our budget issues	1/17/2017 5:40 PM
631	income tax or sales tax - we must be willing to start paying for services. We have been spoiled for too long.	1/17/2017 4:37 PM
632	Maintain what we have and not overextend - too many variables in play.	1/17/2017 3:29 PM
633	A political atmosphere that favors small businesses	1/17/2017 2:28 PM
634	Seek ways to improve housing development by looking very hard at the regulations that seem to impede growth	1/17/2017 1:03 PM
635	more police, safer neighborhoods.	1/17/2017 11:46 AM

636	We need to figure out a way to better regulate dividends, tax non-residents, capitalize on our biggest industry; tourism.	1/16/2017 11:49 PM
637	Convince residents to voice their opinions and concerns to lawmakers and elected officials so their voice is heard and concerns are addressed. Nothing is free but sometimes it's hard to justify certain costs especially ones for local, state and federal goods and services until they are explained and quantified to the public. Long term growth in industries that will provide high paying long term jobs and careers that can be based locally and in Alaska.	1/16/2017 9:44 PM
638	- first and foremost, institute income and sales taxes to shore up schools and public infrastructure	1/16/2017 6:05 PM
639	Property owners need help with the tax base. The ASD needs to be more mobile. Better care for everyone. I was disappointed with the solution to the 6th Ave Parking Garage. Instead of 'closing' it and 'upgrading' it, it needed to address some of needs of the majority users: low income, homeless. A game room? Social and medical services need to be available. Maybe even space for a Bean's Cafe type program.	1/16/2017 6:04 PM
640	My community tends to be "big money" usually and is dominated by retirees and those connected to resource extraction industries and high-level public and private enterprise. However, I have heard that Anchorage and Alaska are some of the worst states to do business and to start a business. I spoke to a colleague at the SBA and he confirmed that municipal permitting and planning make it onerous to develop anything in town; having dealt with planning, I'm not surprised. They seem overworked and under-trained and informed of development plans. Combine a good reform of that with a purposeful engagement of new industries - tech, manufacturing, etc. - to bring them up here and we could further diversify the city's economy and open more career avenues.	1/16/2017 12:57 PM
641	Make this the kind of place that people want to come to live, raise families, invite visitors, retire, and leave to their great-grandchildren's grandchildren. Build on that!	1/16/2017 10:08 AM
642	Have a website for local business to promote and share for the community	1/16/2017 9:04 AM
643	Fiscal solutions to the state crisis, including new sources of revenue (income and/or sales tax) as well as a re-evaluation of the tax credits currently in place and which should be reduced or eliminated.	1/16/2017 9:01 AM
644	State income tax, sales tax	1/16/2017 6:16 AM
645	Renewable energy sources. Court Outside companies. Build denser housing near downtown. Improve parks and trails.	1/15/2017 10:45 PM
646	Improve and fund education	1/15/2017 10:19 PM
647	Seeking other avenues than sales tax to replace oil and gas revenue depletion	1/15/2017 10:14 PM
648	Investment in education, implement a sales tax on non-essentials to help balance our budget rather than cutting services that help make Anchorage a better community	1/15/2017 8:15 PM
649	Become a less segregated community, adopt more progressive views.	1/15/2017 9:59 AM
650	FBI- Friends, Brothers and Inlaws in Gov.	1/15/2017 12:59 AM
651	Stop crime!	1/14/2017 9:51 PM
652	Lobby the state to deal with the deficit. Institute a sales tax. Start charging nonprofits property tax of some kind	1/14/2017 8:29 PM
653	Seasonal income tax that can be waived with valid Ak license	1/14/2017 5:27 PM
654	Focus on infrastructure	1/14/2017 5:23 PM
655	Height restrictions on buildings should be abolished for the downtown Anchorage core. Mixed-development developments should be encouraged within the downtown Anchorage core. The Knik Arm Bridge should be constructed with light rail and the far shore should be zoned for mixed-use development to encourage young families to move into that area.	1/14/2017 5:00 PM
656	Not sure	1/14/2017 4:55 PM
657	Keep developing neighborhood programs and connecting newcomers to longtime Alaskans	1/14/2017 4:53 PM
658	The spread of knowledge. I think if we can make the people of anchorage more knowledgable about their finances then we will be stronger as a community. Also, more women in the work force.	1/14/2017 3:52 PM
659	Encourage investment and development of new industry sectors, prepare Alaskans through enhanced education and training programs,	1/14/2017 2:26 PM
660	1. Quality Control to make sure everyone is honest and the programs are working. 2. Houses & PROPERTY taxes & electric & water are all way over priced compared to outside (lower 48) everything is half or less ! Tax Church property, if not already.	1/14/2017 10:17 AM
661	Stability in property taxes and values, COLA considerations in utilities, particularly heating.	1/14/2017 9:54 AM

662	Open and fair competition applying for contracts with MOA, reduce union grip on city, make the public sector pay for their healthcare like the private sector does	1/14/2017 6:09 AM
663	Diversification.	1/14/2017 6:07 AM
664	See above.	1/14/2017 2:02 AM
665	State tax, support local small business, welcome active military stationed in our community, any hearings held in Juneau pertaining to Anchorage/Wasilla be held in Anchorage, for healthy children, gym should be a daily activity in our elementary schools, head start schools,	1/13/2017 10:37 PM
666	Encourage people to stay longer rather than move in, make a few years of money, and leave, taking the money with them	1/13/2017 10:04 PM
667	Sales tax, energy efficiencies, a stronger education system at the university level that encompasses our business community with the university, a push to bring in more national employers (not just oil/gas industry).	1/13/2017 8:43 PM
668	Connecting with ASD to provide practical career exposure, looking to vocational programs to support attracting new industries (maybe tech based), encouraging more safety on the streets with APD patrols so that people feel comfortable shopping locally, working with landlords to encourage stores to stay in midtown	1/13/2017 8:37 PM
669	Elect more progressive representatives to state government.	1/13/2017 8:21 PM
670	Support UAA growth and development	1/13/2017 7:56 PM
671	Increased investment in safety, resources for kids in poorer neighborhoods, increased investment and promotion of benefits of trails and parks	1/13/2017 7:52 PM
672	People need to come together and put their differences aside and work for the greater good.	1/13/2017 7:43 PM
673	Community safety Beautification city wide Clean streets and sidewalks Build the university system Bring back voc tech to middle and high schools A legitimate voc tech post high school program	1/13/2017 7:26 PM
674	Stop building strip malls and chains! Instead design pedestrian and bike friendly development that is mixed-use (business and residences). If people love where they live they will spend more money there and want to stay. Promote quality of life in Anchorage to outside businesses and/or provide incentives to businesses who open offices in Anchorage with permanent employees.	1/13/2017 6:50 PM
675	Greater diversification of products, goods and skills the city can offer global markets. Less reliance on oil and government expenditures.	1/13/2017 6:31 PM
676	Focus our efforts and resources on driving responsibility and citizenship. Prioritizing actions that improve our community versus things that make us feel better about ourselves would be a powerful start.	1/13/2017 5:54 PM
677	Tax incentives for businesses. Less hostile business climate towards resource development.	1/13/2017 5:52 PM
678	Social engineering to create a community that cares about education. It all comes from education. Not just "job readiness," (which is also important) but education. Creating well-rounded people who can think critically. Teenagers should be able to tell satirical news from real news. Adults should be able to have civil discussions online without resorting to name calling. Keep supporting parks and recreation, and the arts. Attract quality people to Anchorage Don't give tax breaks to oil companies! If they don't like it, they can leave (they won't. we have the resources and if one leaves, another will swoop in for their leftovers.) and we find an industry that attracts intelligent, educated people. High-tech industries like software engineering. Or the state could buy and operate the lands that these private companies are exploiting. Keep the wealth in Alaska. We are going to buy the gas pipeline and operate it, why can't the state operate their own oil fields and mines? As for my community in Sand Lake, I'd like to see some more mixed use zoning with contemporary modern homes. The new housing development has increased traffic substantially, which is a bummer. There is no public transportation to alleviate any of the traffic in anchorage, nor is there any sort of effort (social engineering) to entice anyone above poverty to use it. We shouldn't have banned uber. Creating tax-free for x number of years zones to certain industries to build in specific places can be used to fix areas like Fairview.	1/13/2017 5:38 PM
679	Celebration of entrepreneurs, communication and connections among those interested is similar ventures, a vibrant arts and culture community, some willingness to take risk but system in place to support those ventures that might be risky.	1/13/2017 5:04 PM
680	Perhaps a greater support to those that are trying to develop solutions that 'pencil out' immediately. Our geographic isolation should not be such a great deterrent to ingenuity.	1/13/2017 5:01 PM
681	Incentives for small business	1/13/2017 4:29 PM
682	Possibly something to do with vacant buildings, and the eyesore they create. Makes some areas appear unsafe	1/13/2017 4:22 PM
683	Shopping local. Encouraging those who are in pain or sick to seek reprieve from the use of cannabis. Renewable energy.	1/13/2017 4:16 PM

684	Less political Bullshit and more money actually spent on the community.	1/13/2017 3:55 PM
685	- Revisit fur ronds traditions; have more contemporary ideas. - invite large movie production companies to use our landscape, give incentives for green companies. - Hemp production. - be one of the leaders in the marijuana industry.	1/13/2017 3:50 PM
686	Support through tax or other incentives for businesses in small or non-existent industries.	1/13/2017 3:35 PM
687	Please plow the sidewalks so that people can work and shop safely.	1/13/2017 2:28 PM
688	Income tax; tax incentives for new industries	1/13/2017 12:13 PM
689	Continue incentives for the film industry, decrease taxes that deter tourism	1/13/2017 8:55 AM
690	Sales tax to offset property taxes, send all the damn homeless back to the lower 48, make it a priority to not touch the PFD until absolutely necessary!	1/13/2017 8:19 AM
691	Continue to develop community centers for commerce, driving down traffic costs. Upgrades to downtown to draw lively culture and unity and inviting to guests as well. Innovations on chain of supply to provide more local sourcing. Hold firm on outsourcing and industries that are unregulated (Uber, AirBnB, Amazon). I love innovation but not when it circumvents laws put in place for the greater good.	1/12/2017 11:54 PM
692	Income tax. Strong funding of education and childcare.	1/12/2017 10:31 PM
693	Maintain & improve public services	1/12/2017 9:55 PM
694	Lessen dependency on state money, make all residents pay tax, restart emissions testing, tax the military bases at a higher rate, figure out ways to attract companies that can take advantage of the air transportation of Anchorage's location	1/12/2017 9:01 PM
695	Eliminate corruption in government	1/12/2017 8:34 PM
696	Balance the state budget.	1/12/2017 7:32 PM
697	Live Work Play. And continue with Medicaid expansion/reform.	1/12/2017 2:28 PM
698	Better police force that cracks down on violence, drugs. We also need to have opportunities for job training at all levels to help people get employment and stay employed.	1/12/2017 12:15 PM
699	Actively soliciting technology companies to move support services (tech support, customer service) and even data centers to Anchorage.	1/12/2017 12:14 PM
700	Do some experimenting. Look for the most creative minds in architecture and engineering to help develop more clusters of homes that are off the grid, but in Anchorage, and self-reliant. Anchorage should take some stringent steps to combat our community's contribution to climate change. We should do all we can to reduce our carbon footprint and help remove carbon and other GHG from the atmosphere. We should be leading this in Alaska!!	1/12/2017 10:25 AM
701	Bring new business, like Uber to Anchorage, modernize the port, invest in infrastructure, and maintain public education.	1/12/2017 10:07 AM
702	State income tax and local sales tax to make sure our government has the resources to keep this city from falling apart. Better integration of prospective students--universities--and business community to make sure we are developing the workforce for what the future of Anchorage needs.	1/12/2017 9:23 AM
703	Sales tax over property tax, securing state and municipal pensions that are in place, encourage tourism.	1/11/2017 10:58 PM
704	Confront hard decisions. I know I won't like them. I may not like any of them. But not acting is worse.	1/11/2017 9:40 PM
705	Lower property taxes or cap. Cut city spending and overtime pay, no more raises not based on merit, tough on crime, keep downtown safe and clean and pretty for tourists.	1/11/2017 8:31 PM
706	Increase or encourage diversities of revenue streams. New industries, software center as I mentioned previously. Also, create efficiencies where we can to reduce the cost of business.	1/11/2017 7:39 PM
707	The State must find more revenue through income and sales tax initiatives. There is no way you can cut 3 billion plus out of the State Budget.	1/11/2017 7:31 PM
708	do not denigrate the PFD	1/11/2017 7:21 PM
709	How the tax cap is utilized and formatted is critical.	1/11/2017 5:52 PM
710	Diversify.	1/11/2017 5:24 PM
711	support of the entire entrepreneurial ecosystem--keep going with Launch Alaska and Alaska Venture Mentoring Services and accelerators, shore up MOA budget (taxes? diversification?), solve title 21 issues, support housing development	1/11/2017 4:53 PM

712	Keep an emphasis on providing a good education for both K-12 and post-secondary. Implement state laws that regulate health care charges.	1/11/2017 4:34 PM
713	Clean up and improve our parks, improve our trail systems, increase revenues through a reasonable tax structure, invest in our educational system, including UAA, limit the growth of the airport or move it, embrace our diversity as a community rather than trying to shut out new arrivals, improve our water treatment plant, invest in clean energy even if the investment initially costs more than current non-renewable fuels.	1/11/2017 4:19 PM
714	Better diversify tax base. Look at ways to keep own/rent/lease property reasonable for all incomes. See #4	1/11/2017 4:04 PM
715	We have powerhouse academics and community leaders who have studied Alaska's economic situation. Listen to them.	1/11/2017 3:56 PM
716	Study what works elsewhere. Stifle the naysayers and do that.	1/11/2017 3:49 PM
717	Not going crazy to get government funding for capitol projects for short term employment that leaves us with maintenance that we can't afford. Focus down on what we truly need	1/11/2017 3:21 PM
718	Find NEW ways.	1/11/2017 3:17 PM
719	do not dredge up the discrimination ordinance debate again allow micro housing to bloom in all its manifestations	1/11/2017 3:04 PM
720	Land development guidelines/muni code should be more streamlined and should be a less expensive and less time consuming process. More police patrols to keep down crime	1/11/2017 3:02 PM
721	Get tough on crime. People committing crime need to be responsible for their actions and due time. Build another prison. Hire guards. This will help the crime rate and help the economy. Snow plowing and street maintenance should be contracted out. Private sector can do it for less and city will not need to purchase high end equipment.	1/11/2017 2:41 PM
722	Maintain the existing tax regime. Don't make changes.	1/11/2017 2:11 PM
723	Number one and most important action that must be taken this year: the legislature has to fix our fiscal crisis and develop a long-range fiscal plan that will take us out of debt and put our budget and fiscal situation back on course.	1/11/2017 1:53 PM
724	Promoting higher education, tech/research culture and collaboration. Especially since Anchorage is an international hub, could have international exposure. Need to shift from resource focused industry to tech/research focused.	1/11/2017 1:23 PM
725	Stop oil tax credits, use that money for incentives to potential revenue streams. Cannabis industry, weatherization, small businesses, etc	1/11/2017 1:13 PM
726	Not sure.	1/11/2017 1:02 PM
727	Implement a MOA sales tax and lower property taxes accordingly.	1/11/2017 11:43 AM
728	Change the Administration and the Assembly, other than that the economy will only benefit the self serving.	1/11/2017 11:08 AM
729	Cut legislative per diems Invest in community revitalization projects Community watch programs	1/11/2017 10:40 AM
730	Education about the economic vitality of our economy, public support for new, emerging and environmentally sound business practices, encouraging diversity, classes about how to start and run businesses (fiscal education), pathways to encourage high school and college students to stay in Alaska and enter the AK marketplace	1/11/2017 10:32 AM
731	Encourage local industry. Implement a modest sales tax. Multi year budget, local and state.	1/11/2017 10:28 AM
732	More support for entrepreneurship especially for minorities & ak natives	1/11/2017 10:11 AM
733	First and foremost, complete the port of Anchorage, overhaul and upgrade our public transportation services (more buses that cover a larger area and run more frequently), more collaboration with UAA.	1/11/2017 9:57 AM
734	I'd like to see increased support for creating a sense of community with my Anchorage neighbors. Possibly with continued creative placemaking endeavors, active and engaged community councils, block parties and town holiday events that take place in local neighborhoods rather than having all of them take place downtown. Greater funding and support for education so we as a people are more flexible in hard economic times.	1/11/2017 9:56 AM
735	The tax burden needs to be shared and not placed solely on property owners. Native corporations need to provide social services for their members. Crime must be addressed. There is little hope for Anchorage's economy when criminals rule the streets.	1/11/2017 9:16 AM
736	Stop creating more entitlements in the public sector. We can't afford pension and medical promises.	1/11/2017 9:09 AM
737	Items listed in 2 & 3 above.	1/11/2017 9:04 AM
738	Keep making Mountain View attractive with new or remodeled spaces. Make great deals for rent to make businesses and restaurants want to invest here. Make the library bigger, we need more community space. More cop patrols and foot patrols in north Mountain View.	1/11/2017 8:52 AM

739	Government tightening it's belt, more private sector expansion, less dependency on government jobs	1/11/2017 8:42 AM
740	shrink government at all levels	1/11/2017 8:29 AM
741	Remodel or build homes for homeless. ( increases labor for building ) Enforce stronger building codes to make our city look good. ( Tourists will not come back to an ugly city)	1/11/2017 8:16 AM
742	Making sure we have a minimum wage that families can live on, health care reform to push costs down, look at tax structure to pay for public services, continue promoting a strong emphasis on education, and promote local hiring.	1/11/2017 8:13 AM
743	That the legislature establish a fair and sustainable tax system, that the State adequately fund and expand, not shrink the University system, that entrepreneurship be promoted and assisted.	1/11/2017 7:59 AM
744	Reduce taxes, outsource the public employees job to the private sector.	1/11/2017 7:54 AM
745	Make AK a Right to Work State.	1/11/2017 7:21 AM
746	Stop funding all idealistic avenues the same that necessary ones are funded. Although it is nice to be able to open our city to others and then financially help them to succeed here, it should not be coming at the expense of the quality of life of people who live here. And take a serious look at which programs are working to actually help people. Money is poured into programs that make people more dependent on the government to fund their lifestyle instead of themselves. Departments need to be held more accountable for their spending. Private sector companies greatly out-perform their government counterparts in some instances because of the way government organizations are run.	1/11/2017 6:28 AM
747	Tax to cover services.	1/11/2017 5:22 AM
748	State fiscal plan Continues adequate public investment Whatever happened to the Angel fund for small business incubation?	1/11/2017 3:41 AM
749	Refer to no.4	1/10/2017 11:58 PM
750	Get churches to start paying property taxes. Pay more attention to fixing problems than manufacturing problems like legitimizing fear of people who are different.	1/10/2017 11:15 PM
751	Add bus service, especially on weekends	1/10/2017 10:48 PM
752	Take away the PFD until the economy is strong again. It was "free" money anyway. Add an additional tax on cigarettes and alcohol sales within Anchorage. The Muni should look into Lean Six Sigma to correct potential inefficiencies in processes within the Muni to achieve cost savings there.	1/10/2017 10:32 PM
753	Make sure No monies are spent unless they are covered by confirmed Revenues.....No Debt issued if not covered by assets/Revenues.	1/10/2017 10:26 PM
754	Recruitment of Outside companies to locate offices in the community. Diversification of tax base away from oil revenue (and property taxes).	1/10/2017 10:12 PM
755	Institute an income tax and a local sales tax on durable goods (not food). State cuts are clearly weakening our economy; cuts are taking away jobs!	1/10/2017 9:06 PM
756	diverse economic base	1/10/2017 8:59 PM
757	Promote education at all levels. Education is the key to a great workforce.	1/10/2017 8:51 PM
758	more appealing neighborhood showcases. Totem theater is only 4\$ but it is an eyesore. Bring in more businesses and less rental properties so families that are positive would help Anchorage.	1/10/2017 8:50 PM
759	Help fund UAA make it a destination education for the arctic, tax all church holdings other than sanctuaries used for worship, take religion out of politics, require parents to feed their children before school and get them lunch. (have a fall back program for those in need but quit the entitlements), require businesses to clear the sidewalks in front of their properties, attract technology businesses, uber, summer tourist tax	1/10/2017 8:42 PM
760	Reorganize the University to include a community college...like we once had.	1/10/2017 7:48 PM
761	end overregulation of small businesses especially sole proprietor ones, get a handle on excessive profits in the medical/healthcare area	1/10/2017 7:29 PM
762	Diversity in planning for pathways without oil as the primary source of income.	1/10/2017 7:23 PM
763	Sales tax, even a seasonal one when all the tourists are here. The days of industry, oil or otherwise, paying for everything are over.	1/10/2017 7:22 PM
764	Elect responsible State Representatives who will be responsible to their positions.	1/10/2017 7:06 PM
765	Sales tax consideration, capital investment in infrastructure using federal monies.	1/10/2017 6:57 PM

766	Cut budgets State employee wage freeze	1/10/2017 6:40 PM
767	We need to continue to improve what is good in our community: parks, trails, roads, small businesses, and plan for sensible, sustainable growth that benefits us all.	1/10/2017 6:05 PM
768	Develop other Sources of Municipal Income, Business Licenses, and payment in Lieu of Taxes for Police and Fire from Tax Exempt entities.	1/10/2017 5:56 PM
769	listen to the people who live here, stick to the Anchorage 2020 plan, safer sidewalks, neighborhood streets, separated bike lanes, public transportation improvements, more community spaces, parks, natural spaces for people to recreate, relax, socialize	1/10/2017 5:30 PM
770	Less federal involvement	1/10/2017 5:29 PM
771	More neighborhood restaurants/wine bars. A health club!! Body renew left...:( We have Kaladi Brothers, Kincaid Grill and Tastee Freez...	1/10/2017 4:58 PM
772	simplify the zoning laws.	1/10/2017 4:39 PM
773	Raise the minimum wage. This is a feminist issue because it often affects families.	1/10/2017 4:38 PM
774	Build up our education opportunities. Build up our research capabilities, especially cold weather related issues. Build up testing capabilities.	1/10/2017 4:25 PM
775	Increasing self- / neighbor-reliance for food and decreasing reliance on outside shipping of goods and food. Anything we can do to encourage and build locally-grown and locally-produced lines will help us during the next natural disaster / war / shipping strike to avoid aisles of empty shelves at the stores.	1/10/2017 4:19 PM
776	Environmental education; protection of fragile resources; diversification of economy	1/10/2017 4:13 PM
777	Maintain an atmosphere that is conducive to new business.	1/10/2017 4:06 PM
778	We need a sales tax to diversify our local revenues and have more stable local income. Develop and support new industry.	1/10/2017 3:51 PM
779	Taxes as the free ride is over! Paying your share !!! Everyone equally	1/10/2017 3:48 PM
780	* Promote development, redevelopment, revitalization of areas needing help * Protect and expand quality of education, including workforce development opportunities * Not sure of a specific initiative, but essentially, Anchorage (and its residents) need to collectively grow up and start acting like an actual city, and not relying on old "frontier town" or "we're not like anywhere else" or "we like our rural lifestyle, in the middle of the largest city in the state" tropes. We are an urban area but it seems many people want to continue supporting policies that are suited to the suburbs or to small towns.	1/10/2017 3:43 PM
781	Focus on doing the best we can while government revenues are decreasing. Adjust quickly and fix healthcare costs.	1/10/2017 3:39 PM
782	Cut back on the give-away programs that encourage able-bodied people not to work for a living. Encourage, kindly push people "Back to Work" ;rather than the many "this is free for you, please sign up" programs Anchorage is pushing. The school system does not encourage parents to parent any longer, so parents slowly abdicate their responsibility onto society.	1/10/2017 3:28 PM
783	Promote more local small business development through micro-lending. Promote more development of small businesses by coordinating with land-use planning and mapping.	1/10/2017 3:23 PM
784	More decent housing options for people who are not wealthy. Diffusion of affordable housing throughout Anchorage. Greater investment in public transportation and transit-oriented development. New diverse revenue sources.	1/10/2017 3:22 PM
785	Encourage/assist economy diversification	1/10/2017 3:21 PM
786	Lower health care costs Put in sales tax and raise gas tax Raise hard liquor tax Raise cig and Tabacco tax	1/10/2017 3:18 PM
787	Decrease the size of government	1/10/2017 3:00 PM
788	Outreach to poor, education through trade schools and programs to reduce recidivism rates.	1/10/2017 2:55 PM
789	Eliminate the sta coed deck gerrymandered election districts & non-partician panel to draw "fair" boundries.	1/10/2017 2:55 PM
790	Continue with Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline project and complete alternate road bridge across Knik/Port MacKenzie.	1/10/2017 2:51 PM
791	Re-elect a republican mayor	1/10/2017 2:43 PM
792	I believe that paying some (progressively structured) taxes (hopefully not a huge amount) makes us all more invested in our community. Perhaps more "adoption" of things would encourage those with means to do more to help out (such as AWWU's "adopt a hydrant" where people clear the snow from hydrants in their neighborhood.	1/10/2017 2:41 PM



793	Strengthen neighborhoods with nearby economic centers to minimize transportation needs - stronger mass transit system with less reliance on auto travel.	1/10/2017 2:34 PM
794	Sales tax implementation with reduction in property tax. I'm happy to pay taxes but their is an imbalance when others don't feel like they are paying any. The other initiative should be a sustainable environment where we make decisions based on future benefits as opposed to the most current or salient.	1/10/2017 2:27 PM
795	cost-sharing - employment (head) tax, personal income tax. if we are to be the owner-state that Governor Hickel imagined, we must all become investors in the infrastructure and amenities that mark a great city. basic things - roads and bridges, telecommunications, police/fire protection, recreational resources, diversity.	1/10/2017 2:10 PM
796	Have more community policing, more neighborhood get together with officers, assembly people, etc	1/10/2017 2:09 PM
797	If the state doesn't do it, reinstate the school tax on a local level to support a top-notch education system with a comprehensive career and technical education program at ALL high schools.	1/10/2017 1:57 PM
798	Do not allow unchecked growth in Eagle River. The charm of our community is its small town atmosphere. Forcing high density housing on us does not allow us to adjust slowly to community changes.	1/10/2017 1:57 PM
799	Change property tax exempt stays of churches and non profits.	1/10/2017 1:39 PM
800	make the tough decisions to balance the budget, but not on the backs of one class to finace another class	1/10/2017 1:36 PM
801	Funding for public safety, mental health, substance abuse treatment. Stable housing, good education.	1/10/2017 1:30 PM
802	Incentives for compact, beautiful mixed use development in town centers, more planning like the Spenard Corridor Plan. Cottage food laws that allow more locally prepared foods to be sold at farmer's markets. Get rid of minimum parking requirements for buildings - owners will make sure they have enough parking or find creative means to get people to their business. When there are issues, like near Bear Tooth, the muni can facilitate discussions with affected parties to come up with solutions (neighborhood parking garages, shared parking, etc)	1/10/2017 1:26 PM
803	Continue to hire additional police and fire personnel and lobby the Legislature to find a financial solution to the current economic conditions.	1/10/2017 1:25 PM
804	Anything that happens in Alaska (outside of SE) benefits Anchorage, and Anchorage should actively support development elsewhere in the state. Improve transportation facilities, i.e. RR, Highways, Airports.	1/10/2017 1:24 PM
805	Requirements of actual experience in the field of expertise. Renegotiation of Pension and Health benefits for Union Employees Outlaw Union interference with elections	1/10/2017 1:23 PM
806	Protect our rainy day fund, continue to reduce government spending, continue to attract new industries to Anchorage.	1/10/2017 1:22 PM
807	Enforce land use rules to keep neighborhoods nice to retain property values	1/10/2017 1:20 PM
808	not sure	1/10/2017 1:15 PM
809	start with education	1/10/2017 1:12 PM
810	Need to eliminate taxes credits for oil companies. Restructure the Permanent Fund. Implement state income tax and increase gas tax.	1/10/2017 1:11 PM
811	Freeze the minimum wage, find affordable healthcare solution, cut the red tape for businesses to grow, support responsible resource development, keep our tourist industry thriving, UAA has become a massive bureaucracy and is not longer affordable for residents to attend-consolidate & find efficiencies to keep costs from ballooning out of control.	1/10/2017 1:07 PM
812	Looking more at solar power/natural resources, more alternatives than the oil industry.	1/10/2017 12:58 PM
813	Better developmen/tstrategic plans for how we go forward. Also, the muni needs to decide what it wants ANC to be before it starts planning.	1/10/2017 12:57 PM
814	Value added Sales tax. Crime prevention initiative. Investment in neglected neighborhoods (particularly beautification and pedestrian safety improvements in Mountain View, Fairview, and Airport Heights) Investment in renewable energy. Investment in city infrastructure and capitol. Desirable housing.	1/10/2017 12:56 PM
815	Move municipal elections back to November so more people will participate	1/10/2017 12:55 PM
816	Implement a sales tax, reduce property taxes. Continue building a welcoming community promoting diversity, race, gender, orientation, etc... Develop incentives for knowledge based business to establish themselves here.	1/10/2017 12:55 PM
817	Make prudent and sustainable changes to state spending while maintaining essential services with less reliance on oil revenues. Increase employment through (1) decreased development regulatory requirements, (2) increased military presence and associated federal revenues, and (3) increase tourism through value-add marketing efforts, adding cruise ship berths at the port and additional airline gates at Ted Stevens Airport.	1/10/2017 12:48 PM
818	Sustainable state budget and good local managment	1/10/2017 12:46 PM

819	I'd like to see economic development organizations pivot from playing parochial small-ball toward a more concerted effort designed to bolster and buttress foundational economic drivers impacting state and local communities (including Anchorage).	1/10/2017 12:41 PM
820	Reinforce the ability for Anchorage residents to engage in community problem solving and dialogue. Provide more opportunities for civic involvement that encourages education about the way our a healthy society is intended to work. We can spend all the money we want on law enforcement, but if folks are failing to thrive there will never be enough money. Start looking at the root of the problem and turn down all the ideological noise-- it's not helping.	1/10/2017 12:38 PM
821	Consider taxes to balance budget.	1/10/2017 12:38 PM
822	Fund education	1/10/2017 12:33 PM
823	Open minds need to embrace change	1/10/2017 12:32 PM
824	Removal of onerous regulations and land use codes, foundational checks on government spending and growth, and limitation on new taxation will allow for a more dynamic private sector.	1/10/2017 12:31 PM
825	Support state government to collaborate on an economic plan for the state going forward. Support education. Support health care reform (not repeal)	1/10/2017 12:28 PM
826	Raise minimum wage. Stop corporate welfare to oil companies Promote low income housing, and making sure that it is NOT the throw-away junk previously built in "boom" cycles. Institute local sales tax (possibly seasonal) Institute statewide income tax Add more police, more fire, public safety Improve public schools (not vouchers or other government support of private schools) Improve mental health, drug & alcohol addiction services to help get the homeless out of our streets and parks.	1/10/2017 12:27 PM
827	Drop permanent fund and use another tax system for oil. Require oil workers to live in state or give a big tax.	1/10/2017 12:25 PM
828	Increased access to capital for small, minority-owned businesses that can't access SBA or private financing. Improved workforce development training that meets the needs of residents. More assistance to low-income, first-generation college students throughout the preparation and application process so that lack of familiarity with the system doesn't prevent them from preparing for and attending college.	1/10/2017 12:20 PM
829	Improved highway system, more lanes, continue limited access through Merrill-MidTown Corridor.	1/10/2017 12:15 PM
830	Public Forums to discuss the sustainability of Municipal Services and the costs associated with those services.	1/10/2017 12:10 PM
831	Better infrastructure especially for public and nonmotorized transportation. Better mix of businesses in neighborhoods.	1/10/2017 12:03 PM
832	Tax incentives to invest in neighborhoods with high unemployment, improved access to training for the trades for non college bound, improved public transportation to key employment hubs. More community style policing.	1/10/2017 11:47 AM
833	Tax the visitors and people who work seasonally and take their wages outside while using our free infrastructure.	1/10/2017 11:46 AM
834	Limited spending	1/10/2017 11:46 AM
835	Diversify revenue sources and employment opportunities.	1/10/2017 11:42 AM
836	Sustainable, durable, fair state fiscal plan	1/10/2017 11:41 AM
837	Statewide income tax.	1/10/2017 11:39 AM
838	See 4 & 5 above	1/10/2017 11:35 AM
839	Taxes should be broader, in particular to include those who use the services they provide. Sales tax and bed taxes are expected by travelers and they need the roads, police etc just like we do. I think property taxes should support schools and the like, things those traveling through don't use.	1/10/2017 11:31 AM
840	State of Alaska institutes a sales tax and income tax on residents and any business operating in the state.	1/10/2017 11:27 AM
841	I'm not sure.	1/10/2017 11:24 AM
842	lower taxes, reduce state and local government and its cost, reduce costly regulations enable liberty not require more conformity	1/10/2017 11:22 AM
843	Does Anchorage have any Economic Zones? Are we tech friendly to new ideas? Startups?	1/10/2017 11:20 AM
844	I don't know.	1/10/2017 11:19 AM
845	Advanced education opportunities is the key to nearly everything else.	1/10/2017 11:19 AM
846	Investments based in measures and outcomes towards quality of life outcomes.	1/10/2017 11:18 AM
847	Support for our military community. Maintaining good infrastructure and low tax rates.	1/10/2017 11:14 AM

848	1. Capture the power of consultation from the APU/UAA business and other faculty. What does the Alaska based research say are things we can do now and short term future? For instance, do we have the bandwidth to support healthcare, business functions, training and education? If we do, we are prepped to reduce healthcare costs, improve business efficiency as well as maintain a trained workforce plus potentially reduce the cost of education.	1/10/2017 11:12 AM
849	Support public services and infrastructure.	1/10/2017 11:11 AM
850	encouragement of development, less restrictions on building	1/10/2017 11:08 AM
851	No income tax to offset government short falls. Use of permeant fund for government services. Two man no-call police units between 7pm and 3am to keep our streets safe and reduce crime activity.	1/10/2017 11:07 AM
852	New ways to generate revenue like a sales tax.	1/10/2017 11:07 AM
853	Expand tax base, tax religious entities - even if to cover street maintenance, police and fire (consider changes to mill rate to cover portion of city cost used by religious entities).	1/10/2017 11:07 AM
854	365 day inclusion by all business and active effort to involve locals - more like this survey. Involve everyone, not just the who's-who of big business. How can we encourage tourist and locals to come to 3rd avenue when there is no lighting - flowers - garbage cans - snow removal in a timely manner - street cleaning - parking enforcement. You don't need to take my word for it. Next time it snows or you see a street sweep go by - go look how long or well these services are in other parts of town like 3rd avenue and outskirt locations. No one enforces parking unless you call and complain. Pretty Christmas lights and flower pots of 4th avenue. Rusty railings and uneven sidewalks - patched streets and garbage on other streets. The big-business hotels get to take up all the parking leaving little for small local business and residents and no one respects parking and right-of-ways for the elderly and business use because it is rarely enforced. Go back to the basics and build an ALL inclusive city and stop poring money into big-business locations. Starts spreading the wealth if you wish to ensure the economic resilience to our community. And include locals in your decision making process. Like this survey - thanks for asking.	1/10/2017 11:03 AM
855	Encourage economic diversity, review and reduce government regulations, encourage competition in the health care industry.	1/10/2017 11:03 AM
856	Diversify	1/10/2017 11:02 AM
857	Reasonable, small changes to taxation system. Throw all the politicians currently feeding at the trough of government "service" and start over. Term limits.	1/10/2017 11:02 AM
858	Folk are not going to invest in Anchorage if they don't see long term opportunity - that means getting the state's economy sorted. We also need to take advantage of some great new opportunities from technology - e.g., Quintillion - and look to create value added rather than just exporting raw goods.	1/10/2017 10:58 AM
859	smaller government	1/10/2017 10:43 AM
860	Diversity	1/10/2017 10:42 AM
861	We have to have a more broad based tax.	1/10/2017 10:41 AM
862	Diversify, Diversify, Diversify	1/10/2017 10:39 AM
863	No sales tax. Keep the PFD. Continue the road work improvement projects.	1/10/2017 10:39 AM
864	See above.	1/10/2017 10:38 AM
865	Long range fiscal planning at the state and local level. Advance funding of education.	1/10/2017 10:38 AM
866	Kill the petro subsidies. Implementation of 15% state graduated income tax	1/10/2017 10:38 AM
867	Recognize that Anchorage must compete with other communities and entice development rather than try to set a high bar that potential economic development must jump over to get the privilege of settling in Anchorage	1/10/2017 10:37 AM
868	We have to do something about the homeless population in Anchorage. It doesn't look good or make people feel safe. We should also condemn the unsightly buildings in and around downtown so they can be replaced with more attractive structures that send a welcoming message.	1/10/2017 10:34 AM
869	Stop subsidizing oil/fossil fuels and especially the major companies. We need more smaller local companies playing in this market. Local property taxes in Anchorage are excessive - ASD budget is excessive - we need good living wage jobs - but we also need an affordable community for those who are NOT government or oil industry employees.	1/10/2017 10:34 AM
870	Tear down vacant buildings or, in the case of the 4th Avenue Theater, restore historic properties so we don't have eye sores and unattractive nuisances discouraging others from investing in our neighborhoods.	1/10/2017 10:32 AM
871	Drug test all public assistant recipients.	1/10/2017 10:32 AM
872	increased and targeted investment in higher education and northern professions and skills	1/10/2017 10:32 AM

873	Have the money to support State government.	1/10/2017 10:32 AM
874	Change in tax policy including PFD, income/ sales tax, etc. Give \$1000 max to families, but no longer provide a subsidy to families... make sure that folks have a living wage. The time of handouts needs to be over.	1/10/2017 10:31 AM
875	Municipal permitting should be streamlined with a focus on how to make projects work not trying to find reasons to hinder and restrict development. To many good intentions in the permitting process render new projects to expensive or not economic.	1/10/2017 10:30 AM
876	tax incentives for businesses to open and stay in the city. remove barriers that have been raised by community councils working out turf wars. Teach the assembly business 101	1/10/2017 10:30 AM
877	Eliminate the PFD - use the money to narrow the budget gap. New taxes.	1/10/2017 10:28 AM
878	Continued leaving it a bedroom community. Embrace small businesses.	1/10/2017 10:27 AM
879	Smaller city budget.	1/10/2017 10:27 AM
880	Support entrepreneurship. Support community redevelopment.	1/10/2017 10:25 AM
881	Get rid of discrimination!	1/10/2017 1:03 AM
882	Create a completion with a \$10,000 cash award for the best ideas for economic development that can be achieved in 24 months. Like the X Prize Foundation.	1/10/2017 12:54 AM
883	Alaskans should pay taxes. We should stop insisting that oil companies pay for everything.	1/9/2017 6:56 PM
884	Incentives. Incubators.	1/9/2017 5:16 PM
885	Cutting spending, exploiting more tourism, and continuing to develop our Natural Resources.	1/9/2017 4:17 PM
886	Trails, partnering with developers on infrastructure and a development advocate on the city government side	1/9/2017 3:23 PM
887	Balance the state budget, impose sales and income tax, support clean energy and climate change mitigation, stop coal mining	1/9/2017 12:53 PM
888	On-going active recruitment of new business to offset the reliance on the oil industry and the federal/state government,	1/9/2017 11:37 AM
889	Addressing the above. More educated and prominent figures and organizations need to be willing to educate the naive portions of the system, and get tougher on the leadership who are not addressing the inevitable outcome of the present direction. Also during a time of cutting budgets, our leadership need to re-address their basic functions - protecting the public with law and orders, basic transportation, education. With money less available, extras need to go away, not these ridiculous "across the board" cuts in troopers, courts, schools. There should be no legislative or governor staff people before a trooper is taken off the Seward highway, or out of a remote rural community.	1/9/2017 11:23 AM
890	Easier in town transport	1/9/2017 10:51 AM
891	Better education system requiring all students to stay in school until 18yrs old. More support of small businesses catering to the local population.	1/9/2017 9:59 AM
892	Better public transportation, getting our budget in order, and trying to make this place safer.	1/9/2017 9:11 AM
893	We need more police presence.	1/9/2017 8:37 AM
894	Get rid of the governor of Alaska. Reinstate the PFD, quit spending so much money on government.	1/9/2017 7:59 AM
895	Protect the working class and competitive labor force by avoiding income taxes and decreasing those burdens caused by providing excessive social services to the non-working class.	1/9/2017 7:47 AM
896	I think a reasonable (single digit) income tax for ALL employees who earn money in this state! THIS INCLUDES OUT OF STATE SLOPE WORKERS. I feel this would help immensely with decreasing the burden on the residents and the outrageous property taxes we deal with every year that seem to go only one direction....UP!	1/9/2017 7:09 AM
897	Increase oil and gas production	1/8/2017 9:27 PM
898	The Building Safety department needs a rethink. Liability for structures rests with the engineers and builders, but the department makes demands over and above what reasonable engineers think is prudent. I know a number of engineers and architects who will not work in Anchorage any more. It adds to costs up front, to costs to build, and the time required to get projects done.	1/8/2017 9:17 PM
899	seasonal sales tax and an income tax	1/8/2017 8:30 PM

900	Instead of fighting over who is doing what or who said what. It's time the leaders stand up and do the jobs theyou fought to get. Hold them to the standards they promised us. We the community also need to hold ourselves more accountable for ourselves and our communities. We need to help each other, when we see crime report it. We have to quit turning our heads. When someone needs help it should not be so hard. I see drug addicts, 30 year old fully capable people on welfare but the lady down the street that just lost her husband, and had no insurance not be eligible for any help. We have to makes jobs more accessible to everyone. I know people that want to work but can't because of transportation. Help with education, I am 57 years old I have 10 children '6 adopted' I worked for many years with the homeless alcoholics, and own my own home. I never graduated from high school because of circumstances somewhat beyond my control. I tried to take the GED a few times , math is the only subject that I fail because I just don't understand Algebra. Yes there are a lot of jobs that require a person to know more than adding to fractions to decimals. Every job has different requirements and I feel that the education system has a huge impact on our economy.	1/8/2017 7:25 PM
901	Statewide and local government fiscal plans and development initiatives that support and encourage investment	1/8/2017 6:46 PM
902	create a business friendly environment (see above). Stabilize our budget and continue to hire cops.	1/8/2017 5:42 PM
903	We need to help the state establish a sound fiscal plan and then work with them to reduce future reductions in funding. We also need to look to see if we can share overhead costs with the state and/or other communities in the state.	1/8/2017 4:04 PM
904	Not sure	1/8/2017 4:04 PM
905	put police back to work on all crimes not just major crimes. get rid of that sb91 or whatever its called more police would make people feel safer rather than let all the thieves get away with a slap on the wrist.	1/8/2017 3:45 PM
906	Reasonable mass transit and child care to help people get to workplaces	1/8/2017 3:15 PM
907	Small business support measures. Continue embracing ethnic and economic diversity. Support state income tax with % revenue allocated to cities but with some rebate or break for true AK residents.	1/8/2017 2:22 PM
908	A strong review of government and non-profit services Anchorage provides. Are they all necessary, should some agencies in both government and non-profit be combined lessening the need for multiple executive directors, offices, etc. More money could then be spend on purpose of agency. More diversifying of UAA classes that were formerly taught by Anchorage Community College and Community Schools helping individuals become more knowledgeable thus improving their work skills.	1/8/2017 2:16 PM
909	Making it a safe city	1/8/2017 2:13 PM
910	Diversify, look at ways of attracting new industry here	1/8/2017 10:02 AM
911	Better oversight in both corporate and governmental issues to promote the gradual and sustainable development of Alaska	1/8/2017 9:03 AM
912	Encourage private investment from around the world in new industries and enterprises, focus on quality of life, retain tourism focus.	1/8/2017 7:42 AM
913	Diversify the economy by exploring new sources of income. Build infrastructure so that new industries have a base to stand on. Increase education opportunities, reduce crime and make Anchorage a more hospitable place to live and do business.	1/8/2017 6:41 AM
914	dealing with taking away opiates from addicted people and them only having resource of heroin instead of rehab facilities	1/8/2017 2:05 AM
915	Tougher crime bill, more police force, Using what we have in place to attract more conventions and more individual travels to the state.	1/7/2017 10:44 PM
916	Real policing. Stop enabling criminals and criminal behavior. Stop trying to "understand" the problem and actually work to fix it. Stop catering to low lifes so that decent people can stand living here. Tax out of state Slopers. Penalize oil companies for hiring non-Alaskans. Lower property taxes. Balance the budget. Make public employees buy their own health insurance or open their health insurance to all taxpayers Incentivize local business over chain box stores. Focus on making a community by and for locals instead of the States/world. Don't let people vote on tax-increasing ballot measures unless they are part of the population who will be paying the increased tax.	1/7/2017 10:25 PM
917	Native corporations contributing to their own communities instead of out of the state; more investigation into state benefits fraud	1/7/2017 9:58 PM
918	Better Governmement officials	1/7/2017 6:20 PM
919	Diversify tax base, eliminate some of the exemptions that are no longer sensical- Many stem from a very different era	1/7/2017 6:06 PM
920	Assembly should support small business development efforts and education; need to work to bring dollars back from Juneau	1/7/2017 5:55 PM

921	Encourage diversity of industries - more incentives for other industries, less tax breaks for the oil industry. Keeping no sales tax to encourage folks to spend money locally. Cracking down on crime (theft in particular) to keep Anchorage a desirable place to live - hard to keep the economy booming if people don't feel safe and want to move away.	1/7/2017 5:47 PM
922	Affordable education and job placement/coaching services.	1/7/2017 5:17 PM
923	Produce something. I don't even care what, just make something. Preferably something that people will buy.	1/7/2017 4:56 PM
924	Sell our location as a global supplier	1/7/2017 4:18 PM
925	Dramatically increase support for the university(ies), and educate the populace on the importance of universities to the economy. Address the frightful crime issues. Seek ways to down the cost of healthcare.	1/7/2017 4:04 PM
926	I think the strength of Anchorage is the trail system, the parks, the indoor and outdoor activities that take advantage of the beauty of the state and the friendliness of the people. These are the kinds of things that bring people to the city and keep them here, even when times are tough.	1/7/2017 3:52 PM
927	Devote funds to education to ensure a bright future	1/7/2017 3:39 PM
928	Micro-financing opportunities for small business owners. Increased access to education and training opportunities to help get skills they need. Also, affordable and accessible health care - when people aren't healthy, nothing else matters. They can't work to their greatest potential, parenting is harder and we minimize the intense energy and power that people have inside of them. Not to mention, sick people make more sick people which then causes all kinds of challenges across the community.	1/7/2017 3:27 PM
929	Keep local government funded.	1/7/2017 2:54 PM
930	Better police.	1/7/2017 2:40 PM
931	More child care with some form of system so that it's a better business to be in AND is available and accessible to families; encourage family-friendly policies; strengthen education-mentorship-career pathways and cast broad net to include people throughout city; Resist calls to block or deport migrants - this would tear apart community rather than correct a jobs situation; improve and/or continue efforts to support small businesses and motivate locals to support locals (also Alaska is local).	1/7/2017 2:35 PM
932	Increased availability of equity capital for early stage businesses	1/7/2017 2:25 PM
933	Changes to zoning and permitting to incentivise building need rentals and homes. Assist small businesses. More police presence. Partial year sales tax or allow for more cannabis business so the city can benefit from the taxes.	1/7/2017 2:14 PM
934	No new taxes and smaller government. Less regulations/costs to new and existing businesses.	1/7/2017 2:05 PM
935	Statewide solution to the staggering budget deficit; maintenance of high quality public education; control over gang violence.	1/7/2017 1:58 PM
936	promote local business's, attract large corporations though tax and growth incentives, make mining, oil, fishing etc companies have a local office and personnel.	1/7/2017 1:47 PM
937	Take off the blinders and encourage new ideas and thinking.	1/7/2017 1:38 PM
938	Full funding of education by the legislature, holding the oil and gas industry to a reasonable standard for taxation (we shouldn't be paying them when oil prices are low), gasoline development and natural gas exports, and personal income tax implementation.	1/7/2017 1:32 PM
939	Serious consideration of a fairly administered sales tax.	1/7/2017 1:31 PM
940	Invest in local	1/7/2017 1:22 PM
941	We need to protect ourselves against crime	1/7/2017 1:20 PM
942	Educate for technology jobs and invest in creating those jobs locally.	1/7/2017 1:20 PM

943	Continue to have the community councils and perhaps endow them with more powers to suggest ideas and improve their areas. Give property tax breaks to communities that voluntarily lower their crime rate, clean up the areas, and where appropriate, provide spaces for small businesses that employ local people. Keep a lobbyist or two working overtime during the session in Juneau to show how important Anchorage is to the movement of goods to the rest of the state. During the interim offer exchanges so other legislators can see for themselves how Anchorage industry benefits them. The Muni could work more closely with the tourism and geotourism industry to promote local jobs and use Anchorage as a travel hub. Keep up the support of the Downtown Partnership. Clean up East Anchorage and Mountain View! Those community councils are struggling and failing to provide their residents with a safe environment to live in. Get them the professional community guidance they need to be successful places to live and work. The Muni should adopt TNR (trap, neuter, return) for feral felines. As a member of a cat rescue group we see horrible suffering by these abandoned and neglected animals who only propagate their situation without interference. Negotiate with JBER to provide transportation of family pets with their owners when they are transferred out. Right now many just dump the cats and dogs; the lucky ones are abandoned in the night at the animal shelter.	1/7/2017 12:56 PM
944	more money for enforcement and mitigation	1/7/2017 9:15 AM
945	1. Support cohesive economic development in Anchorage that promotes walkability and neighborhood-scale development while limiting sprawl; 2) A farmers market pavilion in downtown Anchorage (or Ship Creek) that will unify Anchorage's (too) many farmers markets while providing basic infrastructure to farmers/food entrepreneurs.	1/7/2017 9:01 AM
946	Do more to encourage businesses to come to Anchorage. When movie companies were given incentives to shoot movies, our local business grew. Perhaps we were giving away too much - but surely we can provide something to incentivize companies.	1/7/2017 8:42 AM
947	Examine current trends in how small businesses can grow, and avoid dependence on too select resources (diversify).	1/7/2017 8:41 AM
948	Continuing to work on trails/bike community, making anchorage a walkable winter city and inviting place for people to live and visit, improving public transportation	1/7/2017 7:22 AM
949	If we do not feel safe going out, the economy will suffer.	1/7/2017 6:15 AM
950	It's hard to find "specifics" in this area - as I sort of said before in #4 goes within ability to attract new business - what does our city have if the numbers decline - what ability to bring new business if "big oil" slows down (which ironically my heart desires but not my pocket book) I don't envy the position of our elected leaders or he ADC for coming up with the plans but great job on outreach for someone that may have an excellent idea(s).	1/7/2017 5:22 AM
951	Simplify the rules/regulations that govern businesses thereby allowing them to grow and thrive instead of struggle and die. Also support a program that educates business owners in running a business.	1/7/2017 4:03 AM
952	Hold the legislature accountable to fix the state problems. Invest in education. Continue to encourage new business opportunities. Stabilize the port. Avoid implementing regressive tax schemes like a sales tax.	1/7/2017 1:25 AM
953	Not sure. What are the choices? Try them all!	1/7/2017 12:46 AM
954	Federal funding for more senior housing, in the medical industry. State and federal security	1/7/2017 12:26 AM
955	We have the highest rate of domestic violence...child abuse and rape in their country....the city would save a fortune in emergency services alone if we provided treatment. The cost of a large facility would pay for itself if we compared the cost of legal devices. .medical costs. .policing and children's services. The human cost is the most heartbreaking. This would be number one. Number 2 would be focused on housing and 3 arts and new city planning to make small hubs that people want to go to throughout our town.	1/7/2017 12:14 AM
956	I'd love	1/6/2017 11:38 PM
957	Cut down on needless spending and focus on making opening a business easier. The Small Business Development Center is AMAZING!	1/6/2017 11:07 PM
958	Continue to support and grow small businesses	1/6/2017 11:07 PM
959	A focus on what's good for business. In my opinion that would mean public education, public transportation, public health, and public housing.	1/6/2017 10:31 PM
960	Heavily tax alcohol, tobacco, and weed	1/6/2017 8:57 PM
961	Institute a local sales tax to enhance the revenue base - not to substitute for property tax, which again is almost non-existent in comparison to communities of our size. South Addition and areas near downtown and other employment centers need to allow for increased densities so our kids can afford to live here. Increase University funding and scholarships for AK kids. Improve funding of Anchorage schools - reduce class size, provide for diverse programs.	1/6/2017 8:30 PM
962	One example of cost saving is a revamp of public transportation. I believe some action is already in review by the Authority. The new development on Spenard Rd. which has businesses on the ground floor and apartments on top are not a new idea, but a revival of a very old concept. Live where you work.	1/6/2017 7:44 PM

963	Replace Mayor and Assembly Enforce Laws Low Taxes	1/6/2017 6:44 PM
964	Diversity (can you sense the theme here? :) ). Attract companies and organizations that can attract talent so the economy can be awesome regardless of oil prices and tourism. People that live here, work here, play here... keeping parks and trails in good condition (again to attract people to live here), good restaurants, Bring up Whole Foods and Trader Joe's (!).	1/6/2017 6:30 PM
965	Sales tax Knik Arm Bridge	1/6/2017 6:28 PM
966	more transparency in local government	1/6/2017 6:01 PM
967	I live in Bear Valley, and I think our neighborhood would benefit from paved roads and lighting up Clarks Road.	1/6/2017 5:13 PM
968	Introduce limited money from outside to rule elections.	1/6/2017 4:41 PM
969	State fiscal plan,	1/6/2017 4:22 PM
970	A stable taxation and financing system.	1/6/2017 4:15 PM
971	More renewable energy produced and used. A campaign to challenge Alaskan's to start small and large businesses, by using their Small Business Association training and counseling. Getting successful business leaders to mentor and fund or loan money. GET CRIME UNDER CONTROL... I have never before the past year heard so many long term Alaskan's say "The high crime and feeling unsafe in Alaska has me thinking of moving out of state"	1/6/2017 4:05 PM
972	Better policing	1/6/2017 3:54 PM
973	I don't really understand what we currently do to promote economic development, but it doesn't seem that it is well publicized. Perhaps additional marketing to industries that could operate in Alaska is warranted. Apologies, if my perceptions are simply inaccurate.	1/6/2017 3:52 PM
974	Help small businesses grow, create grants for start up businesses.	1/6/2017 3:50 PM
975	Good question, the state needs to take care of our fiscal crisis if Anchorage has a chance of blossoming into a better community. Locally, we should be taking action to help support and clean up areas of town like Muldoon, Fairview, etc.	1/6/2017 3:45 PM
976	More community- the perfect example in my opinion in Fire Island bakery. A small, local bakery that people in the neighborhood can walk to and interact and that makes the community feel brighter. Make it easy for people to know how important the local community is and how their actions can impact the health of that community. And make it easy for them to support local - like the Alaska Made. When I was in high school, everyone had alaska grown sweatshirts. Alaska pride was cool. Pride in anchorage should be just as cool if we want people to be supportive of the community.	1/6/2017 3:41 PM
977	I think we need to start focusing on making our communities as self-sustainable as possible. We should be able to produce our own food, produce our own green power/ electricity, and even to some degree produce our own products for daily living. We need to end our dependence upon long-distance shipping. Technology is advancing fast enough that we can do this, if we just invest in the infrastructure. With 3-D printing making leaps and bounds, we just need to have the will to make it happen.	1/6/2017 3:37 PM
978	We need to vote in a sales tax and dedicate the funds to building one project at a time. We also need to use the funds to create public safety. We need to get off of the statistical charts for abuse, assault, rape etc. We need to use the funds to market Alaska year round. First we rely only on oil, then we have a bright spot, tourism, we cut them off by reducing the advertising and marketing dollars to pennies. Ridiculous.	1/6/2017 3:31 PM
979	See #4 above. Lower taxes per se isn't the answer — good, quality businesses looking to locate in Anchorage accept taxes everywhere else in the country; we just have to show them that this city spends its revenue wisely, to ensure a safe, quality living experience that highlights the natural amenities this city can offer, that so many other cities our size can't.	1/6/2017 3:30 PM
980	Incentivize development of business models that bring in Outside dollars to our community that are not tied to oil.	1/6/2017 3:30 PM
981	Minimum wage raised, promote small and local businesses. Increase educational opportunities and funding, support progressive and sustainable use of resources.	1/6/2017 3:29 PM
982	Legislative actions taken on amounts healthcare providers can charge. Institute more taxes AND cut social programs.	1/6/2017 3:09 PM
983	Sales Tax, PFD cap, investments in technology, reductions in crime	1/6/2017 3:07 PM
984	Not sure I'm not an ecomomisy	1/6/2017 3:05 PM
985	Find a way to fix the port, expand recreation opportunities in the muni, sales tax,	1/6/2017 2:44 PM
986	Take care of the problems.	1/6/2017 2:41 PM
987	More income coming into the state to support state jobs and functions	1/6/2017 2:30 PM



988	Encourage walkability: the city made Spenard a thoroughfare neighborhood with Northern Lights, Benson, Spenard, and worst of all, Minnesota	1/6/2017 2:28 PM
989	Clean up the city elections- ordinance making it illegal for any assembly member who receives over 5\$ from city unions to vote on city union contracts.	1/6/2017 2:19 PM
990	Deal with the crime and gangs so our city is not the most dangerous on the polls	1/6/2017 2:19 PM
991	The boom and bust cycle has been Alaska's main form of economy since the beginning. May need to change the city charter to allow a savings account. Will e mail assembly/mayor re thoughts on sales tax.	1/6/2017 2:19 PM
992	increase the police force and their presence in the community	1/6/2017 2:15 PM
993	Invest in Downtown, Train/Build the workforce of tomorrow, Incentivize Housing and Commercial Development	1/6/2017 2:13 PM
994	I think the governor and legislature/ senate overreach and excessive spending, raiding the PFD is not helping. Why take all those trips governor to sell a gas pipe line we dont have? More Vocational Schools to train for trade jobs in-state for young people who may not have money for college.	1/6/2017 2:13 PM
995	oppose cuts to federal spending that reduce spending in Alaska encourage state to adopt a state income tax encourage state to adopt a oil and gas tax structure that increases Alaska's share of net profits.	1/6/2017 2:13 PM
996	Better public transit, initiatives that support traffic to new or small businesses	1/6/2017 2:01 PM
997	Angel Fund-type support to help grow new businesses in new areas.	1/6/2017 1:55 PM
998	Continued focus on education and quality of life so families want to be here	1/6/2017 1:53 PM
999	?????	1/6/2017 1:53 PM
1000	Too long to text	1/6/2017 1:52 PM
1001	better planning for all parts of the economy	1/6/2017 1:50 PM
1002	invest in an educated workforce	1/6/2017 1:49 PM
1003	Anchorage first recognize that it is a long-term boom town. Operating as a city that exists within a regional context that it is competitive is wrong. Anchorage is not competitive with other Pac. West cities. Anchorage is a unique and great place to live, recognizing it as an outpost where people have opportunities to be close to power and to start businesses that meet its specific needs. The policies must allow this development and innovation. There are really no incentives to development or starting a business in Anchorage-either in real estate or otherwise. The MOA must be involved in providing and encouraging redevelopment of aging structures and encouraging new work.	1/6/2017 1:43 PM
1004	Keep community improvements coming- parks, public art, support of locally owned businesses. Things might be getting tight but I know I am willing to pay or volunteer to keep positive Anchorage vibes rolling. We will pull through the financial hardtimes and I want to come out on the other side with a city I can be proud of and raise children in.	1/6/2017 1:36 PM
1005	Strong support for schools Encourage development	1/6/2017 1:31 PM
1006	More emphasis on early childhood, education, nutrition, ways to help families heat home in winter that won't pollute/poison air and break their pocketbook.	1/6/2017 1:26 PM
1007	Balance the State budget, partially with Permanent Fund earnings. Diversify economy. Be bold - find a way to entice businesses to move here to take advantage of our central location. Perhaps geothermal electricity production i.e. low electricity costs. \$ incentives. Ensure retirees stay. Don't only have property taxes. Make the city safe. Improve access to health care for those on Medicare.	1/6/2017 1:24 PM
1008	Bring in casinos. Be the Las Vegas of the North.	1/6/2017 1:23 PM
1009	Crime control and prevention	1/6/2017 1:11 PM
1010	Sales tax to generate funds to address issues; some way of putting those incarcerated for lesser crimes to work (and learning a trade) by clearing beetlekilled trees from the hillside, trail maintenance, garbage pick up, and?	1/6/2017 10:38 AM
1011	Small sales tax, so the entire community is contributing to funding goods/services that benefit the whole community.	1/6/2017 10:26 AM
1012	see above	1/6/2017 10:26 AM
1013	Youth involvement with older generations.	1/6/2017 10:24 AM

1014	1) Some incentive for Anchorage to develop more manufacturing jobs. Alaska has a lot of resources, both raw and recyclable materials are being exported to be developed elsewhere. Some incentive to develop this industry would be helpful. 2) Incentivize downtown development. Anchorage suffers badly from sprawl, it would have been great if the most recent high rises in Anchorage were downtown rather than spread out across the city. An effort should be made in the future to encourage growth in the downtown area, particularly residential to develop Anchorage into a more mature city capable of attracting visitors that aren't only interested in seeing Denali.	1/6/2017 9:19 AM
1015	sales tax from June to December, more community building events,	1/6/2017 8:32 AM
1016	First and foremost- a solid, realistic, long term state fiscal plan (including taxes, and changes to the PFD). Second – a clearly defined, community driven, discussion about values based, plan for our future.	1/6/2017 8:12 AM
1017	See #4 above for ideas	1/6/2017 7:48 AM
1018	Use the Permanent Fund dividend and income taxes.	1/6/2017 7:43 AM
1019	Cuts to municipal government, reductions to unions. If the city was a privately held entity it would be cut.	1/6/2017 6:58 AM
1020	Greater reach for public transportation. Instead of cutting routes the times between bus's should be increased on the weekends since that is when people in lower paid service jobs work the most.	1/6/2017 5:33 AM
1021	Community policing, arts encouragement	1/5/2017 11:27 PM
1022	Better transportation - perhaps replacing big busses with smaller vehicles that extent to different parts of the city. In South Anchorage, there is essentially no access to public transport, especially for young people with no car. Another option would be to improve protected bike lanes. Not sure what the status of the Alyeska bus is, but my kids used to use that all the time when they were younger - it was a win- win for families and for Girdwood businesses.	1/5/2017 11:25 PM
1023	Police presence and improved gang task force.	1/5/2017 11:20 PM
1024	Encourage business growth...lower fees for new small businesses, give tax breaks to oil companies and open areas for new drilling, lower cruise ship docking fees.	1/5/2017 11:08 PM
1025	Expanding biking and hiking trails, improved roads for our community as we get tons of traffic on our dirt road to get access to the park. Small basic services on the hillside that is discreet and blends in with the area. Grocery, coffee house, bakery	1/5/2017 10:05 PM
1026	State fiscal policy that is broad based and immune to oil prices, that we can't control. Anchorage income tax (I'm fine with the mayor's 2%) to have another source of income for city services, and for people who use our services to pay for them. PR about the harmful effects of internet shopping on local economy.	1/5/2017 9:02 PM
1027	Repeal SB21. Institute a sales tax and income tax.	1/5/2017 9:01 PM
1028	Invest in education	1/5/2017 8:52 PM
1029	Immigration limitations, including U.N. programs.	1/5/2017 8:47 PM
1030	See above.	1/5/2017 8:27 PM
1031	AFFORDABLE HOUSING, centrally located, access to work, shopping, medical, transport. CASE IN POINT: Midtown has transport and shopping but unlivable -- Housing should be more mixed with, or closer to, work and shopping, in Midtown and elsewhere. Downtown has work and a bit of housing, but barely any of the kind of shopping that goes with living there. Etc.	1/5/2017 8:15 PM
1032	Reduce public employee benefits and salaries	1/5/2017 6:39 PM
1033	Local government's appearance of good stewardship of revenues. State should pay its debts to small oil producers.	1/5/2017 6:20 PM
1034	Life balance initiatives	1/5/2017 5:48 PM
1035	Make Anchorage easier to get around in for walkers and bikers. Southern hillside is especially cut off due to dangerous roads like Dearmoun and Rabbit Creed road.	1/5/2017 5:48 PM
1036	More industry outside of oil/mining.	1/5/2017 5:18 PM
1037	Create municipal level incentives for renewables. Support higher education. Create research centers for topics that Alaska has advantages/needs. Create industries from these think tanks Maintain infrastructure Support Native Alaskans as they are forced to migrate into urban areas. Provide work/training/community centers	1/5/2017 5:02 PM
1038	Stable, business friendly municipal government. Taxation including fees that are fair, reasonable and consistent.	1/5/2017 4:58 PM
1039	Reduce property taxes. The government needs to understand that individual income is being reduced too. An individuals economy is more important then the economy of the government.	1/5/2017 4:57 PM

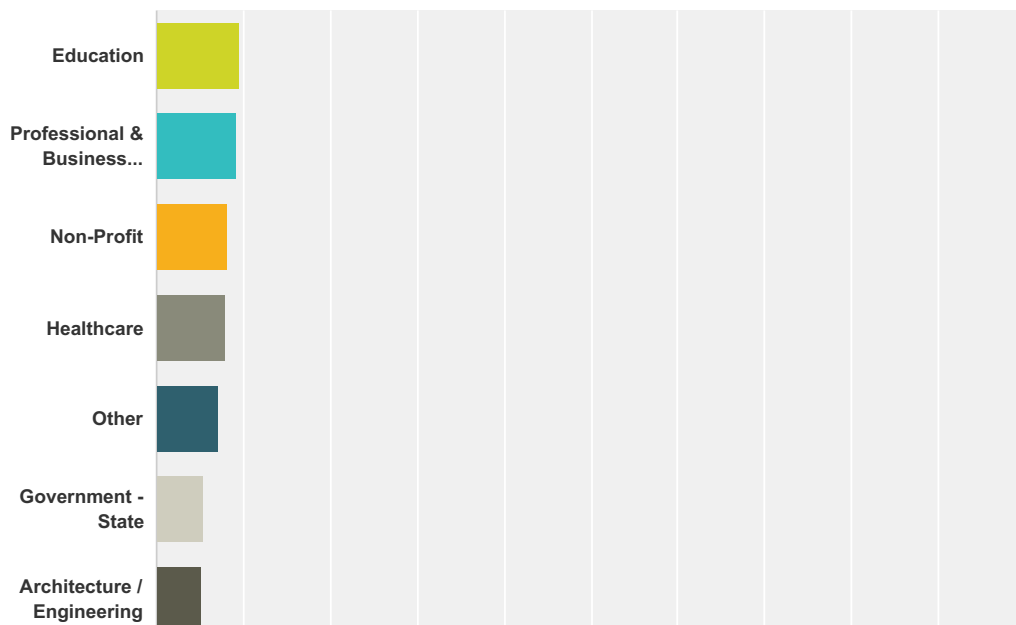
1040	Pay the tax credits that are owed to the oil companies. Encourage tax credits for film crews to draw more filming business. Study other successful communities in other countries.	1/5/2017 4:53 PM
1041	Bringing affordable north slope gas to as interior and South Central Alaska. Also, invest in road improvements to make transportation routes safer and more efficient.	1/5/2017 4:53 PM
1042	Investment in a greater variety of different industries; Focus on educational opportunities	1/5/2017 4:49 PM
1043	City-wide sales tax.	1/5/2017 4:34 PM
1044	Diversity. Developing other income sources so we are not so dependent on oil prices. Focus on tourism. Advertising Anchorage as a welcoming place to every law abiding citizen including the LGBTQ community. Keep it illegal to discriminate based on someone's sexual preference, religion or race. Bring back the flowers in the summer and lights in the winter. I would love to see community policing come back. When the public knows members of the police force protecting them they are more likely to cooperate with investigations.	1/5/2017 4:30 PM
1045	Improve affordable more frequent and robust public transit. In Fairview we need a cafe instead of bars to meet our neighbors in. Must do something about gambell/ingra that divides us in half and is dangerous in so many ways. Need to revitalize much of fairview that is abandoned or not taken care of. I have a slumlord who owns 1 whole block across the street- buildings that should be condemned.	1/5/2017 4:01 PM
1046	MORE POLICE ON THE JOB. BRING IN MORE COMPANIES, NOT RETAILERS. NOT OIL OR TOURISM, FIND COMPANIES WHO WANT TO BE IN A GROWING CITY.	1/5/2017 3:54 PM
1047	More resources for homeless	1/5/2017 3:43 PM
1048	Everyone is too fat and consequently ill. Too many sit in their houses watching too much streaming media. We need a genuine effort to get people together for community-building activities even if it's cold. We need spirit. We need community night-schools for fun classes and things to do other than go to Redbox and the grocery store.	1/5/2017 3:26 PM
1049	I think better legislation	1/5/2017 3:24 PM
1050	Putting the focus on helping local companies and individuals.	1/5/2017 3:24 PM
1051	Reimagining what business (and traffic flow) on Gambell looks like. Work with business owners to develop a Fire Island Bakery/Rustic Goat type business for Fairview. Diversity of housing types. Creating better facilities for pedestrians. Incentives for owners of multifamily/apartment units to keep them maintained. Promoting Fairview as an extension of Downtown and South Addition. Checking in on abandoned residences and finding a way to do something about them. Closer monitoring of alcohol sales at Carrs on Gambell.	1/5/2017 3:05 PM
1052	Continue work to diversify the revenue base, foster a climate to attract businesses, and actively pursue having businesses establish operations here. Rather than another fast food place or retail store, let's try to attract investment from businesses that provide quality jobs and high wages. Implement a sales tax in the community, but don't use 100% of it to offset property taxes; we should aim for a balance of cutting property taxes but also using sales tax revenues from commuting workers and tourists to improve (not just maintain) streets/pathways, parks, public safety, etc.	1/5/2017 2:07 PM
1053	Attract new investments/ diversify the economy	1/5/2017 1:45 PM
1054	local neighborhood infrastructure and planning support	1/5/2017 1:23 PM
1055	We need to stop apologizing for being the largest city in the State and own it. Fairbanks out organizes Anchorage and it shouldn't. We need to see ourselves as bigger than a lot of people living here we can snow machine (not that there is anything wrong with that). Live, Work, Play is important, but it is about the individual. We need to be on par with Oslo, Helsinki, Reykjavik. First change - we need to make our school system best in class, it simply is not as good as it was 20 years ago and that is about funding, we need to interact/interface/envelop the University and not be at the whim of a Fairbanks centric system. We need to be more aggressive about discovering and promoting new economic opportunities that have a market that is outside of Anchorage and the State - we need to think of ourselves as an exporting economy because we are too small to rely on local market only. We have the means to move goods to the world. But when you think of community, in my case Eagle River that is a different story. How do you distribute "business" in the Municipality. As the constant refrain goes - ER doesn't even have a white table cloth restaurant - we need to think of communities (not just neighborhoods). In ER this has produced an us and them attitude with Anchorage, that has not been helped in recent years by the ER assemblymembers.	1/5/2017 1:19 PM
1056	Greater investment/incentives toward sale of Alaska's natural resources. Reinstatement of tax credits for Alaska media production.	1/5/2017 12:09 PM
1057	I think supporting rehabilitation for drug and alcohol dependencies might help make a positive contribution to Anchorage. We have a huge homeless population, imagine if even half of them were able to work and be a contributing member to society.	1/5/2017 11:39 AM

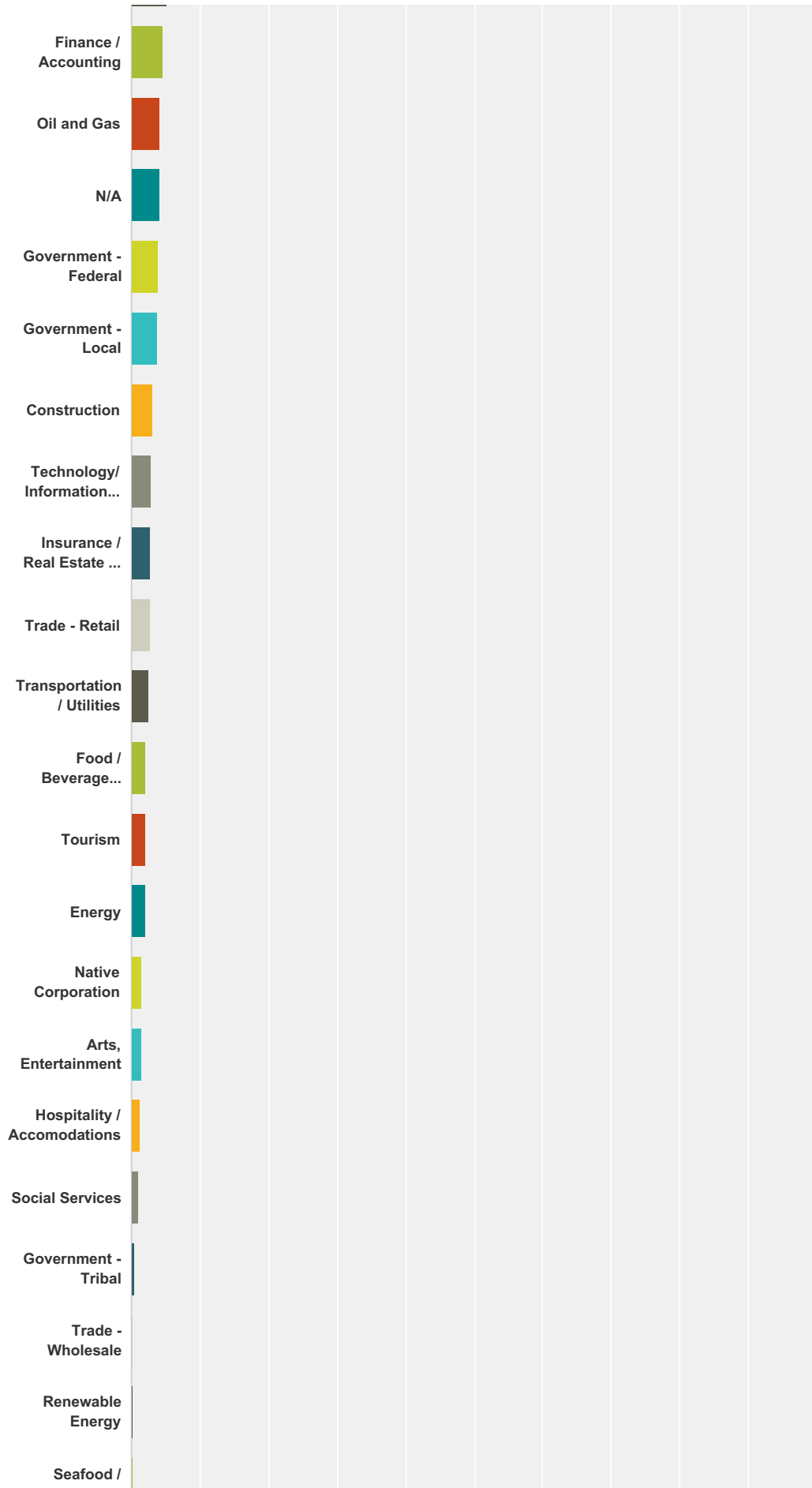
1058	Encourage small businesses to develop. Involve the homeless and unemployed in a CCC type of work. Clean up our parks, build and maintain trails, build park benches, restore a sense of pride so they can crawl out of their despair.	1/5/2017 3:17 AM
1059	Promoting small business. Assistance to small businesses who are hiring a different core of the population.	1/5/2017 1:30 AM
1060	HOPE. Sales tax please...not just income tax. ALL alaskans are burdened with the high cost of living. Plus 1/2 the people in alaska don't even work.	1/4/2017 10:54 PM
1061	Stop fighting marijuana, their should be dispensaries every couple of blocks. Lower regulation on home building, and rezone it to allow much higher density housing.	1/4/2017 4:27 PM
1062	A local hiring initiative.	1/4/2017 4:19 PM
1063	- Invest in our downtown. Key to tourism industry and retaining young professionals. - Develop robust development and workforce training incentives. - Fix our Port. It's too important to Alaska for State to set aside. - Pick some key industries to provide specialized support to. We can't be all things to all people. - Make development at Anchorage Airport easier. It's a major economic driver. Municipality shouldn't treat it as an adversary.	1/4/2017 3:24 PM
1064	Incentives to bring other industries here. Take advantage of transportation laws unique to our state (passed by Ted Stevens) such as co-mingling, market these to manufacturers and bring additional manufacturing industry to the state.	1/4/2017 3:18 PM
1065	Encourage more competition for medical services, get doctors and specialists to practice here rather than leaving the state. Find a way to bring down housing costs.	1/4/2017 1:52 PM
1066	We might have this already, but do we have a city liaison who is lobbying to attract new business to Anchorage? The biggest news I have heard is Dave and Busters. Which to me is not news. What are the challenges we have with legalizing gambling. Bring in major casino companies. We have one of the top international airports in the country. What are we doing to develop it and make it more attractive? The city as a whole needs to develop our infrastructure to encourage new companies.	1/4/2017 11:03 AM
1067	Get the State and Federal Government naysayers and preventers out of the danged way for economic growth. Stop all handouts to able-bodied people and require them to work even as minimum wage government employees cleaning up trash, gardening, snow shoveling, etc.	1/4/2017 11:01 AM
1068	Constituents working together with politicians.	1/4/2017 10:48 AM
1069	Grudgingly - a sales tax. Elevate LWP as a quality of life vision for the community. Find a way to catalyze a "kitchen cabinet" of local leaders to assist the MOA's leadership (Mayor and Assembly). Create an active young professional group to stir up topics at the Chamber, Assembly -- ask them to get active in their community councils. Activate the MOA planning, ACDA and HLB using the OKC models. Not sure this can come from internal MOA staff without support.	1/4/2017 10:22 AM
1070	Invest in education system so that Alaskans can develop the knowledge and learn the skills we need to thrive into the future. Focus economic development on sustainable businesses that contribute more to our state's overall economy and wealth than then they deplete from Alaska's resource base. Finally, state must address the economic/political/cultural challenges of trying to sustain remote communities. Rural Alaska should not depend upon urban Alaska for its survival.	1/4/2017 9:46 AM
1071	Local sales tax. Yes, we as residents of Anchorage would have to pay tax, but so would the tourists that come to visit every year. It's time that everyone starts chipping in and paying for things, not just residents that own property, etc.	1/4/2017 9:29 AM
1072	Tax breaks or economic incentives that attract new businesses and allow for redevelopment and reuse of older buildings or commercial areas	1/4/2017 9:22 AM
1073	support a fair tax on our resource industries that is stable and long term. Create more jobs in the private sector and less in government	1/4/2017 9:13 AM
1074	More promotion around small business Saturdays, frequent activities all year long for families with young children, frequent activities or places for pre-teens and teens to "hang out" or get involved in, and the chance to offer incentive to new business owners and growth.	1/4/2017 8:43 AM
1075	Business/tax incentives that will attract manufacturing ventures to Anchorage, more affordable housing opportunities for the middle income sect, emphasis on crime rate/homelessness reduction	1/4/2017 8:38 AM
1076	Reduce government involvement with business. Even people who want to start business are handicapped by excessive regulation from the muni and state	1/4/2017 8:25 AM
1077	Diversify Aggressively pursue safe, Downtown centered entertainment district to attract locals and visitors Make anchorage a logical part of tourist itinerary. They used to stay her two to three days instead of bussed from cruise to Denali after a short overnight. Find ways to get more winter business. Support Visit anchorage.	1/4/2017 7:41 AM
1078	Workforce training, tax reform, regulatory reform, Legislature to tax action on fiscal plan/policies.	1/4/2017 6:35 AM

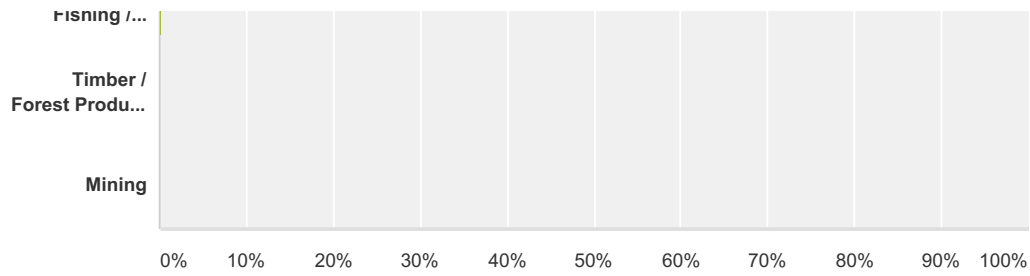
1079	Make communities livable and don't crowd in eight houses in an acre.. Provide more family parks so people will want to stay in town and enjoy, not have to leave to another town to find space to enjoy.	1/4/2017 6:12 AM
1080	Sell the Alaska summer experience and incentivize more private sector GDP.	1/4/2017 5:22 AM
1081	Educating population on the same.	1/4/2017 4:58 AM
1082	More consistent structural support for local startups, especially technology startups. More actual formal relationships between MOA, SOA, UAA, ASD and other economic anchor tenants in support of economic development.	1/4/2017 1:37 AM
1083	Clean up seedy areas, improvements in handling homeless issues that make areas undesirable,more resources to help people get re-employed	1/3/2017 11:31 PM
1084	Stop building roads to reduce already short commute times for the benefit of landowners and developers.	1/3/2017 9:18 PM
1085	Too many to list- become more business development ready; diversify -- we pay legislators to make these decisions - make them do their job	1/3/2017 8:03 PM
1086	As a response to a potential threat, I think that the public should be as involved as possible. An example of this would be the recent enough town meetings for the transport system & People Mover. I applaud the town's desire to make these meetings public & I also applaud the fact that they were announced on the buses within Anchorage. However, the meetings were at times when most of us had to be at work, so for me that is counterproductive. It's appearing to be transparent, not actually being so. I feel community is an important element to any larger group's success. We need to reach consensus on all levels & dialogue should always be open for further change. And those that we vote in (or not) must be attainable & must do what they were elected for & that is to represent the people. Business, the community(ies) & the social order have to have a COMMON goal & not special interests & profit bases. Apologies for the lecture, I am certain you are well aware!	1/3/2017 7:19 PM
1087	A clear preference for local businesses. A special dispensation for young bright entrepreneurs who need a break to start up a good local microshop. With high rents and property prices, it is often daunting to do a startup, or take over an older established business. Maybe those of us who are at retirement can be investors. A mini municipal version of Small Business Administration?	1/3/2017 7:14 PM
1088	Continue to support the military, oil and gas & health care	1/3/2017 6:48 PM
1089	Resettlement program for any aspiring entrepreneur. Free tuition and room and board for qualified UAA undergrads and grad students. Make AK a place to live and work, not just vacation!	1/3/2017 6:22 PM
1090	Reduce the budget to be more inline with only essential services	1/2/2017 5:31 PM
1091	Need more oil drilling and less regulations.	1/2/2017 5:25 PM

### Q7 Which best describes the function of your primary industry of employment?

Answered: 1,185 Skipped: 15





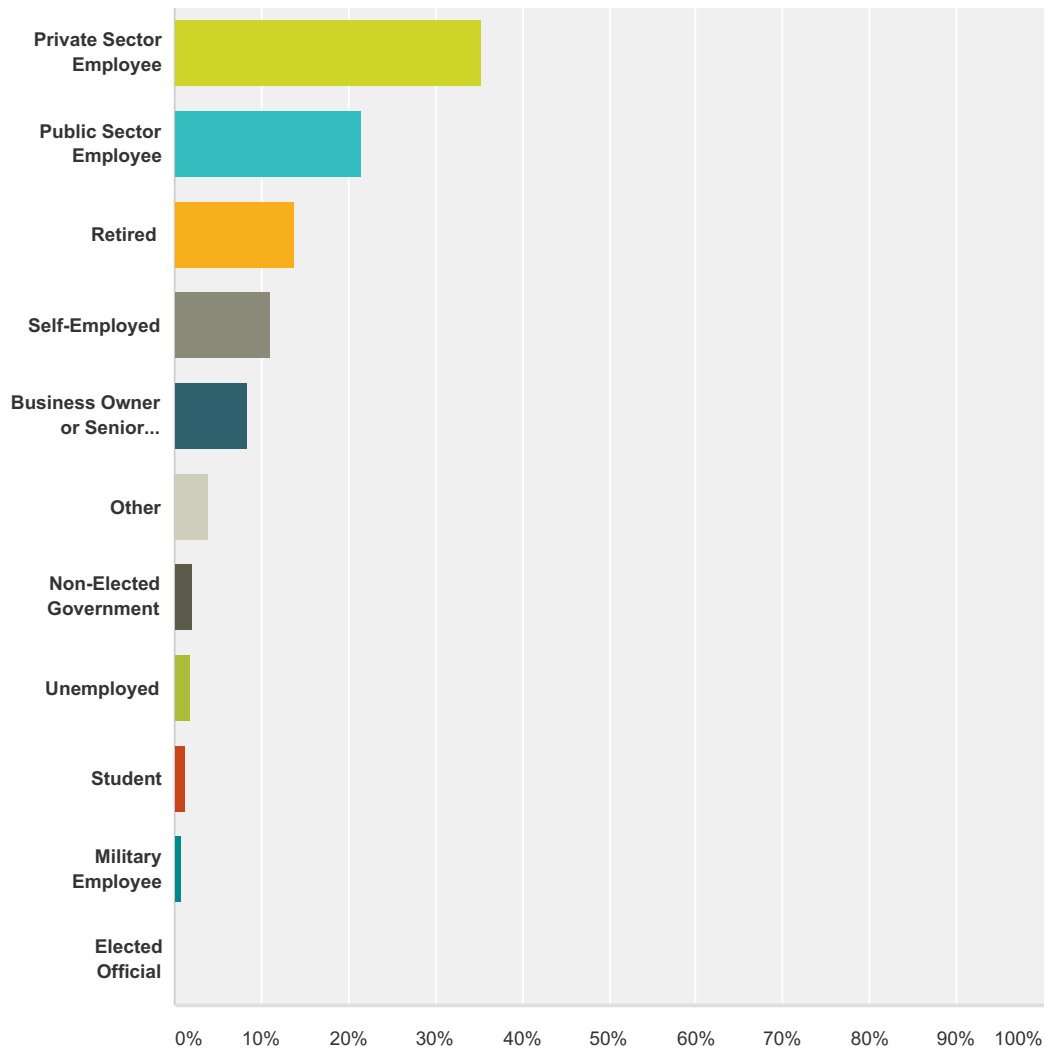


Answer Choices	Responses	
Education	9.62%	114
Professional & Business Services	9.28%	110
Non-Profit	8.19%	97
Healthcare	8.02%	95
Other	7.17%	85
Government - State	5.49%	65
Architecture / Engineering	5.15%	61
Finance / Accounting	4.56%	54
Oil and Gas	4.22%	50
N/A	4.14%	49
Government - Federal	4.05%	48
Government - Local	3.71%	44
Construction	3.21%	38
Technology/ Information Technology	2.87%	34
Insurance / Real Estate / Legal	2.62%	31
Trade - Retail	2.62%	31
Transportation / Utilities	2.53%	30
Food / Beverage Services	2.11%	25
Tourism	2.11%	25
Energy	2.03%	24
Native Corporation	1.52%	18
Arts, Entertainment	1.43%	17
Hospitality / Accomodations	1.27%	15
Social Services	1.10%	13
Government - Tribal	0.34%	4
Trade - Wholesale	0.25%	3
Renewable Energy	0.17%	2

Seafood / Fishing / Maritime	0.17%	2
Timber / Forest Products	0.08%	1
Mining	0.00%	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,185</b>

### Q8 Which best describes your employment status?

Answered: 1,192 Skipped: 8



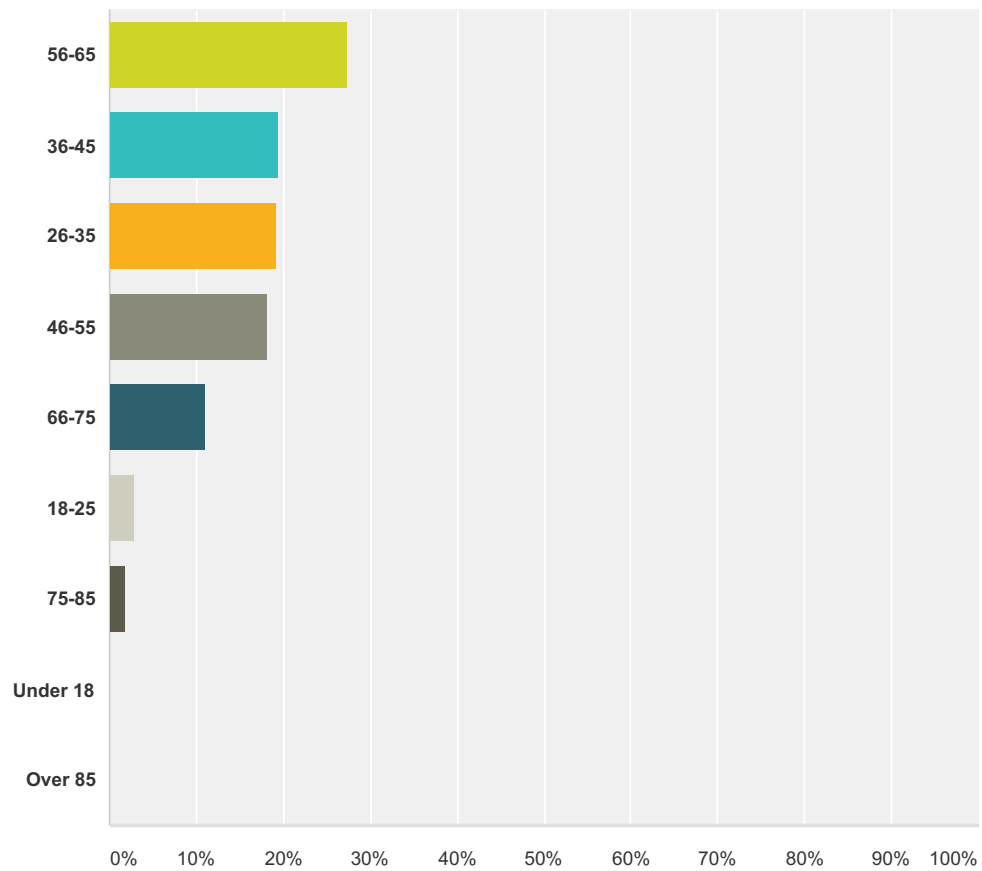
Answer Choices	Responses
Private Sector Employee	35.23% 420
Public Sector Employee	21.48% 256
Retired	13.76% 164
Self-Employed	10.99% 131
Business Owner or Senior Executive	8.39% 100



Other	4.03%	48
Non-Elected Government	2.01%	24
Unemployed	1.85%	22
Student	1.34%	16
Military Employee	0.84%	10
Elected Official	0.08%	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,192</b>

### Q9 Please indicate your age range.

Answered: 1,186 Skipped: 14

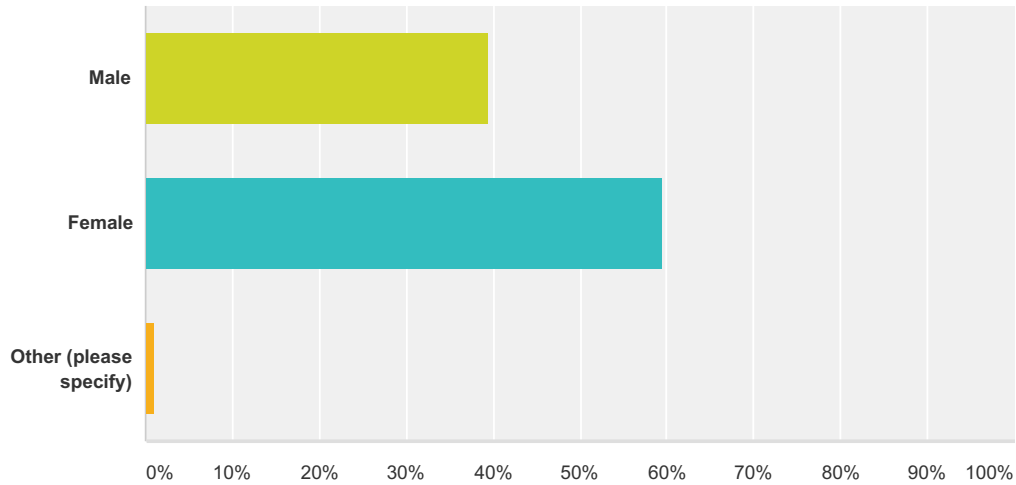


Answer Choices	Responses
56-65	27.32% 324
36-45	19.39% 230
26-35	19.22% 228
46-55	18.21% 216
66-75	10.96% 130
18-25	2.87% 34

75-85	1.94%	23
Under 18	0.08%	1
Over 85	0.00%	0
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### Q10 Please indicate your gender.

Answered: 1,189 Skipped: 11

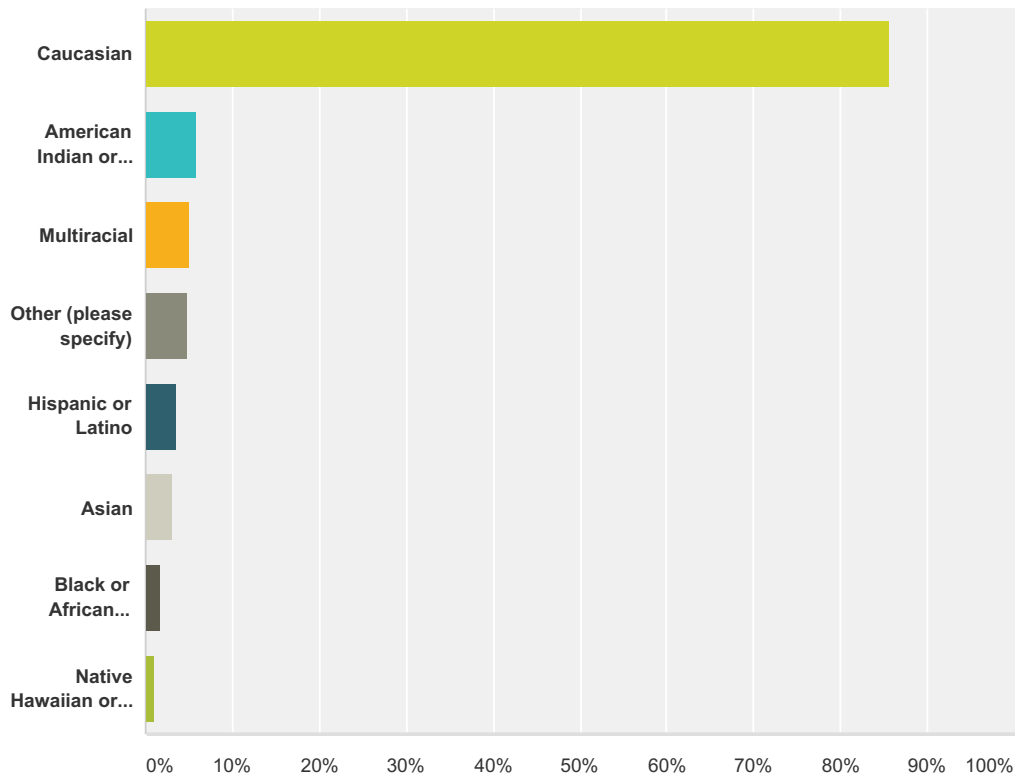


Answer Choices	Responses	
Male	39.44%	469
Female	59.55%	708
Other (please specify)	1.01%	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,189</b>

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I wish not to say	2/21/2017 10:44 AM
2	There is only two genders. Mine is male.	2/9/2017 10:03 AM
3	meat popsicle	2/9/2017 8:20 AM
4	Gender non conforming	2/8/2017 11:23 AM
5	Golem	2/7/2017 4:13 PM
6	Z	1/13/2017 5:52 PM
7	What comes to me at the time(joke)	1/11/2017 11:08 AM
8	What do you mean by this you are either male or female	1/11/2017 7:21 AM
9	Binary gender is an obsolete statistic	1/7/2017 10:25 PM
10	This is what I mean about whats wrong	1/6/2017 6:44 PM
11	Gender fluid	1/6/2017 7:43 AM
12	not necessary	1/4/2017 8:25 AM

### Q11 Please indicate your ethnic origin or race (Please select all that apply)

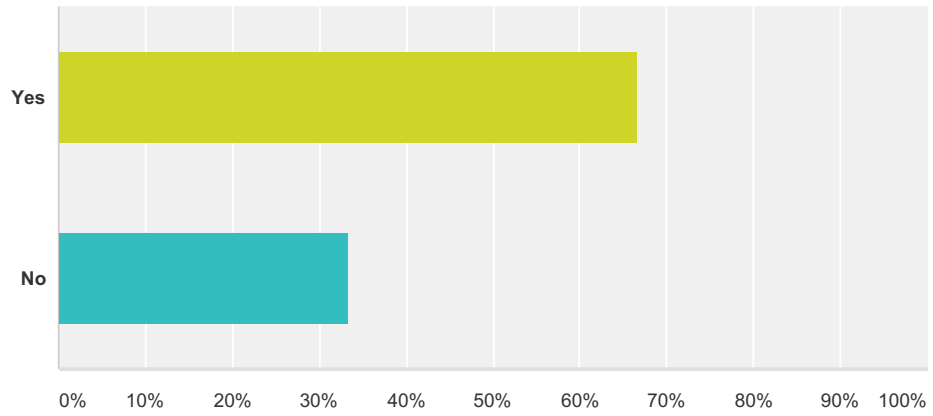
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Answer Choices	Responses
Caucasian	85.65% 1,015
American Indian or Alaskan Native	5.91% 70
Multiracial	4.98% 59
Other (please specify)	4.89% 58
Hispanic or Latino	3.63% 43
Asian	3.12% 37
Black or African American	1.69% 20
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1.01% 12
<b>Total Respondents: 1,185</b>	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	AMERICAN!!!!	3/1/2017 8:12 AM
2	Proud to be born and raised Alaskan	2/28/2017 11:27 AM
3	seriously!	2/24/2017 1:19 PM
4	swedish	2/23/2017 1:26 PM

5	I know why you think this matters but as a mom of kids with different skin tones, I'm really not ok with grouping by skin tone.	2/22/2017 8:34 PM
6	Human	2/21/2017 3:13 PM
7	I wish not to say	2/21/2017 10:44 AM
8	Human	2/20/2017 5:08 PM
9	Jewish-it is an ethnic origin.	2/17/2017 11:07 AM
10	Not interested in answering	2/17/2017 10:20 AM
11	meaningless	2/15/2017 7:15 PM
12	Human Being	2/15/2017 10:21 AM
13	Alaskan American	2/14/2017 10:37 PM
14	decline to state	2/14/2017 9:01 AM
15	How is this relevant? We know Anchorage is diverse	2/14/2017 7:54 AM
16	American	2/14/2017 4:12 AM
17	Sageabroad@yahoo.com	2/13/2017 8:02 PM
18	Human	2/13/2017 12:17 PM
19	Caucasian -- Alaskan born and raised	2/11/2017 10:50 AM
20	Filipino	2/10/2017 12:25 PM
21	white	2/9/2017 8:44 AM
22	Not important	2/8/2017 11:31 AM
23	Filipino	2/7/2017 9:45 PM
24	Human	2/7/2017 9:01 PM
25	GOLEM	2/7/2017 4:13 PM
26	caucasian	1/30/2017 10:58 AM
27	American	1/26/2017 8:23 PM
28	American	1/23/2017 2:31 PM
29	English Irish French German Comanche: Palefaced mutt	1/23/2017 5:48 AM
30	Why the hell does this matter?	1/13/2017 5:38 PM
31	Italian	1/13/2017 4:16 PM
32	Mexican/Irish/German	1/12/2017 12:15 PM
33	The best of America :-)	1/12/2017 10:25 AM
34	What does this have to do with economics?	1/11/2017 7:21 PM
35	Same as above	1/11/2017 11:08 AM
36	Occidental	1/10/2017 3:28 PM
37	Irish	1/10/2017 3:00 PM
38	What does that question have to do with anything?	1/10/2017 2:43 PM
39	European american	1/10/2017 1:15 PM
40	Scottish American	1/10/2017 12:55 PM
41	American	1/10/2017 12:10 PM
42	chimp	1/10/2017 10:38 AM
43	Why does it matter. we are all human.	1/10/2017 10:30 AM
44	None of your business -- EVER.	1/10/2017 10:27 AM



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	66.58% 769
No	33.42% 386
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,155</b>