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Question 36 Comments

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Q36. If you have any other comments you would like to share, please provide them below.

- 1. Enforce vagrancy /loitering laws. 2. Do not provide aid for homeless. 3. Do not give the tribe influence. 4. Focus on police, water, sewer and roads. 5. The city should focus on these services and reducing taxes.
- 1. No traffic on Fir st School zone. 2. Parking in bike lanes and across sidewalks. 3. Inability to dispose of large items. 4. Poor traffic enforcement to ensure safety of pedestrians and bicycles. 5. inadequate multifamily dwellings.
- 1.The fences at the dog park in Carrie Blake are falling down along the east side which should be a privacy fence now that there is residents in close proximity. I do not understand why there is no time restrictions as during the summer we hear dogs barking and fighting at 6am or earlier. Restrict access to dog park until at least 8am as a noise nuisance to nearby homes. No one from the city ever talks to the residents that are impacted by these special events. Our HOA would like to have some input on traffic control during events as we have no easy way in or out of our subdivision during them. We call it the IRRITATION festival, that's how bad it is on Broadmoor Street. Not sure who developed the traffic control plan for the Lavender festival but for us it was a nightmare. They were stopping traffic before the entrance to our subdivision so we would have to wait in lines with all the other traffic just to get home. Signage at Rhoedefer was non existent. The bridge over Bell Creek on the east side of Carrie Blake park is in bad shape. Any plans to repair or replace?
- 15 months ago there was a walking trail from the old school, north along the river. Many people walked dogs there, about half without leashes. Would like to see the trail open again.
- accessing the ODT from our neighborhood is hazardous (on West Sequim Bay Road)
- Adding sidewalks, curbs and gutters in older neighborhoods would be a major improvement and would increase pride of ownership.
- Address homelessness and parking on streets of dilapidated vehicles.
- Affordable housing for seniors with limited income or based on your income is desperately needed! When it is a year and a half waiting list for seniors to get into affordable housing that is a real problem! In the last two years when it snowed, our neighborhood street was not plowed once!! We live in the City of Sequim, so the City should have plowed our neighborhood street.
- It would be nice to have affordable clothing store options other than Walmart.
- An abandoned RV on the corner of Brownfield Road and Simdars Road for the past two months looks terrible. Other RV's have been abandoned on Brownfield Rd this past year. It should be patrolled frequently. The recent concrete barriers are good.
- Announce any youth of family involvement - skills trainers, scouts, clubs, community helps.
- Appreciate city care at this time.
- Appropriate economic development is lacking. Many trailer parks but few restaurants and no downtown 'traditional' shops. Car parts stare downtown takes up an entire block. Need good quality restaurants, variety stores, like Target, upscale, so people can spend money here and not in Silverdale. Road repair and construction is lacking and extremely slow. Social media not appropriate for all citizens.
- As a citizen of lovely Sequim I want to say that I appreciate the state of our beautiful city. From the well maintained streets to the colorful festivals, Sequim is a clean, safe, and beautiful place to live. However, I am extremely disappointed in the development of the city in recent years. There has been a lot of very fast growth, and I can't begin to imagine what kind of logistical nightmares that creates for our city council and civil servants. I can't help but feel like all this rapidly growing demographic of younger working-class doesn't take up much space in the minds of the city

planners. I don't want to suggest anything drastic, but with an ever larger demographic of working-class folks, I think taking serious consideration on how future decisions would effect this vital demographic would be in everyone's best interest, and will lead to an even better and more inclusive Sequim. Thank you!

- As we grow, I'd like to see downtown Sequim feel more like Port Townsend (classy/artsy/design-aware) and less like Port Angeles (tired/lackluster). We need some seriously creative architectural guidance on creating 4 things: 1) low income housing for service worker income levels that design-wise, fits a rural town, but in a very creative design way. Walk to downtown...perhaps new buildings extending the downtown core to the east with apartments over clusters of shops, or built over existing small shops. Three stories tops, and nothing remotely corporate looking. 2) New senior community housing (think tiny home clusters around common area veggie and flower gardens and a classy, accessible community kitchen/party room) that would attract people with a sense of fun and aesthetics from this century. It's like there was a residential building boom in the 70s then nothing was built until high density housing developers came to town with houses that all looked alike, spaced 5 feet apart. 3) Encourage a new NATURAL MEDICINE Gerontology Health Center to come to Sequim (built in that lot between Jamestown Family Health Center and West Hendrickson?). The docs in this town seem to all be retiring themselves; their office workers can't afford to live here; and too many of them were educated to treat symptoms rather than root causes. 4) We could use some well-designed, intentional tiny home communities that are a showcase for the best tiny home contractors in the surrounding states, each chosen on the basis of designs they submit for a city-planned community created by a forward-thinking city-planning architect. Overall, this town needs to spruce up its wonderful rural character with some magazine-worthy design. It can't continue to look as old as the people it attracts! I'm one of them and a Washington State native. Sequim needs to capitalize on The Blue Hole and polish up the gem this location is without losing the rural feel.
- At the very least, maintain what you have been doing. I would become concerned if emphasis on certain items led to the degradation of other items. The overall quality and care are excellent, so please keep it up!
- Bad decision on manufactured housing on (MHC) Sequim. Need more recycling. #4 - no info on direction city is going. We do not hear about prep for emergencies. #12 Would like city to take over maintenance of our streets - had a meeting with city and they had no path/process to even discuss it. #24 Don't know what is being done about homeless. #26 - #7 Mixed commercial and residential - look at area on Washington - trailer park.
- Beautiful place to live. Would not like to become overpopulated.
- Beggars at Safeway and Walmart at intersections are unsafe, up by the strip mall by Kitsap bank etc. can’t see around them, the garbage they leave. Allowing their campers to hang out in parking lots. Several times by the food pantry on fir we have seen homeless in park by church, ranting, in sleeping bags, making a mess at the food pantry. On time there was a guy passed out in his truck with propane heater going. Very unsafe…and just yesterday I was checking out at Walmart and a guy was sitting there begging. Sad…
- Being new to the community, we love so many things about it. There is an obvious shortage of affordable housing. Why not allow tiny houses on private property? More nice, affordable apartments or townhomes would be good too. Also, why not establish a food cart/beer garden-type of location in town? Tourists would love it. Don't make vendors have to haul away their carts or trucks. Give them a nice clean park-like area to serve and sell. Fire pits, picnic tables, play structure for families, etc. These types of places are everywhere now, so visitors and locals alike enjoy these. Restaurants and pubs are so limited here.

- Better bus transportation around the Clalam county area. I miss the 40 bus shuttle.
- Biggest issues - more homeless and people living in RV's, etc. in shopping area. More affordable housing that is truly affordable whether apartments or some rent restrictions so it doesn't put working poor on the streets.
- Biggest problem is lack of healthcare options. Schools need to improve to draw younger medical professionals. Housing insecurity is growing with for too few options.
- By enlarge the City is doing a great Job though it would be nice to see more curbs and sidewalks added in some of the older neighborhoods.
- Cheaper food and rent also electricity.
- City needs to build a multipurpose bldg. for sports like pickleball, basketball, volleyball.
- City project inspectors seem to let contractors take short cuts that don't play out well in the long term. For example: letting house contractors get away without stormwater management and never finish the streets that connect the houses to the rest of the city.
- Community bathrooms on Sequim Ave need extra attention - bad smelling most of the time.
- Community food boxes should be in parking lots instead of next to road. When next to the road it creates traffic and pedestrian danger.
- Concern - rent stabilization and retaining mobile home parks. Create more low-income apartments. Senior taxi shuttle service between Sequim and PA and PT Townsend, especially night service options to events, i.e. Field Concert Hall. Bring back Staples, Penneys, and add new businesses/restaurants, i.e. UPS store, Panera Bread, Chipotle, Trader Joes, etc.
- Concerned about new, large developments going in. Steps should be taken to protect green spaces/forest and water.
- Concerned about rate of development versus water resources.
- Crappy subjects: Carrie Blake Park has too many ducks and a whole lot of duck poop. The walkways around and the soccer fields are covered with stinky droppings. Not sure what can be done about resolution. When I first moved here a few years ago there were more eagle and heron at the park and a few geese. Lately, it appears that the duck population at CB park is way out of control especially at dawn. Because of that stuff, it is now cleaner and fresher to just walk the neighborhoods. However, the up and down slants of the sidewalks for each driveway challenges people walking side by side and those who use trekking poles. Lastly, what can a citizen do about people who don't pick of after their dogs?
- Create through streets parallel to Washington St on the south side of town.
- Do meaningful activity that is apparent and appreciated, like the former monthly breakfasts with the mayor.
- Do not insist upon 1/4 acre lots as maximum in city limits. Solana development already planned 1/2 acre lots for Phase 2. now they have changed it to 1/4 acre lots up on the hillside. This is not low income housing area. Sequim will get too crowded if too many houses are jammed together.
- Don't move to Sequim unless you already have a physician. Almost impossible - you might have to get on a waiting list. Pediatricians scarce. Seniors are being driven out by tax increase for rent and property. Rent increases 10-25% Property evaluations increase 25-5-% in the last year. Corporations are buying up senior mobile home parks to repurpose them for more expensive and higher density housing.
- Emphasis on affordable housing and schools - people will not move here when housing prices are as high as they are and schools (from what I am being told) are not up to par, which in turn affects services and retail - also, put some limits on Air BnBs and VROBs, they are creating a housing issue. Snow removal ... it is abysmal.
- Emphasis on fixing pot holes on city streets. Require home owners to trim trees and bushes.

- Everything is superb!
- Excellent survey!
- Fine place to live. Glad we moved here.
- Fix streets, not just Washington and Sequim Ave. Chip seal would be good. Stop issuing building permits.
- For the last 20 years Sequim, Clallam County, has been a virtual paradise for me and my deceased (2018) mother.
- Generally doing a good job.
- Get a round-a-bout at 5th and Olympic Hwy at the 4 way stop.
- Good Governance League will provide huge benefit to the community going forward. We need to do all we can to productively support them. Removing Armacost for any city position was the highlight of the last three years.
- Hendrickson between 5th and Sequim Blvd - very difficult to see divide lines. This should be a safety priority. For hunters and recreational shooters - there is no shooting range.
- Homeless is a growing problem and needs to be watched closely and monitored. Sequim is a special town and why people move here. New City mayor seems to be addressing issues well and improving them. Overall, I think you are doing a great job.
- homeless is getting out of control
- Homeless problem is my greatest concern. A man tried to rob me on Discovery trail. I have to step over people when walking.
- Homelessness is a huge problem. Many suffer from mental illness.
- Homelessness is a major issue. Police must be allowed to address this issues.
- Housing cost is too high for people who work here. Streetlights should be improved, also pavement markings are hard to see at night.
- How to manage growth. Do not pave paradise. Keep climate change/water adequacy in mind. Avoid big money influences in zoning/permits/land use. Use Consideration.
- I am concerned about the problems accompanying homelessness in other areas and what we may expect. I am concerned about the failing quality of the school system which is affecting our ability to attract professionals to the area.
- I am concerned about the rise in crime in Sequim and hope that the police department will be increases soon to help our city.
- I am concerned that mixed use development will have Sequim end up looking like the Bay Area with high density housing. I would like more parks, but parks in PA are used by homeless for camping and that would be a concern here IMO. I think making the streets too bike friendly in a town with a majority of senior drivers is perhaps going to create issues.
- I am concerned that planning for growth does not appear to take into account the long term availability of fresh water resources for people, farming and fish. Is their a master plan that looks at resources.
- I am extremely concerned how many new citizens moving to Sequim are constantly complaining on local social media about how there is not enough shopping, restaurants, night life, etc. They want all these big national chains to come here, have restaurants stay open later, etc. This is, and always has been, a rural farming community with small town attributes. It is quaint and comfortable, with so much beauty and recreational activities available. I am afraid these new people don't see if for what it is and will work hard, through the local government, to try to change it into what they think it should be or what they had where they came from. I think a city campaign should be started expressing the sentiments that we, the majority, want Sequim to stay small, caring, friendly and not encourage more large commercial development to come in. There was a

song popular when I was young with the sentence "Don't it always seem to go, you don't know what you've got till its gone. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot". That is my fear for what could happen to Sequim. This is my paradise!

- I am informed that state laws prevent some involvement in which police can pursue. Where I live is near home of active criminal (drugs), police say they are limited in what they can do even when transactions are video taped.
- I am out of loop on events happening in Sequim, especially for young adults. I'll probably move out if I can't find more people my age (27). It's been hard adjusting. I want to stay, but Sequim is lacking for people like me.
- I am very concerned about the availability of water in the face of global warming. I don't think any more growth should be attempted until we have a reservoir. I also am disgusted with the way development was handled on W. Sequim Bay Road. I think the city officials are far too eager to please the developers at the expense of the citizenry. The traffic has become a serious issue that should be addressed before more growth. I have found the city employees to be responsive and helpful, generally. The police are great. I am seriously happy about no more Qanon.
- I am very happy with the medical care for such a small town. Plenty of activity. Clean
- I appreciate the city council meetings being available by Zoom. Very pleased with the Fir St. upgrade bike lane - would like to see more bicycle lanes and access, and encourage less auto traffic. Not happy with the huge Lavender Meadows development. Happy to see Sequim Ave improvements - bike lanes and sidewalks. Applaud the city staff and council for their service.
- I appreciate the IT police officer and his kind way with elders that are falling for scams, getting taken advantage of, etc. I wish that there was a legal and safe way to get older drivers, really any drivers, that are driving w/o a driver's license and should not be since they can hardly walk, have super slow reflexes. I've even tried to assist the police with this to no good solution, but I appreciated their shared concern and hands being tied for the most part.
- I believe that the persons within the City employment are very committed to their job day-to-day but lack the insight into what is going on in the City and are not lead to be involved in what the City needs to be doing to support the needs of the City. I think the City Manager should get out of his office more and communicate with the people.
- I believe we need a much bigger push of the Map Your Neighborhood program.
- I choose not to answer questions 32,33 & 35. My sincerest thanks for this opportunity, it was a long time in coming! As a former City Volunteer, I am cognizant of issues and try to stay abreast of issues through observation and my expertise. I sincerely appreciate the services my City provides though I can see there needs some serious improvements needed. Please DO NOT allow the homeless, Law and Code enforcements, taxing or free giveaways to degrade our City. Thanks for listening.
- I didn't see any questions about healthcare services. In my neighborhood we have had many residents move out of the area because healthcare services in the city and the county were not adequate for their needs. Many of these moved here thinking this was there forever home/community. This is disheartening that after all time and money, it takes to move to your chosen retirement location, and then for all intents & purposes, all other services are meeting their needs, that they have to move out of the area because of inadequate health services to address things like cancer. How much effort is being spent to attract healthcare providers and advanced healthcare service providers to the area.
- I do not appreciate panhandling at Safeway and Walmart. Please move them along.

- I enjoy living in Sequim. I would like to see less reliance on traffic circles and improved traffic flows. Washington St. should have a consistent traffic speed. The changes are not clearly marked which can lead to speeding or driving too slowly.
- I feel all 'private' streets in the city should be maintained by the city since private street subdivisions pay the same fees/taxes as other city residents. City residents should have a choice regarding garbage and recycle services. It should not be compulsory within the city.
- I feel that we need to be cognizant of the growing homeless problem. Whether they want help or not, it needs to be offered and enforced. I would love to see glass recycling and food waste available in Sequim. I would love to see speed limits enforced especially going north on Sequim Ave past the traffic circle to the county line. Most people believe it is okay to increase their speed to 45 from 30 making it difficult and unsafe to leave Royal Loop or cross the street on foot. Royal Loop is within the city limit, right on the border of the county. I really don't see a police presence at all in Sequim and this is definitely my main concern.
- I have noticed increase in homelessness and related activity couple with continued lack of affordable housing/development. Also, traffic flow at major intersections are increasingly worse (Sequim and Washington Ave, for ex.), and especially during school pick-up/drop-off times.
- I just moved to live in Sequim after my retirement as a Professor at UCSD and SDSU. I noticed when I walk to Walmart, there is no painted lines to show the cross walk from the Vintage Apartments where I live now to Walmart. It's very dangerous to cross the street from W. Brackett Road to the entrance of Walmart. The cars speed too fast and I worry one of these days one car will kill me crossing that intersection. The city does not have safe cross markings for cars to stop for pedestrians. Please have the streets better marked with stop signs for the cars to let pedestrians cross the streets. I want to walk to the Taco Time for lunch, from Brackett Road it's almost impossible to do so. The turnabout place is not marked for pedestrians to cross. Please make these crossings more safe and available. Thank you, Myrna Molinar,
- I like living here.
- I love the outdoor recreation especially the dog park.
- I often pass by the vacant space next to Jose's Salsa that was fenced in with some tables and chairs, but I never have seen it utilized. Who owns it and why isn't it made useful? Looking forward to the space next to 'over the fence' being designed for a gathering/focal point for 'downtown'. Convention Center also under-utilized.
- I pick up littler from QFC to Applebee's. Do me a favor and say thanks or compensate me.
- I pretty much love everything about Sequim with one exception: The police officers I've encountered are marvelous, but there aren't enough of them. My main concern is traffic violations. Running red lights, driving way over speed limits, and the noise from trucks and motorcycles driving without mufflers or conscious operators.
- I really enjoy First Friday Art Walk. I believe more money should go the schools to improve education for our young people. I wish there were more Doctors available in Sequim (people and animal), so you could see someone within a reasonable timeframe.
- I think visualization is important like making sure the fire hydrants are painted and the curbs are marked in front of them. Lighting also is important whether in a neighborhood or downtown like the major crosswalks it would be nice to have better marking and more lights around those areas
- I was on council in 2007 so understand the process. City is doing well but not enforcing shop lifting. Dump the diversity stuff if it is counterproductive.
- I worry about congestion for the future because we don't have logistics to add one way streets like many cities have. An extra ramp going and coming from the west (P.A.) just east of Black Bear would ease some congestion.

- I would be more informed if I knew there was a city newsletter. Now that I know about it, how do I access it? Better communication is needed to be an informed citizen.
- I would like bulk trash/large items picked up at home at least monthly. Now there are two times per year and the items must be brought to a collection point like Carrie Blake Park.
- I would like to have a through street that connects to the road that leads to Costco and the healing clinic. This would allow for a lower traffic path cycling to stores for shopping. We need more affordable housing for young people that work retail and Healthcare jobs. NO MORE 55+ NEIGHBORHOODS!!!!!!
- I would like to see more pickleball courts. I like to play with my grandchildren , it is very hard to find an empty court . More recreational options for kids.
- I would like to see stricter code enforcement, such as fines, for residents who have trash and broken down vehicles on their property. I would like to see limits on the number of TV's a homeowner can have on their property and rent out - four years ago homeowners were upgrading their property. Now in the past 3 years I see trailers everywhere and a disregard of the standards that were upheld when I moved here 7 years ago. Please place emphasis on making Sequim a safe place to live and a place that retains a sense of order and beauty.
- I would like to see the development of really affordable family housing. We don't need another Sr. Mobile Home Park. The new traffic light array is awful!!! Please go back to the old system.
- Maybe the City of Sequim needs to look at revitalizing the downtown area through The Main Street program. This program brings in grant money for projects. The neighborhood streets need sidewalks. Please look at putting in a kiddie pool at Carrie Blake Park.
- I would love for the road near us to get fixed. It is Brown Rd between the Elk Diner and the hotel area. I have had to replace ball bearings in my vehicle already and I only drive from my home to the school each day, with occasional trips to Costco or Walmart.
- I would love to see more public access to the beautiful coastline we have and fewer regulations on food trucks. More places to walk on the beach and eat delicious affordable food would make Sequim incredible
- I would really like to see traffic violations enforced by our local police! Sometimes it feel like there are no driving rules within the city. This is particularly a problem at intersections, both roundabouts as well as traffic lights. It is just a free for all with no consequences. In the four years I have been here I have NEVER seen anyone pulled over for a violation or have I heard of anyone in our community getting a ticket of any kind. We have however seen; speeding, illegal turns, obvious impaired driving, both from cell phone use to walking out of a drinking facility and under the influence and speeding off. My personal experience with calling police has been extremely slow response to no response.
- I'm mixed on Bell Creek, but it is a valuable asset. More people should enjoy the park. Improving the trail and river access could be good, but I would like to see the natural elements retained.
- IMO, the unavailability of affordable housing is the most critical issue impacting Sequim, the Olympic Peninsula, and WA state. There are not enough houses, apartments, etc. Rents are out of control. Instead of 1/4 of income for housing, people are being forced to pay 1/3 to 1/2 of their income. Seniors, like myself, on fixed income are being impacted the most as rent consumes a larger share of income, while other expenses continue to climb. Many seniors have cut other expenses for food, clothing, recreation, health care, etc., adversely impacting their health, safety, and quality of life, to be able to afford rent. Some seniors are being forced out of their homes because they can no longer afford exorbitant rent increases being forced upon them by greedy corporations buying up apartments, manufactured home parks, RV parks, etc. In Sequim, and the surrounding area, there are too few alternatives for affordable housing, including public housing.

Homelessness is a growing problem locally and across the state. If something isn't done soon to address rent price gouging, as well as providing more affordable housing, many seniors are going to find themselves among the homeless in this area.

- It is critical to provide excellent schools and encourage youth programs, which encourage younger families to come to Sequim. This includes the need for more and a variety of medical personnel. We also have a need for a more varied retail environment and availability of space for food trucks. That gives opportunity to entrepreneurs without the ability to occupy a brick & mortar location. The City has been too protective of downtown restaurants over the years. The cost of waste removal has gotten extremely high.
- It seems downtown area favors vehicles rather than people - lights form vehicles - customers have to wait for lights and then run across the street - the downtown area should be a place where customers love to enter. Cars do not stop to buy much, or enter places. It is very unwelcoming.
- Keep to the basic needs of community. Provide for the majority, not the minority. When spending taxpayer monies it needs to be to solve problems, not bandaid or perpetuate. Worse issue I see in the city is vagrants on the street corners asking for money, tents along R/W, RV's in public areas. I am tired of hearing we cannot do anything because of law. There are always options.
- Lacking access to medical services is my top concern for Sequim. Then insufficient funding for the public schools. Both are related. Without good public schools educated working professionals are not attracted to Sequim.
- Larrie Blake pond open to seniors to fly fish, catch and release.
- Live in a HOA community responsible for caring for our own streets, etc. I had a fire alarm go off with no condition I could determine. Called fire department. The dispatch told me to go outside and someone would come. By the time of arrival alarm had stopped. Alarm was removed, checked and household. Very courteous.
- Live in a HOA development with city deemed 'private streets'. Question 12 - street infrastructure for areas like ours, city should consider snow removal plan. Only significant snow (6 -12, or more inches) and one swipe through at end of snow event. This should be considered public safety not maintenance. Most HOA's are senior citizens who may need emergency services. There is no emergency vehicle that can get through 12 inches or more of snow in a timely manner. Or, structure a pay for service scale payable by the HOA for city service/equipment usage.
- love it here.
- Lower taxes, do not spend tax payers money on art! Control traffic downtown, encourage more companies to come to town. We spend our money outside of Sequim, there are no options here.
- Make it easy for small businesses to start and stay here. Food trugs! Reduce taxes and regulations for small business. I am also very concerned about property taxes. I do not want them raised. Not happy about MAT clinic. Drug treatment should be local.
- Many seniors are unable to drive and there is no transit service on Sunday's. Many would like to worship God in church and with others. Sunday transit would be very welcomed and appreciated. That would be a number one improvement.
- Miller Rd continues to be a concern due to speeding vehicles, especially large trucks and construction vehicles. We requested a 'slow' flashing speed limit sign when we moved here. We were contacted but never received the sign.
- More Affordable Housing!!!
- More affordable rental rates of city facilities, ex Guy Cole for art classes or educational opportunities. Some residents not in compliance with codes - having renters in garages and outbuildings - building garages too big and too high.

- More attention to be paid to homeowners. More restrictions on rv and car parking. Also, panhandlers. Maintain shrubs
- More developed walkways - accessible to all along waterways.
- More dog park options
- More options for medical care. Safety . Crime, drugs and homeless may cause me to move.
- More programs and infrastructure for youth and recreation to attract growth and young families. More businesses. Problem solving for certain intersections. Palo Alto and 101 crossing as that area grows.
- More sidewalks on W Cedar Street, we get a lot of foot traffic from 5th Avenue to the bus station and people have to walk on the road because there are no sidewalks in front of the trailer park and across from it
- Move the approval of the Habitat for Humanity housing project to permitting. Allow for food trucks to be present in vacant commercial property parking lots. Make sure all ages are cared for particularly children, bowling alley, skating rink, theatre, etc. I spend my recreational dollars in Port Townsend and Port Angles, can't imagine how difficult it is for folks on a limited income, children and transportation issues to keep engaged. Parks are lovely, but our weather.....during the good weather times, Sequim shines, let's shine year round.
- Much more needs to be done with RV's used and abandoned on the streets and private property.
- My concern is we are turning into Seattle. Please address rampant homelessness, derelict vehicles parking wherever they want, trash graffiti and blight they bring.
- My dream is to see more trails, more pedestrian friendly paths, more parks and outdoor spaces in our area. With more people moving here, need to put more resources into outdoor recreation and sidewalk infrastructure.
- My experience with planning dept was confusing and extremely unsatisfactory. We were met with "look on the website". School dismissal should be monitored for speeding around the high school. Community policing would help with the homeless situation.
- My only complaint is the quality of medical care here - it's actually scary. You have state of the art diagnostics, but no hospital for this large senior population care is inconsistent and wait time is unrealistic and dangerous.
- My Wife and I moved here for the recreational opportunities, the variety of shopping and the welcoming people. We are quite happy here.
- Need 24 vet facility.
- Need a 24/7 emergency clinic. Need an emergency vet hospital, need more doctors. Need more vets.
- Need better local medical care. Need more transportation options to places like Silverdale and Seattle , as well as local.
- need magnets with city services phone numbers. Enforce littering laws. Bike/pedestrian lane on West Sequim bay road to marina. Consider water requirements for new developments, continue to push for reservoirs. Consider apartments over downtown business, Development does not necessarily follow city comprehensive plan.
- Need more medical services. Need more vet clinics. Expand walk in clinics. More street lighting. More speeding and noise enforcement.
- Need more shopping and restaurants.
- Need more sidewalks, too many gaps in sidewalks especially in vacant lots.
- Need open spaces, parks, level surface sidewalks for balanced for challenged and mobility-impaired adults, especially seniors. Official city agencies posting information on the Next Door platform, esp. about SPD and Public Works projects.

- Need to focus on retaining housing. Manufactured home parks need support thru zoning. Need to make the city walkable. Need to get people to clean up property.
- Need to improve water system pressure asap - at least for the south side of city.
- No more taxes. Stop organizations from buying up trailer parks for vagrants.
- No sidewalk in front of my house. Floods every time it rains. Have put pavers at mailbox and sometimes they are under water.
- Not at this time
- Not enough street light. Too dark at night. Difficult to go to airport. Many residents do not clean or maintain yards.
- Our biggest disappointment is the lack of health care here.
- Overdevelopment needs to be addressed. Sequim seems to be cramming in homes that are senior only. We need AFFORDABLE family homes for people who work here. It is difficult to recruit quality employees to the very wide variety of workforce needed here if there is no where for them to live. On that same side investing in quality schools. It is a struggle to get young professionals if our schools are over crowded and dilapidated. We also see an overabundance of empty retail/office space. Building of new business spaces should be cut down until those empty spaces are filled and maintained. Traffic lights on 7th and Washington needs to be addressed as well. The 7th Ave side should alternate like the ones at Priest/WA st or Sequim/WA st. It is an extremely busy intersection and trying to make a left while yielding to oncoming traffic often requires waits of 2-3 light cycles which are excessively long (even at night with no traffic on Washington.).
- Pickleball courts need to be maintained. Such a waste that the city took over and is letting the courts breakdown.
- Please address plants on corners that obscure traffic. why are there curbs jutting out into streets, like on Henderson. People begging should have to have a license. Not all are homeless. Religious groups should help out the homeless. Please address light pollution at Medical center corner of 5th and Henderson.
- Please consider allowing natural gas utilities in the city.
- Please consider method to reduce the number of Widgens in Carrie Blake e Park, also soccer field area.
- Please continue to fight for rent stabilization for Manufactured Homeowners. Also, the city ordinances that protect our homes (owners not allowed to sell land and repurpose it to anything other than a manufactured home community.)
- Please do not let Sequim turn into Port Angeles or Seattle. We need police to be able to do their job and help keep us safe. No homeless camps, people sleeping on streets, setting up their own RV park anywhere they want, open drug use, syringes, excrement in our streets!!!!! And some kind of pressure needs to be put on the powers that be regarding the exorbitant rent increases that are going on in 55+ mobile home parks
- Please enforce noxious weed and city codes that address property owner responsibility to control weeds on their property. Many homes, especially rentals are eye sores and spread the problems through the neighboring properties.
- Please fix development issues, we are using more water than we have and keep approving more housing that is also expensive and not low income. Chattel loans don’t count.
- Please manage growth better.
- Please no apartments, the city does not need to grow, no room for traffic now.
- Please re-strip Hendrickson between Sequim Ave and 5th.
- Please, can we help the PUBLIC LIBRARY GROW and get the funding it deserves? Thank you! Love Sequim!

- Prefer the city focus on infrastructure, emergency management, and economic development opportunities. Any other social functions are best addressed directly by the community directly without government interference.
- Preserve open space . Provide path along Sequim bay road.
- Provide H2O at all parks.
- Public - Open to the public for city council meetings and city department meetings. Transit - More options to Sea Tac Airport, Seattle Ferry's, Sequim Port Angeles Ferry's. Canada programs. Love the Farmer's Market.
- Public schools. I shouldn't have to take one kid out of town for elementary school when we live down the street from one where the other kid goes.
- Quality of driving way down and police presence almost negligible. City provides about the right amount of events but presence of law officers, reminding people of the importance of the law.
- Refresh shopping centers. New Businesses. Fill empty stores.
- Rent - people who are employed can't compete with under employed/unemployed section 8 housing individuals or families. Working class in Sequim can't get ahead. Request apartment owners to get approval for random rent hikes. Also, for Californians or Seattleites, that move here and inadvertently jack up the cost of a home. Implement a one time tax on them that gets redirected to existing hard-working Sequim families and individuals. The tax could be income of the difference between the profits from selling high and buying low.
- School bus safety is a big concern. Many substitute drivers neglect to turn on lights and/or put out stop signs when children are getting off bus at their stop.
- Sequim could use more pickleball courts at Carrie Blake Park.
- Sequim has walkability - I am all for more bike lanes, and sidewalks. Environmentally sound water and waste disposal policies. I would like Sequim to be a 'dark sky' town and reduce light population.
- Sequim is a great place to retire. We have most everything we need here in Sequim.
- Sequim is a wonderful place to live and recreate outside. The need for medical and other services are increasing with the population growth. Affordable housing is critical for workers to provide the needed services.
- Sequim is an amazing place to live - hope we can balance our rural land and future development in a way to preserve what we have today.
- Sequim is generally going in the wrong direction because it is too focused on growth to the detriment of the environment. Because of the potential bankruptcy of the federal government, the open border, and the flow of illicit drugs, Sequim needs a strong police force. Because of potential disruption of food transport form the south, the county needs to be encouraged to set aside more acreage for farms, and small farms should also be encouraged within Sequim city limits. This is not the time to waste precious ground water on wealthy estates and golf course lawns. Lots should be small and ADU's should be encouraged. It is a shame that immigration has been so strong that Sequim natives are often unable to afford a residence here, and lower-income employees must live elsewhere.
- Sequim is great!
- Sequim needs affordable housing so we can get medical persons to fill openings at OMC here. We don't need trailer parks that are so overpriced it's mind boggling like Lavender Meadows, we need turning lights by Burger King.
- Sequim needs another public restroom and west end. People are working at jobs but can't afford rent so they park older vehicles after work at Walmart to sleep. They are gone every morning.

This is not the American way. How did housing become such a crisis? I have a roof over my head because it was possible years ago.

- Sequim needs more quality restaurants and emergency healthcare.
- Sequim needs to do more for the unhoused. ODT has unhoused people living on it in tents. QFC has people living in the parking lot in RV's
- Sequim tries but have hope there will be improvement with the new city counsel.
- sidewalks for the neighborhoods that need them.
- Sidewalks need kept up.
- Sidewalks- please add them. Thank you city manager and staff- like it here. Water fees are too much in city limits.
- Sidewalks thru city. I want to see them everywhere.
- Silberhorn is used as a highway bypass to and from downtown with speeds of 50mph or higher on a regular basis, community/ neighborhood complaints are unrecognized and ignored regularly about this! In the past 3 years 2 dog 3 cats 2 deer have been killed on Silberhorn just between 7th ave and Rolling Hills. The police ignore this problem, the police chief is especially ambivalent regarding this problem!
- Since 1999 there has been zero improvement on sidewalks from the River Road interchange. No safe travels for kids or anyone between bridge and round-a-bout or entrance towards Sportsman shopping area.
- Slow development to ensure access to resources. We don't have enough good water as it is; adding housing or commercial development despite dwindling resources is counter-productive. Traffic infrastructure is already showing strain; adding or widening roads is damaging to the environment and quality of life for those who live here. One comment on the recent holiday Tractor Parade: traffic on Washington and Sequim Ave should have been closed for the 15 minutes of the parade. It was dangerous to have vehicles moving through the parade route, and a 15 minute detour around the central area would not have significantly damaged the few businesses open at the time. Having routine traffic continue through the main intersection was dangerous, unnecessary and irresponsible.
- Some businesses and properties along the major City streets are disgusting and cannot be healthy for residents and visitors and are not appealing to visitors. Discussions among City Council Members are not transparent and sometimes catch residents off-guard. Discussions and prior voting decisions should not be discussed between Council Members before public Council Meetings. I believe it is illegal to do so. W. Sequim Bay Road in the area of the Cascade Bark business is almost always messy, dusty, rocky, or muddy depending on the time year. Someone should be held accountable for frequent cleanup. Also, in the last 2 years our streets have not been de-iced or plowed like they have been in the past. Hmmm?!
- Soundproofing Hwy 101 would improve the quality of life for everyone. It can also be artistic and decorative.
- Special events have become less enjoyable since 2016 due to people who display divisive political signs. Sequim could benefit from more support for the arts, like the Olympic Theatre Arts is a great resource that could be encouraged and supported.
- Speeders on West Prairie - where are the police? Westbound West Prairie has a speed register sign - folks used to see how fast they are going.
- Speeding and enforcement is a big problem. Hwy 101 could use a noise barrier for those who live on south side of Why Planners need to think outside the box. Planning for growth to prevent sprawl. Encourage multimodal transportation for health and environmental reasons. Make it family friendly, less boring.

- Stop the illegal fireworks. Can you do anything about the reeved up truck and car mufflers?
- Suggestions: A pedestrian light on Priest and Brackett Crossing to Walmart. Very unsafe and difficult to cross as driver's do not stop for pedestrians. A pedestrian light at the traffic circle/crossing Washington. Turn the empty lots on Brackett into nice walking parks with walkways. We need parks on the west end of town that isn't way down by the river.
- support the city manager and present city council. Protect all the elders , and support our very wonderful Sequim School needs.
- Take action against backyard breeders, selling animals in parking lots, hoarding of animals. We do not have sufficient animal control - one person for the whole county is not enough. Fine all the above animal offenders or jail time for repeat offenders.
- Thank you all for making Sequim one of the best places to live.
- Thank you for asking.
- Thank you for doing this. I wish the streets had more and better nighttime visibility aids.
- Thanks for doing the survey
- Thanks for this survey!
- The addition of a huge housing area near our home, that has only modular homes at a ridiculous price is a blight on Sequim. These homes aren't really affordable when you add the very high monthly space rent. It seems that this area will not have enough interest to fill it up. If it does fill up, then traffic will be a major issue that I hope the city addresses.
- The affordability of places to rent or buy is ridiculous. People who live and work here cannot afford to live. Unfortunately, I see homelessness becoming an even bigger problem, if this continues. There needs to be more affordable housing. More younger working people are going to move. Businesses are having a harder time finding employees.
- The amount of yard garbage - broken down cars, boats, RV's, etc. is really an eye sore for our city.
- The bus system for school children concerns me greatly. An hour and a half each way to and from school is too long for the younger ages.
- The city has continued to allow the residential streets of new developments to be constructed by developers. Because of these streets are not being built to code, the city holds no responsibility to these streets. The interesting thing is that with no services provided, the city continues to charge taxes to these homeowners the same as a city owned residential street. There is truly no equity in the cities tax system. The cities infrastructure is in poor condition and as time goes on the taxes will be increased so that the money can be utilized for art in the park…….. The cities development strategy is flawed and doesn’t have the current city residents best interests.
- The city must maintain its pickleball courts. They are in dire need of resurfacing.. poor workmanship and now the lack of upkeep are showing. Then we can think about building addition courts at Carrie Blake
- The city needs more affordable housing opportunities. the city needs more senior resources. The personnel at the resource center are neither helpful or knowledgeable. There needs to be more street lights in the city and the police department offices need to be open later.
- The city needs to focus on the families of Sequim. Our schools are run down, parks are old and outdated and if you attempt to ride on the trails, guaranteed at least one elderly person will make a rude comment to your kids riding in the trails. We have no recreational center for kids to go to to get out of the house. Yes we have a YMCA, however, this is controlled by the good old boys/girls. Gym is always closed for their classes, they complain when kids are in the pool that they don’t have swim lanes, Y closes early and doesn’t do any teen activities for teens such as teen nights. Also, don’t forget It’s also closed on Sundays. The list goes on. Lack of good doctors and specialists in the area. Talk to people and they’ll say they are commuting to Silverdale and

Seattle for Dr's, why? Because there's nothing here for families. Doctors want to put their kids in good schools and have access to resources, which we don't have do to resisting growth. Lack of sidewalk safety. Sequim Ave and Miller road is so dangerous for bikers and walkers. I'm surprised no one has been seriously injured. Housing. Young families are unable to afford adequate housing due to the lack of good paying jobs. Sequim again so focused on the elderly and retirement setting they're forgetting who's gonna take care of the elderly community if all we have is affordability for the retired. Sequim has so much potential to be better. It's a great community but lacks a vision.

- The city needs to repave the Olympic Discovery trails from the Dungenes River to Robin Hill Farm.
- The city staff I have contacted have been very helpful and customer service oriented.
- The duck problem in Carrie Lake is disgusting - they spread disease and children are exposed playing soccer and walking the trails covered with duck poop is a sick image of our city. Ability of parks staff to solve this problem.
- The intersection of Hendrickson and Kendall is dangerous. Flashing stop signs and/or flashing pedestrian signs as at the crossing of First and Sequim Ave. by the high school, would be greatly appreciated.
- The manufactured home area at the corner of Port Williams Rd and Sequim Ave is an example of poor planning and negative impact to infrastructure. I hope to see the results of this survey. City website or a letter?
- The police department needs to be seen and be more proactive. Stopping traffic violators doesn't mean writing a ticket each time but citing at fault drivers at collision scenes should be a department policy. Setting the example while driving is a must too. Actively addressing observed criminal behavior is also seen by the public as proactive and needs to be lauded by SPD much as Port Angeles does on their website. Walking the downtown city blocks in uniform is also proactive and officers can be spoken to easily. Thanks, and be safe out there.
- The Sequim council and planning is failing to protect the city from excess population increase. They have undone the long term comp. plan (a contract with its citizens) to allow 4-plexes in Sequim. We do not have the water resources or the roads to allow for this population jump.
- The street lights need some serious changing of the timing. Too long for main flow, especially after 6 pm. The lane marking are such a help , please repaint.
- The survey is a great idea. If I lived here longer, I would have stronger opinions.
- The trails are wonderful; it's the vulnerable parking for their use that needs more attention.
- There is graffiti at 3rd Place and Hammond St that has been there for a year. Please enforce clean-up. I would like to see traffic turn signals on 7th at Washington and also on 5th at Washington. I would also like to see Sequim have more healthcare providers.
- There is no law enforcement re: the very loud vehicles on Sequim Ave on school days both morning and afternoon. Too many hot rods making noise and speeding up and down the Ave.
- There was a question regarding "purchasing additional land for parks". Personally, I'd like to see some development at Keeler for activities that would be more challenging to add at Carrie Blake, i.e. disc golf, BMX track, more walking paths (especially around the marshy areas for bird watching, etc.), and other activities that require more open space.
- Too much emphasis on bringing in and supporting visitors over full time residences needs
- Too much growth and tourism for infrastructure leading to congestion and increased housing costs. Livability has decreased significantly due to overcrowding.
- Traffic flow is terrible - congestion is as bad as pre-bypass. Correcting that involves fixing the timing of lights (especially the Home Depot intersection where that left turn lane onto Hendrickson becomes impossible to access, further backing up traffic from River Rd - a

roundabout might solve that issue); and providing safe access and infrastructure for pedestrians and bicyclists so that people are comfortable getting out of their cars. While the main street is attractive and functional (except for parking), infrastructure quality and streetscapes start to decline just one block off either side. The core is healthy, the fruit surrounding it is rotting. A lot of my answers reflect an information deficit - I just don't know what the City is doing most of the time (unless there is a kerfuffle). The City should distribute an annual report each year, describing what has been done and how the goals of the Comprehensive Plan have been addressed. Are you evaluating how the Comp Plan is working and reporting that to citizens and elected officials on an annual basis?

- Traffic law enforcement is a big issue. Control speeding between Maple and 101 or south Sequim and enforce traffic light laws. Many do not stop at stop signs. Upgrade the traffic light timing. Side streets ex. 3rd and 5th wait too long to cross/enter Washington St. Stop speeding on south Sequim. Difficult and dangerous to cross/enter there between Maple and Hemlock.
- Traffic laws in Sequim seem to be ignored. People don't stop at stop signs, use their cell phones while driving, fail to signal or yield, all without consequences. The police don't seem to be interested in traffic enforcement. It would be helpful to put in dedicated left turn lights on Washington on all streets with lights. On Seventh, for example, you have to hope you can take a left onto Washington without being T-boned. Please ensure we have an adequate water supply as well as adequate pressure before allowing large developments.
- Use the old Penny's store for the homeless.
- Vacant big box type storefronts…who takes the lead in approaching tenants? Is this something the city would do, or is it up to the property owner? Are there tax incentives offered to attract new retailers to come to Sequim? Penney's, Grocery Outlet and I believe some other vacant storefronts/properties are available but remain vacant. Kohls, Trader Joe's, and I'm sure others would be good additions to Sequim.
- Vagrant RV/cars/trucks/tents on public and private property.
- Very much appreciate living in this beautiful city of Sequim.
- Very nice community for retired persons. Maintain and improve facilities and infrastructure. Don't let things rundown or degrade.
- We absolutely love living in Sequim. We love the friendliness, conveniences, small town feel, trails and beauty. Great place to enjoy retirement. Your 'Be Kind' campaign appears to work.
- We are very happy with our move to Sequim.
- We do not need any more housing developments. Town is losing its identity.
- We have a litter problem, it is unsightly. It does not appear to have much emphasis to attract new business. City needs more healthcare options.
- We have lived in Sequim for 12 years and are quite satisfied living here.
- We love living in Sequim, but are very concerned when we see new developments are required to be high density. We fear it will cause Sequim to lose the appeal of why we all chose to live here.
- we need another major grocery store, for example Winco
- We need better recycling. More litter collection bins on main streets, such as 5th, 7th, Sequim Ave, and Washington St.
- We need more activities, businesses and entertainment venues for our teens, and young adults. I would also love to see more are, trees, and encouragement of technology companies happening in Sequim. Let's make Sequim the new Northwest Technology hug, with great schools, doctors, and internet access.
- We need more doctors, more vets, an Emergency Vet Clinic, a Human Urgent Care, more restaurants, better handicap access (thinking outdoor concerts at Carrie Blake), affordable

housing, spruce up the town, activities for kids. Donating to Olympic Discovery Trail tonight because it is the ONLY thing to do here besides the casino. Needed an Arthritis Center with warm therapy pool WAY more than Healing Center. Druggies all over town now, especially Safeway on WA.

- We need more unique businesses in the downtown area.
- We need planned affordable housing. Our support industry can barely afford to live here.
- We never see street sweeping on South Seventh or East Silberhorn. Never see police, especially on South Seventh or East Silberhorn.
- We see hundreds of speeders daily on Silberhorn. Many of us have called and there is no response. It is very dangerous and is going to kill someone if not addressed. Please have more enforcement of police.
- We would love to see more things for young children (0-5yrs) - events, businesses, play areas, etc. Sequim is really lacking with things to do for little kids, and feels more geared towards the retirement age group. We would also love to see the trails cleaned up of transients, so that women and children feel safe to use/walk on.
- West Sequim Bay Rd is dangerous for pedestrians due to bicyclists riding abreast in groups. Would me difficult to widen it, but people cannot walk on the north side.
- What a great place !
- What a great place to live and also to visit.
- What happened to the Sequim Elk? Take the signs down and install them at Bell Hill.
- What if the city invested in an indoor pickle ball facility? It's the fastest growing sport in the country .With the option for basketball tournaments etc.. It could generate tourism bring tournaments to town the retirees would love it and our YMCA facility could be more focused on youth and having a safe/fun place for kids to spend time after school to play basketball etc. without having to compete as much with adult classes and adults taking up the basketball court for pickleball.
- When approving a new subdivision development, keep developers responsible for upgrading the roads around the subdivision and do not approve non-standard roads with a subdivision even if the city is not responsible for the roads. Do not allow general public to use private roads.
- While I have lived in Sequim for 14 years, I am a caregiver for my parents, so some of the questions I had no clue how to answer. We live in city limits, yet 3 houses down there is a section that is county, big houses, why?
- Why do we continue to lose needed medical staff? is it housing? the schools? Please keep the Homeless from settling here.
- Why doesn't the city fund the senior center? Provide tennis facilities. Need a N-S through bike lane - hazardous, as is. Don't let more development ruin Sequim and make traffic impossible.
- Widen and place a center stripe on Bracket Rd.
- Work on intersection line of sight. Sequim intersections are dangerous.
- Would like City of Sequim to consider establishing land for a pet cemetery..
- Would like to see better plan for city center, which includes appropriate retail and restaurant choices over services, (corporate type small business, etc.). A goal to attract shoppers and tourists, and more attractive signage.
- Would like to see continuing protection of seniors in manufactured home communities. Appreciate the work being done so far.
- Would like to see enforcement on speed laws, Take care of people parking all over and living in cars. Please don't keep building massive housing projects.

- Would love to see apartments/condos 5 miles out of town to accommodate many people who work in Sequim but are unable/not ready to by a home.
- Would love to see the plans for new parks implemented, including a splash pad. Would benefit from more children option. Difficult for moms who work, especially full time.
- Would more retail business. Would like a BECU officer or ATM site.
- You have signs for no panhandling, yet this city code is not enforced.
- Your staff and maintenance crew do a fantastic job.
- Zoning the tiny lots close to town is not desirable. Dislike all the mobile homes. 7th Ave need to connect to Hy 101 to relieve local traffic. Need a hospital! Better internet option.