

City of Peoria Fiscal Recovery Funds Survey

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I worry about the lost income of individuals and the impact on the educational system	x	x									
Lack of employers or possibly a year lost of education to those who did not benefit from homeschooling..	x	x									
Negative business impact and loss of learning for children in Peoria public schools	x	x									
People not wanting to work because they are receiving max unemployment; businesses cannot find workers. Schools being closed and students being behind in their learning. We need to catch back up.	x	x									
Business closures (especially restaurants) and stalling downtown growth due to work from home. Increase in homelessness and need for mental health services and public housing.	x		x			x	x				
Balanced budget Neighborhood safety South end grocery	x		x				x				
small business closures and small employers struggling. Behavioral health infrastructure for the exploding behavioral health needs especially for pediatrics and adolescents.	x				x						
The loss of business volumes led to a loss of tax revenue. This led to a failure to fund critical government services. First and foremost, staff and equipment for police and fire/rescue can't be cut to the levels they are though this issue requires pension reform as well. Secondly, the combined sewer overflow needs to be fixed with urgency so the river can become an asset to the city. With all this said, a small portion of the available funds could be allocated to critical not-for-profit social services as even tiny contributions make dramatic impacts in well-managed foundations such as Central Illinois Friends who has faced a dramatic increase in usage and costs as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.	x				x		x	x			
The rise in violent crime, during the reopening phase and local business struggling to stay open, and the crumbling roads around the city are deteriorating by the day	x				x					x	
Businesses closing, the roads are torn up	x				x						
Loss of business and the neglect of our infrastructures- roads!!!	x				x						
Loss of revenue and infrastructure improvements.	x				x						
The threat of loss of small businesses and restaurants. Not related, but PLEASE do something about Roads; Glen Ave, Pioneer Parkway, War Drive...	x				x						
Economic decline, job loss, population loss and a general lack of ability to invest in big picture projects that will improve the city long term	x				x						
In a post - Covid world Peoria is ideally positioned for population growth. However wonderful this town is for its low cost of living, taxes are still surprisingly high considering how little the taxpayers get for what they pay for. Pension absolutely must be addressed but of course that's a state issue. Right now we need to focus on business development and revitalizing infrastructure. We have a beautiful urban core and though the revitalization efforts as of the last year (OSF) have been wonderful, we can't stop there. Our roads, bridges, sidewalks, sewers, and waterways must get the attention they need.	x				x						
Loss of small business and lasting mental health impacts.	x					x					
Mental Health Loss of small business lack of population growth	x					x					
Economic impacts to residents and businesses	x						x				
Getting people all back to work and school. Stability so that bills can be paid. Take care of ALL the neighborhoods and see that there are grocery stores and safe play areas for families.	x						x				
Losing businesses and neighborhood revitalization	x						x				
More people have become jobless and homeless	x						x				

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People losing their homes : rental or ownership. People have to have a roof over their heads and food in their bellies to begin to get back on their feet financially. This should include low income minorities as well as seniors who spent their lives working and saving only to have that nest egg disappear during two economic downturns. Many seniors are now living on the edge of poverty because of it.	x		x							
The amount of people that are now homeless due to economic impact	x		x							
Increase in crime and continued increases in taxes/fees.	x								x	
Crime and high taxes	x								x	
Economic issues which lead to increased crime.	x								x	

Perception outside of our community particularly in smaller rural areas and small towns is somewhat negative when it comes to Peoria. Crime is a major concern whether the numbers support the theory or not...it is all about perception. I am hearing people are afraid to come here to shop or dine because of the increased number of shootings. Additionally, people are indicating without Bergner's and Marcy's why come here to shop...Bloomington/Normal - Von Maur appears to be a destination for shopping. Local downtown areas near the Civic Center, bus terminal and major intersections throughout the city are in out of towners' minds undesirable because of the peddlers asking for money. We have to remember this is frightening and irritating to many people whether they live here or just visiting our city.	x									x
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Small business grants didn't go to small businesses. More disadvantaged people due to loss of income=more crime and we didn't have enough police BEFORE COVID!	x									x
Budget cuts to public safety as well as the loss of small/ medium businesses	x								x	
Small business support and Fire & Police funding	x								x	
1) People having too much idle time on their hands, and needing to get back in the workforce. 2) The disparity that continued to grow between those people who had jobs that could transition to work from home, vs the individuals that lost their jobs because they worked in a sector that got shut down during covid.	x									
A lack of people in the workforce	x									
A lot of businesses are now struggling or have closed. I think supporting SMALL businesses should be the focus which will, in turn, help the economy.	x									
accelerated loss of business/retail tax revenue	x									
Adequate daycare resources	x									

All of the above. Loss of revenue to keep city services available (such as fire station closure)	x									
All the staff that was laid off, trying to get their programs back up and staffing levels up & trained.	x									
Amazon	x									
Assistance with opening new businesses	x									
Attracting business to downtown.	x									
Budget. The loss of tax revenues are severely impacting our ability to invest or modernize our city	x									
Building local small businesses since so many closed during COVID	x									
Business closures	x									
Business closures	x									
Business closures, people unwilling to work service jobs due to higher pay on unemployment	x									
Business closures. People leaving the city/state.	x									
Business development and growth.	x									
Business loss	x									

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Business loss / loss of sales tax.	x										
Business loss, and sales tax revenue loss further driving the continued infrastructure deterioration (roads, utilities, blight areas of the city).	x										
Business loss, residents leaving the area	x										
Business lost	x										
Businesses struggling or closing	x										
Businesses are short staffed and financially impacted.	x										
Businesses are struggling because they have been shut down and because national retailers have weathered the storm better. Restaurants and entertainment locations have struggled and we need to keep them in business.	x										
businesses closing	x										
Businesses closing	x										
Businesses closing	x										
businesses closing / food/restaurant industry	x										
Businesses closing and people choosing to not return to work.	x										
Businesses lacking sufficient staff	x										
Businesses need more support	x										
Businesses needing help and beauticians and barbers	x										
Businesses out of business	x										
Businesses provide jobs for Peoria residents, and we saw Covid batter and in many cases sink these vehicles for job creation. I believe we must prioritize business revitalization. These businesses will provide the horsepower needed to protect the underprivileged from damaging economic impacts of Covid.	x										
Businesses unable to find workers	x										
Businesses were forced to close and lost revenue, needed to lay off workers, and some were forced to close completely. Government forced the closure and should take some responsibility for helping resolve the crisis.	x										
business's closing due to low staff, people are making more on unemployment vs working.	x										
Closed businesses	x										
Closing business trying to recover and open up again	x										
Closing of businesses and accessibility of vaccines to population unable to commute.	x										
Closing of businesses and loss of revenue for the City of Peoria. As well as the strain this has placed on healthcare workers and facilities. Need to support these two sectors as much as possible in an attempt to return to "normalcy."	x										
Closure of small business.	x										
Consistent and predictable revenue for businesses which generate taxes for COP.	x										
DEBT	x										
Decrease in revenue	x										
Development and creation of new business / jobs	x										
Disruption of economy	x										
Economic growth	x										
Economic impact on small businesses	x										
Economic impact preventing business to follow safety guidelines and families with financial struggles due to Covid and businesses in the area	x										
Economic loss in tax revenue	x										
Economic stability to encourage growth and opportunity. More money (outside money) needs to be coming to our community. Tourism and destination marketing should be considered to encourage outside tax money to be spent to support our needs, on top of what our own residents enjoy.	x										

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Economic stress on citizens	x										
Economic survival of businesses, retention of employees	x										
Economy	x										
Economy - too many people went unemployed which left businesses with no workers. They are trying to get back but have no reliable work.	x										
emphasize tourism and destination marketing to help encourage outside tax money to come to our communities.	x										
Employee shortages	x										
Essential workers in hospitals and clinics are overworked, school will start soon and are understaffed	x										
Families having difficulty returning to work full time due to child care issues (limited hours, limited child care subsidies).	x										
Filling job positions	x										
Filling open positions.	x										
Filling vacant jobs	x										
Finances and daycare	x										
Financial	x										
Finding employees for our businesses	x										
Forced closures of local businesses	x										
Funds continue to go towards specific zip codes instead of being better dispersed. Poverty occurs in all zip codes, not just 61603, 61604, 61605. The City of Peoria occurs outside of these zip codes, but you would not know it based on the efforts being implemented in the previously mentioned zip codes during the COVID-19 pandemic. Equitable distribution of funds would be nice as us tax payers see poverty in the "wealthier" zip codes of the City of Peoria and COVID-19 has impacted everyone not just residents of 61603, 61604, and 61605.	x										
Getting people back to work	x										
Getting people back to work	x										
Getting people back to work to support local business and economy.	x										
Getting people back to work! Employer's face a crisis due to the fact so many are not returning to their jobs.	x										
Getting people back to work.	x										
Getting people to work and off assistance	x										
Getting people to work! Stop federal unemployment subsidy and require work search for State unemployment.	x										
Getting the economy growing again. That would replace lost tax revenues and get people back inside their offices.	x										
Having broadband and computers to work from home and to complete school work seemed to be a big challenge for those populations without the service. Also, essential workers most at risk of Covid exposure should have premium pay and equipment protection.	x										
Helping businesses that had to close.	x										
Helping restaurants/hotels stay in business.	x										
Helping small businesses reopen fully and rehire staff.	x										
Helping struggling businesses to recover and recruit quality talent.	x										
High cost of labor and goods	x										
I believe it's hard to rank but the failure of small businesses	x										
Impact on small business and Event/Gathering Spaces, like the Peoria Civic Center, etc.	x										
Impact on small business.	x										
Impact to businesses and lack of staffing	x										
Incentives to getting people back to work and increase staffing.	x										

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Income	x										
Income and job loss among those in the poorest of zip codes and the loss of revenue for non-profits to continue their work.	x										
Increase in prices in every sector - gas, food, services etc.. inadequate water quality and rising inflation	x										
Increased cost of living due to inflation. Hiring issues with businesses. Lack of community/increased isolation causing increase in crime and suicide.	x										
Increased energy usage	x										
Increased financial burden on average Peoria resident. Meaning lost jobs, lost income, housing displacement, healthcare expenses, and so on.	x										
inequality on who is eligible for unemployment funds	x										
Inequity due to the digital divide. The City needs fiber internet to every house and every business.	x										
It's in Illinois. In all seriousness, a lack of innovation and revitalization in the city isn't giving citizens or businesses (looking at you CAT) much of a reason to stay here. Bloomington-Normal welcomed Rivian as a forward-looking strategic move and now they're reaping the rewards. Kim Blickenstaff is the only champion of innovation lately and I hope his efforts are not in vain. OSF also seems to be investing with the cancer center, but more positive momentum is sorely needed.	x										
Job Loss	x										
Job loss	x										
Job loss	x										
Job loss	x										
Job loss, businesses closing, and people moving away (all are connected)	x										
Job loss, decrease in finances, unable to maintain homes. A great help would be to provide grants to not for profit agencies to assist individuals with emergency needs such as rent and mortgage assistance to keep families in their homes, medication assistance for seniors, assistance to pay Cilco and Water. Money to assist grandparents who are raising their grandchildren unexpectedly. Vouchers for transportation to get back and forth to work.	x										
Job losses	x										
Job losses	x										
job losses/ Business closing- and I can't find workers due to Government still handing out unemployment. People don't want to go back to work then . Creates a worker shortage.	x										
Job lost due to COVID 19	x										
Jobs closing	x										
Jobs. Quality job creation, people going back to work, jobs give family structure and self worth.	x										
Keeping small businesses alive	x										
labor shortages due to sub-par pay and business greed; lack of transparency at city level	x										
Lack of a workforce	x										
Lack of employees due to unemployment payments being so high.	x										
Lack of employees for businesses	x										
Lack of employees to fill jobs.	x										
Lack of entry into the workforce. The community is struggling to find employees.	x										
Lack of good childcare supports to help get people back to work	x										
Lack of good paying jobs!	x										
Lack of income, people are out of jobs or working less, people have left Peoria so less taxes for the city	x										

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Lack of job growth in major companies. The jobs that are being offered pertain to low-income Essential workers, and workers are leaving those jobs because of concern for their health.											x
Lack of jobs paying a decent wage											x
Lack of people who are working. Peoria is in need of workers											x
Lack of revenue streams. All the money goes to private organizations who line their pockets while the City is forced to implement fees on the residents. Water, ambulance, garbage - fix this											x
Lack of staff at area businesses											x
Lack of willing workers - too much given out in public aid											x
Lack of work force and loss of businesses.											x
Lack of worker											x
Lack of workers											x
Lack of workers and lost business from people still staying home to avoid risk of getting covid											x
Lack of workers and quality of jobs.											x
Lack of workers in businesses from restaurants to healthcare.											x
Lack of workers in stores, restaurants, etc due to the latest unemployment benefits being more attractive than working.											x
Lack of workers in the job market											x
Less jobs places not staying open long enough to stretch different t shifts											x
Local business has been hit the hardest. We had a wonderful local business scene and we need to support those small business owners.											x
Local businesses that weren't allowed to be open during the lockdown are hurting. These owners lost income and any employees they have lost income. This also hurts Peoria if these businesses can't afford to stay afloat and close. Less businesses will be paying taxes. The federal stimulus was great and all, but for individuals who lost their jobs that money was nothing. For those who didn't lose work it's extra money in your pocket. I feel those who lost jobs are still hurting. Peoria is a mess! Our roads are awful. We pay for water. If there is extra money it would be nice to see them go to fix these things.											x
Loss of retail and eateries business in our community.											x
Loss of business											x
Loss of business											x
Loss of business revenue, resulting in loss of tax income to the City. assisting business to get back to normal should help all other areas.											x
Loss of businesses and jobs											x
loss of employment											x
Loss of healthcare workers in the region											x
Loss of income											x
Loss of income											x
Loss of income											x
Loss of income and inability to keep up with the basics											x
Loss of jobs											x
Loss of jobs (pre and post COVID)											x
loss of jobs and unemployment											x
Loss of jobs;increased homelessness											x
Loss of manpower											x
Loss of revenue											x
loss of revenue											x
Loss of revenue due to less sales tax.											x

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Loss of revenue for businesses. Between the forced closing of all non-essential businesses and the limit on event size, personal and businesses lost revenue. Lost revenue for businesses in turn means less tax dollars. And you can't increase fees and taxes on people and businesses that have not been able to function at capacity because of government inflicted constraints. Now, many small businesses are limping along barely able to cover overhead. Larger venues, like the Civic Center have been shut down for 500 days! All those lost events equal less money for the city in terms of hotel stays, food purchases, gas, and souvenirs. The budget does not reflect this decrease in revenue.	x
Loss of small businesses and jobs. However jobs are plentiful at present with few applying for them. Also education suffered greatly.	x
Loss of small businesses as they did where unable to compete with the "big box" stores.	x
Loss of stability that will last generations	x
Loss of tourism and small local businesses.	x
Lost jobs and livelihoods due to small businesses having to close.	x
Lost jobs. Difficulty of restaurants finding employees. Please do not use one time money for on-going costs. Invest in our infrastructure, particularly roads and sidewalks. They really need it, particularly North University, Prospect Rd, Pioneer Parkway, N Sheridan Road.	x
Lost revenue by businesses.	x
Low wages Bad jobs Cheap employers	x
Low wages due to industries losing money.	x
Many local businesses and restaurants were lost forever, or are barely, hanging on with limited hours of service. Peoria desperately needs to rescue them for the good of the city's economy.	x
Many people have lost income and there are few high paying jobs in the area to replace that income.	x
Momentum of development near downtown and warehouse district	x
More jobs than there are people who want to work	x
More support needed for non-profit agency essential workers	x
Negative financial impact to families	x
No grocery store on the south or east end of town	x
Not enough wanting to return to work	x
Not enough workers. There are plenty of jobs but not enough workers to help businesses get back to full capacity.	x
Our economy	x
People and families are suffering with loss and paying for medical bills from the one they lost.	x
People don't want to work cause they are getting unemployment. All because people receive more in unemployment than they would if they was working. Minimum wage is to low.	x
People leaving the city	x
People loosing their jobs and businesses closing down.	x
People moving away; we need to fix downtown and our tourism.	x
People moving out of Peoria instead of into Peoria. Mostly because of schools and high property tax.	x
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People not getting the help they need.	x
People not returning to work because they're making more collecting unemployment	x

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People not returning to work: Businesses struggling to hire employees.	x										
people not working because they receive more money	x										
People who actually want to work is hard to come by.	x										
People who do not want to work because of their unemployment benefits. It is hurting our local businesses!	x										
People, especially women, unable to return to work due to lack of childcare.	x										
People's lost livelihoods	x										

Peoria needs a new economic perspective, and identity. We have ridden the wave of previous decades when CAT ruled supreme and money flowed in peoria. Now the game has changed and we need to work on attracting new companies to our area. Peoria gets passed up when our neighboring communities offer incentives to businesses willing to relocate. A new identity as a solid good sized town might attract start ups. Let's stop pretending we are a small city and own our new big town do. Covid squashed the economy. We know that. Could we emerge with our new identity (and maybe some solid city planning for connecting the dots)? Brush off the dust (let's work on our roads, who wants to live in a beat up town?) work with developers to find some usable solutions to abandoned buildings and sites (live/work PLEASE) and do some real work on filling in those dead zones.

Potential to have a surplus of commercial office space if companies (Cat) shift to a work from home model	x										
Private sector loss of business and individual income	x										
quality employees	x										
Reopening businesses that were shuttered due to the pandemic	x										
Reopening our economy and neighborhoods safely. The pandemic is not over!	x										
Replace lost tax revenue	x										
Residents getting back on their feet after taking time off due to illness and being unemployed in general. Lack of workers due to businesses not being willing to pay a living wage.	x										
Restaurants and local businesses suffering by lack of attendance and staff.	x										
Retraining workers in new fields that pay family sustaining wages	x										
Revenue loss from local businesses	x										
Revitalizing small businesses. Also, the CSO plan expense is significant for residents and businesses. Can this cost be lowered?	x										
Rising cost of living and wages not rising to match.	x										
Safe, supportive childcare, jobs with a living wage and housing.	x										
service cuts, digital infrastructure, online shopping fulfillment chain expansion issues,	x										
Shrinking economy.	x										
Small business closings	x										
Small business closure.	x										
Small business closures	x										
Small business closures and lack of workers	x										
Small business loss	x										
Small business relief	x										
Small businesses and health/safety protocols	x										
Small businesses and low income communities	x										
Small businesses and their employees (either current or temporarily laid off) need help. Our local economy is still struggling.	x										
Small businesses are our backbone, and they've been hard hit more so than big box stores. The city's money makers need to continue to receive support, so we can support other areas of need in the city in the future.	x										

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Small businesses disappearing because of not being able to find anyone to work and lack of money coming in due to being closed because of COVID	x										
Small businesses have been decimated because of the unconstitutional lock downs. Throw this on top of Peoria being ground zero for the Illinois pension crisis and you have a community in a death spiral. We need to give businesses tax relief, lower property taxes, and get government out of the damn way. Use these funds to restore our rainy day fund and to fill the budget hole created by exempting all small business in the city from all city related taxes.	x										
Small businesses losing their companies.	x										
Small businesses need help. I'm not sure they will get the help they need as long as the unemployment payments keep rolling out though. We need to ensure we don't lose any more businesses than we already have in Peoria. Water and Sewer Infrastructure is important as well.	x										
Small businesses suffering major losses.	x										
Small businesses, lack of those wanting to work, the growth the city could've gained over the past year but instead remained stagnant	x										
Small companies going out of business.	x										
So many job openings with so few job applicants.	x										
Stabilization of business and lack of living wages	x										
Stores closing and no availability to those who need it most	x										
Stressed businesses and healthcare systems.	x										
Struggling businesses.	x										
Support small business	x										
Supporting tourism was called out in ARP as ways to use these funds. Tourism should be supported to encourage visitor spending and increasing outside tax revenues.	x										
Taking advantage of the massive potential of Peoria. COVID-19 and the loss of major events/jobs have made us more vulnerable, especially downtown, to lose the great potential we currently have.	x										
Tax increases to replace lost tax revenue due to shut downs.	x										
Taxes	x										
Taxes increasing in general for property owners people not able to get back on their feet after covid and trying to play catch up.	x										
Taxes need to get house in order!! Can't keep pushing out people who can invest in city.	x										
Taxing citizens with fees continually. Property taxes and extra fees are unacceptable.	x										
The biggest issue facing the City of Peoria due to COVID-19 is equity in business support.	x										
The biggest issue is the budget and being more business friendly compared to surrounding towns. These are the same businesses that have been impacted by covid as was the city. The money should go there first but also the City should attempt to be more business friendly.	x										
The business sector is hurting as they seek employees. Continued relief to individuals will not encourage anyone to come back to work. Landlords have lost revenue, and incentives could be offered for them to house individuals heavily impacted with proof from COVID-19.	x										
the city is on a slow path to death. it needs to attract more businesses.	x										
The city is the biggest issue. They created more problems than were necessary. Overzealous mandates killed businesses.	x										

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The City of Peoria needs to focus on building back the strong support of small business owners and the hospitality /tourism industry as a means to create jobs, spending and tax revenues for the city. By investing in tourism and hospitality, the city can generate new tax dollars without putting the burden on property tax. This helps support city functions and shared community values like police, fire, infrastructure, etc. If we are able to exceed pre-pandemic levels of advertising and marketing we will be able to exceed the tax revenue for the city which in turns allows the city to do more for residents. Ultimately, quality of life is improved through wise investments of new dollars. In addition, we must focus on resident recruitment and retention, making sure that population growth is real during the next 10 years to put the community on a new trajectory fo success as a growing metro market for new growth and development.	x
The closing of mom and pops restaurants	x
The closing of so many small, locally owned businesses. While also leaving people unemployed. We also didn't have many shopping stores to begin with, but we lost even those during that time.	x
The coronavirus has hit all of us in so many different ways I would assume the reduced amount of tax income would probably be the biggest challenge or issue for the city.	x
The downsizing of many businesses has devastated the economy of Peoria. The City was already in difficult financial conditions prior to COVID-19. The after effects are only creating more issues. Burdened with evergrowing pension deficits and failing infrastructure. We really need focus on properly aligning our spending in areas that can revitalize existing businesses and attract new ones to the area.	x
The economy. Some businesses are thriving, while others are barely getting by.	x
The government providing too much long term support for people. Businesses have struggled to find employees and smaller businesses will begin to fold. Larger businesses can simply go elsewhere if they choose.	x
The loss of income to small business owners.	x
The loss of jobs for the low-wage earners.	x
The loss of so many small businesses due to COVID. We need them to be successful in order to collect taxes from their revenue, attract more people to the city and improve overall services.	x
The loss of tax revenues to the City of Peoria and the loss of private-sector businesses that have had to close.	x
The most important thing we can do is continue to work to position ourselves as a vital, growing community with lots of good jobs, affordable housing, and high quality of life.	x
The need to emphasize tourism and destination marketing to help encourage outside tax money to come to our communities.	x
The number of businesses posting about limited hours due to lack of employees. Spikes in cases due to people not getting vaccinated.	x

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The people on unemployment are getting so much money for free, they don't want or need to work for it. Free money (all of the payments like tax relief, economic impact, and child care credits) as well as the programs for things like rent relief needed to be shutting down already. There are so many jobs available that using the excuse of not being able to find a job is unacceptable. I understand there are a few exceptions, but as a whole, free money should have been being turned off. Businesses, who were also hit because of this, are losing revenue again due to needing to shut down because of lack of workers. Free money needs to end. And, anyone on unemployment should need to have random drug tests.	x
The reliance on sales tax and there aren't any businesses selling things.	x
the seniors have been hit very hard. something should be done to help them.	x
The struggle of having funds and finding a work place	x
The tourism industry in our city has suffered the most. Peoria is a great weekend getaway and many people are not aware of all the great attractions we have and also our amazing downtown.	x
There are a lot of pan handlers on the north part of the city. People not able to work because unemployment pays them more. Jobs need to pay people more so they can live a comfortable life.	x
will learn the answer after consulting with as many people as possible. All I know is about the organization I lead, Contemporary Art Center of Peoria. We are keenly interested in receiving a grant via the money the city received from American Rescue Plan. We are in a more precarious state financially than last year. What is missing? PPP loans, special grants, special Caterpillar matching and the same level of personal donations. Donations have increased but are about ¼ overall less than last year. When we announced we were offering events again in March, the public assumed that all was well and most stopped donating. Another big piece that is missing from last year and this one is private room rental that brings in \$30,000-\$40,000/year. We had a few last year and this year Usually by fall, we have 15 private wedding reception rentals booked for the following year. So far, we have six. In recent years prior to the pandemic, we would average 30-40 such events. The future months are going to be very lean. We need about \$7,000 / month to cover our usual bills and \$9,600.00 if I am being paid. I last paid myself July 2. I hope to resume paying myself in September and maybe get caught up by the end of the year. At the end of the month, we will be paying nearly \$8,000 for property taxes and that will be a hit on the dwindling bank account. Supposing we can get enough donations to cover August, we will start out in September with no reserve and still need 7-10,000 for September and October. The sweet spot for revenue for CAC is \$15,000/month minimum. We were doing well in January with \$14,000 and February with \$19,000 in revenues, and we had hibernated during those months. Since March, revenues have averaged \$7,400/month and that emptied the reserves. As the city is considering how to spend the money, event driven businesses are hurting and non-profits especially. If we ever emerge from this crisis, it would such a great loss to lose our cultural moorings. Offering a grant to be able to access some of the millions the city received would be what I am suggesting. For non-profits, dispersal could be set up through the Community Foundation, as they already have the means and system set up. I would be happy to further discuss solutions and provide more input if desired. Thank you so much for the opportunity to share our perspective,	x
this city needs to focus on the bills they sending homeowners, & put that money towards that	x
To many unemployed	x
Tourism	x
Trying to regain the momentum Peoria had pre-Covid in small/local business creation, top business and talent attraction to the city, and tourism to the area.	x

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Understaffed businesses especially local	x										
Unemployed workers.	x										
Unemployment	x										
Unemployment	x										
Unemployment	x										
Unemployment	x										
Unemployment	x										
Unemployment and needed financial support for those out of work	x										
Unemployment for those in hourly positions or customer service positions such as servers.	x										
Unemployment or income reduction of citizens resulting from effect on businesses during pandemic	x										
Unsure. The pandemic highlighted disparity of population able to access resources. Broadband and other resources should be available for all households.											x
Use part of these funds to investigate purchase of the water company, per the 2018 city council vote											x
Viability of businesses impacted by the pandemic:											x
Wage loss, housing stability											x
We need more to grow more thriving businesses											x
We need to attract more young healthcare professionals to Peoria. Our hospitals and nursing homes are desperately understaffed.											x
With all of the extra assistance the Illinois government is giving people that qualify (Child tax credit, extra money on top of what they would receive for unemployment) there is not enough "help" in certain businesses such as restaurants and stores. Business need more money "free" money to be able to stay in business since they do not have enough help.											x
Worker shortage											x
Workforce shortages and economic impact											x
Working with the business community to ensure they have adequate staffing resources. Improving our neighborhoods to make them attractable for remote workers and to increase our population.											x
Our streets are in terrible shape city wide and residential areas. District 150 is getting so bad and making bad decisions that they are blaming on covid. Such as getting ready to transition to year round schools, kids required to wear masks when they are low risk for severity and teachers and the adults are vaccinated, closing their playgrounds, ect.										x	x
Many schoolage children are being isolated at home, unable to go out and play ude to covid 19. I think kids need more access to parks and playground areas, even in winter time so they can avoid large crowds and get exposed. At this time, the mental health for children should be a top priority and kids should have access to play areas which are walking distance to their houses. All adults have option of taking vaccines but the children do not have the same availability so they are being kept indoors to protect them.										x	x
Education - there are many uneducated, underage (18) children who need additional schooling.											x
Education is failing its residents											x
education of children											x
Educational slide due to children (especially in low income, low school attendance areas) not being able to have regular hours, 5 day in person learning											x
helping low income children make up education deficits from at home schooling											x
Kids not being in school in person											x

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Lack of education in low income neighborhoods. Low income population are bot getting vaccinated		x									
Lack of education, training and support to the community		x									
Learning loss of students		x									
Schooling		x									
The learning loss of youth, particularly those entering the workforce.		x									
The social-emotional development of our youth in addition to the missed well visit for child development (physical and emotional)		x									
Water infrastructure....childcare resources for low income		x			x						
Violence and affordable housing		x						x			
Violent crimes and equity for all people		x						x			
Construction in East Peoria and I also live in district 5 in the Idyllbrook Neighborhood. I live at 6619 N. Brookwood Ln. I am very proud of the work you did on the Northmoor Road project recently. My neighborhood is actually very close to that project. I am working with our neighborhood board and have contacted Leah Allison, Senior Urban Planner, to discuss a project to fill in missing portions of sidewalk in our neighborhood to help connect families in our neighborhood to Richwoods and Northmoor schools along with the nearby trail and park system and local businesses. Our board is excited about putting in sidewalks and wants to see what resources and opportunities are available. From my house it's about a 1 mile walk to Richwoods which means that the majority of my neighborhood would be able to send students to school via walking. This would mutually benefit the school system to allow them to reduce bus routes and use transportation funding for other means. In the age of Covid this is also a healthier option. I am currently participating in the City of Peoria's sidewalk replacement program since I live on a cul de sac that has portions of sidewalk. Unfortunately some of my neighbors never had sidewalks installed when the neighborhood was built so the sidewalk just ends at my house. While I am thankful that this program exists to help me make improvements on my property, I am also aware that the city's tax dollars are being used and that my sidewalk doesn't connect to a larger infrastructure which lowers the city's return on investment. Newer neighborhood streets in our area have full sidewalks and connect to amenities so we are a bit of an island. I should also mention that I am also an Academic Board Member with Bradley Civil Engineering and Construction. In the past, I have worked on projects that include faculty, students and the city and believe there could be an opportunity to partner with them for studying a sidewalk implementation in my neighborhood. My personal motivation for this project is that I have a young family and would like sidewalks in the neighborhoods for their health, safety and connection. There are also a number of diabled persons in our neighborhood that don't have a way to safely travel around our neighborhood or connect to the other amenities. I am aware that the city is currently studying how to use Covid funding and that there is also a potential for larger		x									
61603 and 61605 residents not knowing about the resources available to help our most vulnerable citizens.		x									
A sense of community. The federal and local governments are pulling people apart and we are more divided than ever. Peoria needs to be a community again. It's time for Peoria government to show its people they want to better Peoria for their people and because they care.		x									
Access to resources and capacity for our community resources to serve our most vulnerable.		x									
Affordable housing, livable wages, and access to equitable health care.		x									

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All of the \$\$\$\$ pouring in is not "Outcome Based". We do not have a vision.....1 year, 3 year, 5 year for District One. We have lots of agencies providing lots of services getting lots of \$\$\$\$ and no North Star. We need a unifying goal so that we do not waste these funds. We need matching \$\$\$\$ from the community to make sure the programs are sustainable going forward. We need leadership to shepherd the \$\$\$\$ where it needs to go to make the biggest impact. Bob Woolsey here, glad to help with the process.	x
â€œ...Poverty!	x
Assisting those at the bottom that have lost the most due to COVID	x
Boarded up and abandoned house on south side	x
care of the behavioral health people who have no place to live, can't get the services they need, can't afford to get medication, can be dangerous to the community and disruptive. Need residential homes, need providers to care for BH population	x
Children. As a Parent having to make choice on paying bills or activity for my children. Which usually is not allowing them to do a sport, activity or dance classes, because I can't afford it. So they suffer. Since the pandemic the small businesses that I could afford with cheaper rates are not able to stay open. Because they do not have the support like the bigger companies or park district. So the really sweet mom and pop shops are closing. But all children deserve the opportunity to do sports, activities, or just dance. A very vicious domino effect that leave the lower population out.	x
Citizens should recieve payments to help pay their bills.	x
Community resources	x
Continued development of a healthy and supportive living environment for it's most at risk citizens.	x
COVID merely highlighted already underlying issues such as housing concerns, lack of fresh food/produce to lower income neighborhoods, issues in transportation and healthcare access.	x
Covid-19 has exacerbated the unequal opportunities for persons of color and low socioeconomic status, specifically hindering the ability to earn living wages and have appropriate education opportunities for children.	x
COVID-19 has only made many of the issues even more pronounced within our community such as the level of economic inequality/poverty, unemployment, neighborhood safety, crime, education, and homelessness. I would absolutely love to see a significant amount of the funding be used to demolish the delapidated and unsafe buildings that are scattered around our city, with them being heavily concentrated in some of our lowest income neighborhoods. These buildings are unsafe and eye sores. They are deteramental to the neighborhoods that they are in and need to be demolished.	x
COVID-19 shined the light on the disparity (housing, physical and mental health, and employment) in this community among People of Color (specifically within the African American community).	x
Crime..Lack of Grocery Stores..Lack of Adequate Housing	x
Declining tax revenues as businesses close or become more focused on eCommerce. These funds represent a one time lifeline to invest in projects that will in effect multiply the returns. We must only spend this money on projects that will truly provide the largest ROI possible. Once the budget has been transformed, through these targeted investments, then we can spend on some of the social initiatives that will improve our community. Otherwise, budget shortfalls will result in cuts to these programs anyway and we will have seen no net change.	x

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Disengagement and loss of collaboration		x									
Disparate healthcare and human services and the general lack of mental health support.		x									
Disparate physical and mental health challenges based on income		x									
Economic distress for low income households.		x									
Ensuring that those disproportionately negatively impacted see proper investment in their neighborhoods and in workforce development.			x								
Equity in job opportunities and medical attention			x								
Equity issues			x								
Erosion of social structures that tie the community together			x								
Evictions and increase homelessness as a result.			x								
Evictions that are causing more homelessness.			x								
Evictions/homelessness			x								
Exacerbated economic inequity and increased neighborhood stability			x								
Exacerbated poverty			x								
Families in poverty who were already struggling are in even worse shape now			x								
Feeding folks in higher poverty areas.			x								
Financial support for Peoria residents			x								
Food banks, lack of proper housing for people especially children. Internet access.			x								
Food deserts and inequity among our most low income neighborhoods.			x								
Food deserts. Great disparages in the 61605 location.			x								
Food for the needy. Public Covid 19 testing sites need to be reopened.			x								
Food Insecurities			x								
Forcing vulnerable populations to decide between putting food on the table by putting themselves out in the public in low paying public service jobs (school, library, health, public transit, etc) or protecting their families by staying home when they or others are sick.					x						
Getting the word out about resources for low-income families, programs/projects for kids to prevent crime especially during the summer months, and transportation. I think we need more of these services but I think the biggest problem is notifying the community of what exists, helping them utilize these resources and services/programs. The other issue is money is being spent on new development and we need to put funding into the already existing spaces.											x
Greater income inequality especially around schools.											x
Health disparities and exacerbated racial/economic divisions											x
Helping families that are hardest hit with their housing needs and basic needs. Also businesses trying to open, but without adequate pool of potential employees/workers.											x
higher unemployment rates for those who were already impoverished/disadvantaged											x
Highlights the imbalance of equity within our community											x
Homelessness											x
Homelessness and poverty levels and of course gun violence											x
Homelessness and related issues that lead to homelessness (unable to pay bills, unable to attain jobs, etc)											x
Homelessness, high rent											x
Housing and addressing needs of homeless and struggling persons											x
Housing and potential evictions due to lost income.											x
housing and transportation											x
Housing challenges											x

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Humanity! Our fellow Humans! Look at how poorly people are struggling!		x									
I am new to the community, but I do work in the public health sector that focuses on underprivileged communities - feel those communities always need assistance			x								
I don't know. The same issues always facing Peorians. Economic inequality. Education. Gangs. Lack of access to affordable resources.			x								
I don't think there's just one thing or one issue that the city of Peoria is facing due to covid and it's not just covid it's everything crying the city itself cleaning the city making it look nice slumlords politicians everything										x	
impact on at risk neighborhoods and essential workers i.e. homecare services										x	
Impact on Residents and And Small businesses. Would like to see a Stimulus check for the residents now that are at or below the poverty level. Just a small step up like at the most \$500. This should only go to residents that don't qualify for any other programs.										x	
Improving equity and equal opportunities in the city. COVID drove folks who are already disenfranchised within the city.										x	
Income equality lack of health services to low income people revitalize neighborhoods in the south sector of the city										x	
Income inequality exacerbated by the pandemic										x	
Increased disparities in food insecurity, wealth leading to increased crime										x	
Increased poverty in already impoverished areas										x	
Increased wealth/income disparity										x	
individuals who are already impoverished/at a disadvantage have been hit the hardest and need help										x	
Inequality										x	
Inequality- getting resources to more vulnerable populations.										x	
Inequality of income.										x	
Inequity										x	
Inequity across race and class lines that was exacerbated due to COVID										x	
inequity and disparage being very apparent. Poorest in the community suffering. low vaccine rate										x	
Kids are suffering due to the closure of many programs and facilities. For example, Peoria has no pool or splash pad for children to spend time at this summer. Most local small towns around us have both. With our size, Peoria should have 3 of each spread out so kids can play, develop water safety skills, and stay out of trouble. We also have very limited amounts of playgrounds. Another issue is the labor shortage. Waits at many businesses are long due to lack of staffing. When jobs are posted, nobody applies.										x	
Lack of employees willing to work. That will solve itself in a few weeks. Poverty is still a huge issue that Covid has only heightened. Let's make efforts to address poverty from a physical bf mindset point.										x	
Lack of jobs/job hiring, accessible grocery stores in the lowest income areas, good affordable housing,										x	

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Loss of community energy due to limits to indoor gatherings. Devastation of essential-worker population due to covid19. Harm to local businesses, small and large. Loss of safe childcare due to covid19 restrictions. Transportation obstacles; lack of food stores on the south side. In addition, it is disheartening to read about proposals to spend massive sums of money on vanity projects that might benefit only small rich portions of the city, like the bridge park over rt 74 and the amphitheater in Donovan park. Why can't these funds be used to revitalize areas in need? When I participated in workshops to discuss riverfront redevelopment, the professional planners proposed a riverfront amphitheater - that is a much more logical location, where many more could have access. Planners tell us that parking and transportation routes are ample downtown. Maybe a riverfront location could spur investment in our center city. there are many other logical locations for the amphitheater, like the already-existing glen oak pavilion that could use refurbishing. While we are thinking big: how about bringing AMTRAK back to Peoria? I have heard estimates in the \$500 million range. an infrastructure investment of this type and size could put Peoria back on the map and entice small, medium and large business to consider locating here. let's fight for it! thanks for asking!	x
Loss of income/jobs especially for low-income individuals.	x
Loss of income=jobs, daycare, rent = poverty = crime	x
Loss of wages for an already struggling population of low income workers	x
Low income communities	x
Low income families need help with child care to get back to work.	x
Low income single parents such as my self that has never married has lost so much income due to covid need more cash stimulus or will have to give up custody of my child and myself will have to live in the streets	x
Low-income communities becoming higher in unemployment and lower in income.	x
More pronounced equity-related health issues.	x
More separation/division of people.	x
Multiplied inequities	x
Negative economic impact on those that can least afford it	x
Negative impact to lower income families, including health, housing, education.	x
No economic activity in the downtown and in 61605	x
Our inequities have been more and more exposed.	x
Our poorest citizens falling into a deeper hole.	x
Overdue ameren bills and rent	x
Parents of kids that had to stop working in order to be home with their children. Social/racial inequality in low income areas	x
Pending eviction crisis	x
People are still struggle financially. It should go to them / every one	x
People in poverty or bring evicted	x
Peoria itself. Neighborhood/ residential/ welfare health checks/ education. Neighborhood pedestrian friendly grocery/ markets/ meals. Children access to educational/ recreational resources/ facilities.	x
Poverty	x
Poverty	x
Poverty	x
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Poverty and Crime affects children and families. This must be addressed as soon as possible. In Austin, Texas, tiny homes were rebuilt for the homeless communities. These were for single people. Of course, a family would need a much larger space. People who take pride in their home / apartment (home repairs, lawn work) should get discounts / waivers on rent. Landlords can be reimbursed with Fiscal Recovery Funds. Jobs can be created as roads and buildings are rebuilt.	x
Poverty and need for educational vision. Carl Cannon has the right idea. Broaden his base of influence with a sectarian approach rather than exclusively religious. Educators and social services with vision for a new Peoria supported with this funding.	x
Poverty, homelessness, n no stability for people to survive or feed they families	x
Poverty. It was our biggest issue prior to COVID-19, and it's far worse now.	x
Poverty--low income people making below the poverty level wages. It is a shame that if you work 40 hrs a week and you still cannot afford to pay rent and other necessities. Child Care is so expensive that only people making 6 digits can only afford it. The same people not being treated fairly when they go to a health care facility (Dr's Office)	x
Racial Inequity all around. We must reinvest in our low income neighborhoods and provide well paying jobs for all.	x
Reaching and educating those impacted by social determinants of health. Listening to the needs and responding with actionable results. We MUST fix the vulnerable population and give opportunities to ALL community members. I feel asking for help can be its own deterrent and I get it. We need to figure out how to make accepting help and knowing how to get it a "sexier" option for taking that first MAJOR step. If we could really help those who need it and really LISTEN, we could be game changers for so many who just want to breathe. I have a solid support system. I am paralyzed at times with my struggles, even though I am not alone in solving my problems, yet, it's hard for me to ask for help. Imagine not having any of that... what are you going to do? Whatever it takes to wake up the next day, and perhaps that may not be desired on certain occasions. Mental Health... the need for more access to those to talk people off the ledge and help them see/find their purpose. And to let them know that help is there for them. It could be so powerful and impactful in making positive change in our community. And for crying out loud we MUST eliminate HATE and RACISM and replace it with LOVE and ACTION.	x
Rental and utility assistance.	x
segregation and disparity in neighborhoods	x
Small businesses closed or closing, lack of workers as things open	x
Taking care of their residents that have fallen behind financially and are trying yo recover	x
The biggest problem for the city is equity in redevelopment and healthcare.	x
The citizens of Peoria lacking money for needed home repairs. In all areas of the city.	x
The city has a lot of resources yet we still struggle to connect with the individuals and families that need it the most.	x
The enormous issues radiating from generations of racial justice and inequality.	x
The pandemic has exacerbated existing economic disparity. At the local level, it is important to improve the lives of families and grow from the middle up.	x

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There was already so much poverty in Peoria. High taxes, violence and crime, and less than stellar public schools have driven so many to collar communities. The pandemic has made these challenges worse. I feel we should address our budget, critical infrastructure, and help at risk communities.			x								
Underemployment/unemployment particularly in groups who were already in low income brackets			x								
Underrepresented and low-income families hit disproportionately hard			x								
We need to be able to pay rent utilities feed ourselves also adding to the economy with a guaranteed income for lower income individuals and families, the elderly and disabled should also not have to suffer or beg for anything. Maybe all utilities paid for until the end of the pandemic or some type of agreement, the cost of utilities is extreme							x				
Widening economic gaps											x
within the past 2 decays, Peoria has lost 1 or 2 major companies that where not replaced. WHICH has lead to high crimes against women and children, loss of salary, and higher paying positions. To continue, and this is just an observation, the remnants of struggling mid-class, to whom I salute for not abandoning Peoria. Certain business owners are fleeching citizens that are already entangled in an economic surreal, walking, talking nightmare. And it's gonna take a lot more than what's on the city council table to turn Peoria around. The drugs and prostitution, overpricing, low wages have got to go.											x
Workers to help mow down on the south end and tear down houses abandoned houses like 2700 Montana Street Peoria Illinois 61605											x
I think it has exacerbated the negative self-image that Peorians have of our city. We face the same issues other cities face (all ranked in this survey above), but a lack of pride in who we are. I would love to see a holistic approachâ€”one that isn't based just on dollars, but on building community. Obviously, I think the arts are a key part of that!											x
I'm not qualified to answer this											x
inconsistency											x
Inconsistency in mask requirements followed by businesses.											x
Loss of hope											x
NA											x
Not sure											x
Not sure											x
Not sure											x
Poor leadership											x
Social/community spirit is low											x
The City Manager											x
Unknown											x
Whether it's covid related or not people need to start taking responsibility for their own community and their own neighborhoods also people need to start taking responsibility for the actions of their children that are unchecked and running around the neighborhood causing crime											x
While I understand there were many facets affected, without being more informed about the details from each sector, I cannot properly answer this question.											x
A large amount of the public not being vaccinated.											x
Discrimination against unvaccinated people.											x
elderly and those with health conditions need to be vacinated so our health care system is not overwhelmed											x

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False information surrounding the pandemic and people unwilling to do their part to protect themselves and others.					x							
getting higher % of population vaccinated.					x							
Getting people vaccinated continues to be a challenge. Battling the disinformation out there is difficult.					x							
Getting residents vaccinated					x							
Getting the virus under control through vaccinations, masking, and social distancing.												
Sensible precautions can prevent having to resort to shutdowns.					x							
Health care					x							
Health disparities					x							
Healthy, getting better health care. Because no family doctor understands the underlying issues with COVID-19.					x							
individuals not being vaccinated					x							
Just like everywhere else, not enough people are vaccinated. I'm a 68-year-old woman who lived so isolated for about 16 months that it took an unimaginable toll on my health! I never knew that isolation affected health so much! It's like starting March 3021, my body just crashed and I started having to see all kinds of different doctors for the first time in my life. I even need open heart surgery. I talk by Facebook with different kinds of people and try to arrange work on my home by people with different educations and views from me. I try to understand why they're not vaccinated. Some of my contacts just really don't trust the medical system, especially Some African American contacts for reasons I understand. Some are motivated politically or misinformed. Why don't we use some of these funds for a major outreach effort to the unvaccinated, addressing their various concerns? Let's get tough. If you're not vaccinated and become seriously ill, why should you expect our nurses and doctors to risk their lives to treat you? You don't vaccinate, you incur the risk. Once upon a time, that's the way it was with motorcycles and not wearing a helmet. I think the biggest problem, in summary, is isolation of our citizens because of people who choose not to vaccinate and policies that aren't tough enough excluding their participation in community life so others can be safe.										x		
Lack of a mask mandate/no enforcement of mask requirements when they are in place											x	
Lack of available health care and support to low income families and neighborhoods -which were the people who are usually essential workers or couldn't work from home or who lost their jobs due to covid											x	
Lack of education and accessibility for vaccines. The rates of the unvaccinated are alarming, especially considering that mask mandates have been lifted. The numbers of unmasked individuals do not reflect the current vaccinated population of the county.											x	
Lack of education and understanding. This results in the circulation of misinformation, which could potentially result in poor vaccine numbers and other avoidable issues. The sooner everyone does their part, the sooner this can be over.											x	
Lack of vaccinations is the black community											x	
low vaccination rates											x	
Low vaccination rates											x	
Mandate mask wear in all businesses											x	
Misinformation											x	
Misinformation and low vaccine adoption											x	
Misinformation causing certain people not getting vaccinated											x	
Non-vaccinated people causing another virus surge.											x	

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Overall vaccination rates				x							
People not getting vaccinated, whether due to lack of access or political beliefs, people need to get vaccinated.				x							
people that won't comply to precautionary measures and thus continue to facilitate the spread of COVID 19				x							
People with misinformation, sure to political beliefs				x							
Polarization of opposing mindsets, ideology, etc. relating to Covid-19 response. Making the issue political when it shouldn't be.				x							
poor immunization rate				x							
Public health infrastructure				x							
Some businesses that didnt follow CDC guidelines in regards to masks. If every business was forced to close or follow the guidelines we would be in a much better place. All schools students and non vaccinated people NEED to wear masks.It is the only way we are going to get out of this!					x						
Stopping the spread of the virus and getting more people vaccinated so the economic impacts on businesses are lessened by less people getting sick.					x						
Supporting public health initiatives in population health.					x						
The biggest issue is the number of people who are not vaccinated. The vaccination rate of 46% is insufficient to achieve recovery for the citizens and businesses of Peoria.						x					
The biggest issue to me is the mandated masks for all school children. It has been proven cloth masks do not help..and in fact are unhealthy. Yet school children are being forced to wear because our liberal governor has no brains nor commonsense. We are under the authority of Chicago and the agenda of liberal left.							x				
The community not receiving the correct information about the effects and severity of COVID-19. The government and public figures needed to communicate facts. The Healthcare systems and Public Health departments were the only ones that were trying to educate the community and keep them safe.								x			
The lack of free testing places where you can just walk or drive up without an appointment. The lack of leadership to shut down for two weeks and set the ground rules to end the pandemic in our area.									x		
The need for prevention and mitigation efforts (vaccination, masking, social distancing) and the overwhelm of healthcare organizations/burnout of HCWs										x	
The risk of not still having a mandate to wear masks. Seeing that the vaccines like almost everything is not 100% of keeping one safe from the virus or it's variant .											x
The second pandemic, long covid. Please consider funding to help begin a covid long haul clinic to support downstate care for the many that have become disabled due to this illness and other services to support this vulnerable population which includes some of our healthcare workers.											x
The threat of the virus resurfacing and whether we can handle another lockdown.											x
The unvaccinated and the delta variant.											x
The unwillingness of people to become immunized, due to ignorance, ethnic superstitions and stupidity. Their actions only insure more suffering and death and not just to themselves, unfortunately.											x
Too many people not vaccinated!											x
Uncertainty due to future outbreaks, low vaccination rates, further investment in the community											x
Unmasked unvaccinated											x
Unvaccinated citizens											x
Unvaccinated ppl											x

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vaccination rates & people not returning to work force & fallout from last school year's online "learning" (disadvantaged dist 150 students getting even further behind)					x						
Vaccine hesitancy					x						
Vaccine hesitancy in low income areas, lack of schools making vaccines mandatory, inaccurate reporting of COVID cases in schools, lower pay for entry level jobs					x						
Crime and roads					x				x		
The same as it was prior to covid. Crime and infrastructure					x				x		
Loss of infrastructure and city services					x			x			
Public safety. Police. Fire dept and roads					x			x			
1. Properly fix the goddamned roads. 2. What really needs to happen you won't do anything about anyway so just fix the roads.					x						
Apathy. I can't say that it started with COVID-19, but there's been an awareness that far too many of our citizens only care for their own personal interests. Abiding by health directives, protecting one another, and keeping our shared spaces clean seemed to be too much. We are so divided. I want to believe that investing in our infrastructure will instill pride, and with pride can come the desire to take care of our city and one another.											x
As lack of infrastructure to absorb the urban flight brought on by the wave of remote work						x					
Decline/Deterioration of revenues. We need to use these funds in a way that multiplies the funds and maximizes the economic ROI. Calculated infrastructure investments and revitalization of heritage neighborhoods is key to setting this city up for a brighter future. There is an opportunity to change the budget forecast for a generation if we are smart with this money.											x
Exasperated the ongoing budget shortfalls.											x
Extension of unemployment benefits has caused businesses to be short staffed. People don't want to work when the government keeps giving handouts! Definitely need to use some of the money to fix the roads; pioneer parkway is a mess!											x
Fix the sewers to get rid of the illegal tax											x
Getting people back to work. Right now the people in the Peoria area that are on the unemployment aren't getting off of it because they are making the most they have ever, and will ever make. If we came together and gave these people opportunities to provide for themselves and their family instead of giving a bunch of hand outs it would show some sort of appreciation for the value of a dollar. The roads are atrocious!!											x
I think we need to address walkability of Peoria. People need sidewalks to get to their jobs and do their shopping. I live in one of the nicest neighborhoods in the city and we can't walk a half mile to the Shoppes from where we live because I can't drag a stroller through a ditch and unsafely cross 150 at my intersection. Now imagine if that was my only way to get to my job, my bus route, or my groceries. Those places need our business and employment, but we don't want to help Peorians access them. City planning here is a shambles. Look at Bloomington. They connect old and new neighborhoods to their excellent trail system, which is in fact an excellent and paved trail system. We are all sick of seeing yet another car wash or dollar general go up, but we don't support infrastructure to allow for better and nicer.											x
I would prioritize repairing of the streets and roads.											x
Infrastructure											x
Infrastructure											x

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Infrastructure						x					
Infrastructure deterioration						x					
Infrastructure support due to loss of revenue.						x					
Infrastructure. terrible roads, water, sewer completely outdated.						x					
Lack of infrastructure development-roads are terrible, water and sewer funds misallocated, COVID wiped everyone out and we pay huge taxes						x					
Lack of revenue- the roads need fixed						x					
Loss of revenue causing disrepair to our roads.						x					
Loss of revenue forcing budget cuts in a number of areas that could not afford it						x					
Lost tax revenue furthering the decay in infrastructure such as roads and sidewalks						x					
Maintaining city streets based on amount of real estate taxes paid by private sector.						x					
Make investments in infrastructure that will future expenses like led lights, paying off debt, etc. This will pay off for years.						x					
Making Peoria active by making it a Walkable & Bicycle-safe city by fixing potholes & having sidewalks everywhere. Peoria has beautiful green space that other cities envy, but it's dangerous for kids/teens (& adults) to ride their bikes from neighborhoods down Charter Oak & Frostwood to Junction City/Donovan Park/ Rock Island Trail. Peoria needs to encourage being active, as a preventive health measure.						x					
Mental health resources, educational resources, infrastructure and roads have always been an issue but they are still a major issue in the City of Peoria. North University, Pioneer Pkway are almost undriveable today.						x					
Not due to covid but we need to clean up the roads on the southside						x					
Opportunity for infrastructure improvements						x					
Poor infrastructure						x					
Potholes. Fix the streets in this town						x					
Road deterioration						x					
Road repair						x					
Roads						x					
Roads						x					
Roads						x					
Roads						x					
roads are falling apart!						x					
Roads need fixed, they are horrible.						x					
Roads. Please repair roads- University from Glen to Pioneer Park. Please replace Glen from War drive due East to Knoxville.						x					
Senior citizens, disabled & public need MORE BUS SHELTERS TO protect spread Of cpvid. They are required to stand in wind, rains, adverse snow & cold year-around. If not shelters at benches while waiting 9n busses. Thank you they are needed bad some cities have small shelters near every stop. They need it!						x					
Set aside funds to perform appraisal/study of Water Co, at least \$500,000.						x					
Shorter bus schedules for public transport						x					
Street maintenance						x					
Taxes, roads, and police/fire pension funds. Taxes are ridiculously high, roads are terrible, and taxpayers should not fund pension plans.						x					

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TAXES. They are ridiculous - and only getting worse. Or as the city sometimes refers to them, FEES. Just FYI, they are one and the same. So taxes/fees going up, property values are going down, and the roads are awful. Also, mismanagement of funds. For example, why does North University (past Pioneer Pkwy) have so many ornamental lights for a commercial district? Waste of money. Same goes for Orange Prairie Road - so many ornamental lights for farmland, and half don't even work, meanwhile, the other side of Orange Prairie is a driving hazard from the potholes.

x

The apparent job loss that has taken place with people leaving the area. However, these funds should not be used for payments to those that have lost jobs -- there is now funding available via federal funds for community college if someone needs to get retrained. Instead, funds should be used for infrastructure uses that would not only benefit current residents but make PIA more attractive to future employers. While there may be limits on what would be considered Covid-based infrastructure, my best guess is that we were already funding some of those improvements. Therefore, the Covid \$ can be used for the pre-budgeted Covid-based infrastructure projects which should free up dollars to be re-purposed toward other (non-Covid) infrastructure projects. This is a one-time unexpected "windfall" and the funds should be used for large, hard to budget, one-time expenses that do not have significant (if any) ongoing operational costs. Using one-time money to hire additional staff without a plan to pay for the ongoing multi-year cost (ie "figure it out later") does not seem like a prudent approach to using the peoples money.

x

The biggest issue facing Peoria is lack of investment in infrastructure. The issue existed before COVID-19, but has become much, much worse. The City should consider using federal relief funds to jumpstart a program of significant investment in infrastructure.

x

The biggest issue facing the city is the deficit you have created. The city is falling apart.

x

The biggest issue is keeping valuable services like library programs and Park District programs. Supporting local families and maintaining accessibility is so important.

x

The condition of the roads is absolutely terrible. Let's see what we can do to get the pre-COVID downtown projects moving again!

x

The loss of revenue to the City to support infrastructure is the largest loss. Businesses and workers are already receiving the help they need (I own two businesses and both have been made whole). The City needs to focus on getting the roads, sewers, broadband, etc. up to where they should be. This money should not go to wages or pensions.

x

There is a struggle with transportation (it is rather expensive with no transfers), many renters are still behind and looking at eviction, as well as utilities needing payment as well.

x

Theres nothing specific to this it just showed the issues that are already there just got worse

x

We need more investment in public infrastructure and more investment to address the economic disparities for people of color.

x

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We need quality, inclusive, and accessible green spaces (public parks) in neighborhood all across the city. Children need access to playgrounds that follow universal design so that children (and caregivers) of all abilities can enjoy them. In addition to inclusive playgrounds we need splash pads at parks all across the city. Being able to seek refuge outdoors during the pandemic should be something that can be easily and safely enjoyed by residents. High quality inclusive playgrounds, water features, restroom facilities and pavilions, etc. improve the quality of life of those living in close proximity -- emotionally, physically, and often economically as well.

x

Behavioral and mental health services in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic should be the priority of the City of Peoria. In 2020, there were a total of 147 emergency responses made for behavioral health related emergencies. That number was surpassed in 2021 by the end of February. In the summer of 2020, the Center for Disease Control published a US survey in which 40.9% of the respondents experienced at least 1 adverse mental or behavioral health problem related to the pandemic. And before the pandemic began, the rate of mental health issues and substance use were already on the rise. Behavioral health is a rising and urgent need! Further, I would like to stress that investment in mental health care is not only important for the well-being of our community's people, but a beneficial investment in our community's economy. According to the World Health Organization, every \$1 spent on evidence-based care for depression and anxiety returns \$5 to economic productivity.

x

Behavioral health

x

Behavioral health in the community and inpatient

x

Behavioral Health is going through the roof in Peoria. There needs to be a united approach to this issue.

x

Concerned about the learning loss experienced by kids who were not learning in the optimal environment last year. Very concerned for kids under 12 who may be in the same situation for yet another year because they can't get vaccinated. The real harm is the psychological toll for these individuals who have been so absolutely isolated. We need to treat the whole child as we get these kids back to "normal." This is also true for elderly and immunocompromised people too. It has been a stressful time for everyone! Biggest issue: mental health.

x

Growing health disparities and mental disorders as a result of increased stress and abuse cases.

x

healthcare inequities and behavioral health needs

x

Healthcare: increase in substance abuse and drug overdose, lack of mental healthcare options, delays in cancer screenings and childhood vaccinations, need for covid resources for health care facilities.

x

Lack of help for the mentally ill, especially those with covid. There is no place for them to get help, forcing the police and ill equipped social agencies to try to cope with them

x

Lack of Mental/Behavioral Health Care Services for our communities' youth.

x

Lack of resources for individuals in need of mental health care. It is imperative that individuals who do not have the mental capacity to understand these issues be given proper resources to handle this societal shift. Allocating funds to assist in getting all Peoria residents the mental health care they desperately need. Therapy and other medical or psychiatric services should not make them go broke.

x

Mental Health

x

mental health crisis for all income levels

x

Mental health effects after COVID.

x

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Mental Health issues for so many that were adversely affected						x					
Public Health specifically Mental Health. There has been a dramatic increase in the need for Behavioral Health services during this most trying and uncertain Health Pandemic.							x				
Public Health, particularly mental health acute response as well as long term care. Remove stress from law enforcement for drug addiction, mental health and homelessness							x				
Public Health/Mental Health Availability during job loss							x				
results of mental health issues in our community - homelessness, crime, job loss, education loss							x				
Significant increase in the volume of people in our community needing mental health, substance abuse, and behavioral health treatment, inpatient and outpatient services.							x				
The biggest issue facing Peoria's recovery process from COVID-19 is by far depression, anxiety, and other mental health issues that were exacerbated by the pandemic. It isn't an easy process to recover the minds of the public, but Peoria has a lack of mental health resources for use. Mental health is generally incredibly expensive, contrived to use insurance for, and hard to find the right service provider.							x				
The mental health and substance use crises that already existed prior to COVID have only worsened. It affects all ages but especially people disproportionately impacted by the health and economic impacts. We lack adequate facilities and resources to meet the needs, and many people are going without help or are having to leave the community for care.							x				
Unsheltered individuals and mental health needs.							x				
Absentee and neglectful landlords								x			
All is one big single Interconnected Issue. Homelessness Drug/alcohol addiction High Crimes Rate									x		
Budget cuts affecting Code Enforcement and Public Works projects.									x		
Crime, code enforcement.... But that is not where this one off money should be spent.									x		
Deteriorating neighborhoods									x		
evictions									x		
Homelessness and lack of financial education									x		
Homelessness and the impending increase of homeless with those who have not been able to pay their rent.									x		
Homelessness due to eviction									x		
Homelessness is getting worse									x		
Housing									x		
Housing									x		
I do not have info to respond to this question. If possible I would like to see funds provide for housing and programs for our local veteran's that are in need.									x		
I feel that COVID-19 shut down has hurt lower income families dramatically and we are seeing an uptick in crime especially gun related violence.									x		
Impact on children is going to be long term. Emotional health of every group as well.									x		
keeping people safe while keeping an income									x		
Lack of help for all those who have lost jobs, became homeless, or are swamped with medical bills. Seems as if the homeless population has risen since covid began										x	

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Loss of community and togetherness. Public events designed to capture and formulate a plan for a more equitable playing field for all of Peoria had lost steam. Virtual gatherings helped fill the void, but the lines of communication to the broader public seem severed. Using the collective minds and energy in those throughout the city to identify who we are, what we are, who we went to be, and who we want to attract is more important than ever to ensure all of Peoria comes out of this situation swiftly summed in the right direction. Viable businesses who have lost their way should sprout opportunity for to identify missteps and vulnerability to shape future projects. The biggest issue will be not how future funding is spent but how the message is delivered and by who.										x	
Neighborhood decline and strain to local businesses.											x
Neighborhood infrastructure and public works. Keeping small businesses going.											x
Neighborhood revitalization with an emphasis on new small to mid size business creation.											x
Nothing todo											x
Reduction in city services, blight reduction, community development											x
The impending evictions											x
Trash											x
We need better housing options in 61603 and 61605											x
A large increase in crime and lack of police officers available to respond to calls.											x
Loss of revenue/jobs from closed business and cancelled events along with citizens unwilling to get vaccinated. Uptick in crime.											x
Citizen safety											x
Crime											x
Crime											x
Crime											x
Crime											x
Crime											x
Crime											x
crime											x
Crime											x
Crime											x
Crime											x
Crime											x
Crime - increase in gun violence											x
Crime and lack of police presence											x
Crime has increased among young people do to the fact they are not in school and participating in after school activities											x
Crime prevention.											x
Crime rate among juveniles											x
Crime! Hire more police. Lazy citizens aren't working, so they are committing crimes											x
Crime, not enough businesses, not enough activities for youth											x
Crime. Businesses leaving.											x
Gun Violence											x
Gun violence											x
Gun violence											x
Gun violence											x
GUNS GUNS AND MORE GUNS											x
I think crime has been in the rise during throughout the pandemic.											x
Increase in homelessness and violence pertaining to the youth.										x	x
Increase of crime											x

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Increased violent crime spreading throughout the city crime in general										x	
Increasing crime and lawlessness.										x	
Perceived safety and jobs	x									x	
Potential for civil unrest. Caravans of looters last year were an unthinkable possibility a few years ago. Youth fights at malls and parks. Need MORE police.										x	
Public Safety										x	
Public safety										x	
Public safety										x	
Public Safety issues: shootings, fighting and disruptive behavior in public places.										x	
Schools need better safety measures										x	
SHOOTINGS COVID OR NOT TAKE CARE OF IT, NOBODY HIGH up CARES until it's ONE OF THERE OWN. HOW SAD SERIOUSLY.										x	
The changes to jailing/detaining/charging criminals due to Covid risks that have led to an increase in crime and criminals thinking they can get away with anything and everything										x	
Violence										x	
Violence										x	
Violence										x	
Violence. People moving out										x	
Even further strain posed on the City of Peoria Police Department who is already underfunded.										x	
Every time I call the City of Peoria I hear about delays due to not enough people. I had to wait 3 hours for police to respond to my call because they don't have enough officers. Thank you Peoria police for doing the thankless job you do. You don't get the credit you deserve										x	
Lack of funding for Public Safety										x	
Lack of public safety										x	
Public safety										x	
Public safety										x	
Public safety										x	
Public Safety										x	
Loss of revenue from businesses which led to layoffs of city employees and closure of fire stations										x	
Loss of revenue from entertainment and business events										x	
loss of revenue related to depressed business climate										x	
Loss of revenue trickles down, complicating existing issues: pension system, flooding, downtown development.										x	
Loss of tax revenue										x	
Loss of tax revenue										x	
Loss of tax revenue and threat of continued need to increase taxes and fees!										x	
Loss of tax revenue because of the loss of businesses (just look around) and the lack of new, good businesses coming to Peoria. The tax base must grow to support the homeowners and all taxpayers, GROWTH is what we need to support at our city government level.										x	
Loss of tax revenue to address basic services.										x	
Loss of tax revenue to fund critical services										x	
Loss revenue and jobs.										x	
Lost revenue through commerce that supports many operations of local government										x	
Lost tax revenue due to state government mandated lockdowns										x	
Public sector revenue loss										x	
Tax loss										x	

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Budget cuts								x			
Budget mismanagement compounded by the pandemic. Stripping funding away from first responders. Police and Fire								x			
Closing down a fire house and machines and putting our fireman and residents at risk								x			
Closing fire engines, rescue squads.								x			
Closing of fire stations that support first responders being able to get to all parts of the city quickly, enough police force to stop violence and shootings								x			
Cuts to essential services, police, fire, roads.					x			x			
Cuts to the Fire Department								x			
Cutting essential public services and not utilizing relief funds to restore them alongside economic disparities.								x			
Destruction of our city services by council and Patrick Urich								x			
Drastically reduced revenue that crippled the city's ability to pay it's bills.								x			
Economic impact on city services, businesses and the workforce.								x			
Emergency services. 911 operators, police, fire. Local business.								x			
Employees cut across the entire city and a shortage of employees who want to work here in the city.								x			
Fighting public safety issues									x		
Fire and police								x			
Fire Dept losing E2 needs to be placed back into service!!!!								x			
Fire dept operations bring e2 back								x			
Funding for the mistakes the General Assembly has made though the years with funding pensions								x			
Honestly we need city clean up, it's always dirty looking. Better clean up in winter storms.								x			
I'm concerned about the number of City staff members that seem to be leaving all at once.											
I'm worried City services, which already seem a bit lackluster, will suffer even more.								x			
Impact on city services -- reductions in force in the fire department, removing apparatus from service, needed repairs to roads being ignored.						x		x			
Kicked the can down the road again on fixing our operational structural issues.								x			
Lack of adequate emergency response employees (fire, police, public works). Departments downsized due to uncertainty of revenue - both during and before COVID - is the number one issue that needs to be addressed and the first place these funds should be spent.								x			
Lack of core basic public services, I.e. Peoria Fire, Peoria police, and non privatized public services.								x			
Lack of core services. Fire police and public works								x			
Lack of open hours/in person time for city offices. Hard to get business done								x			
Lack of participatory government								x			
Lack of public services								x			
Loss of city staff due to covid reductions.								x			
Loss of police and fire employees								x			
Loss of public servants/services.								x			
Loss of public services								x			
Loss of resources and staffing to public safety especially the fire dept								x			
Loss of Revenue to the city. Use funds to cover existing budget so don't need to raise taxes or fees again.								x			
Loss of revenue which causes the reduction of essential services like police and fire. Police and fire need built up and more hired and the fire machines need reinstated.								x			

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Lowered public safety- police, fire, public works										x	
More support for Peoria, IL										x	
Most definitely the understaffing of public safety: fire department and police protection. This survey was, I believe, intentionally vague and disappointing that you won't ask the question directly: should public service receive COVID funds.										x	
Need more fire fighters										x	
None, give money back to police, Fire, and public works										x	
Pensions										x	
Police and Fire Fighter staffing is too low.										x	
Police and fire pensions. Knew it was a problem but when looked at with so heavily reduced budgets due to low tax generation it was much more alarming. I think a hard look needs to be taken on how efficiently we are delivering public safety to our community.										x	
Police and Fire staffing										x	
Public safety - fire and police. Fire had been cut too thin, and when was the last time you saw someone pulled over for reckless driving, let alone all the violent crimes and theft that happens daily?										x	
Public Safety cuts										x	
Public safety cuts										x	
Public safety funding has been de-prioritized to cover the revenue lost secondary to poor decision making by the city manager and city council. This has resulted in prolonged response times, increased homicide rates, and a variety of other risks & consequences, making Peoria unsafe and much less desirable to live in.										x	
Public Safety has been reduced to dangerous lows										x	
Reduced revenue impacting budgets that are already unrealistic due to the city's refusal to deal with the biggest issue, out of control pension programs.										x	
Reduced tax revenue.										x	
Reduction in core services provided by the city										x	
Reduction in services										x	
Reduction in services.										x	
Reduction of important city services (police, fire, public works, etc.).										x	
Reduction of public safety services...the city should worry about funding core, basic services like police and fire before it's wish list now that we have money										x	
Reductions to staffing across all city departments have led to lack of people to deal with city services like public works, community development, etc.										x	
Rehire and fill all employees that have been lost due COVID-19. All departments.										x	
Restore engine 2, loss of priority for core services in the city										x	
Restore money that was reduced to Fire and Police Departments. Then roads need desperate repair.										x	
Revenue loss for fire and police funding										x	
Revenue loss leading to public safety cutbacks										x	
So many taxes and fees due to mismanagement of city funds.										x	
Stop cutting public safety!! Reopen Fire Station 8!!										x	
The biggest issue is keeping the City Government and Council focused of spending the money in the community for the benefit of the citizens.										x	
The biggest issue is not increasing the long term costs of operating the city we cant afford. Use this opportunity to make a change - not do more of the same old.										x	
The City needs to restore it's organization's/Department's budget pre-COVID.										x	

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The cut backs of Police & Firemen partially due to Covid											x
The cut in public services such as the removal of Fire engines from service.											x
The cuts to operations. Staffing shortages will be costly in the long run											x
The decrease of core services. Fire police and streets											x
The loss of core services (police & fire)											x
The reduction of city services											x
The same issues as before covid 19...poor spending habits and blaming the workers for financial planning errors											x
The smaller police dept.											x
There shouldn't be a question on what to do with this money. REPLACE WHAT WAS CUT DO TO COVID. It is that simple. You cut PD, fire and public works under the guise of lost revenues because of covid, here is money specifically for the things lost and you haven't even discussed the return of cut services. But thank God my taxes remain the same. PATHETIC. and this survey is bull because returning cut services wasn't even an option. It's like there's an agenda											x
Wasteful spending											x
Bailing out the Civic Center Arena for starters. Secondly being the lack of funding for our essential workforce staff at all levels not just fast food. People out in the public working everyday like I have throughout the pandemic and even before are getting nothing to show for their efforts and that's shameful.											x
Decrease in morale due to a lack of incentive and decreased resources for employees who have continuously worked throughout the pandemic.											x
Employment--so many are not working p/t being afraid of being exposed to COVID-19. On the other hand as an essential worker (nurse) I have no choice but to be exposed. I really feel that nurses and other essential workers should be paid more.											x
Essential employees not getting hazard pay.											x
Essential worker burn out											x
Essential workers											x
Essential workers are not being paid enough while anti-vaxers and anti-maskers needlessly expose them to COVID and the Delta variant.											x
Essential workers are still being under appreciated and those who have been effected after having COVID-19 still face challenges monetarily and physically											x
Essential workers have worked this whole time and most let go which we need our businesses to be able to have work and restore iin those hi											x
Essential workers like garbage men never received hazard pay and we are one of the major frontline workers!											x
Getting people back to work. And have them stop government handouts so that they will go back to work. Also paying them a fair wage Relative to being able to survive. Fair wage.											x
Homelessness and overworking of healthcare workers											x
I think job safety (in terms of mask mandates and hygiene standards) impacts how workers operate. There's nothing tangible to encourage businesses nor citizens to maintain COVID precautions, which is why our numbers are still high. Part-time employees suffer the most from possible COVID exposure in this void, but there's no safety net for them. Also, essential public workers are not being paid hazard pay during these unsafe times.											x

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If the schools close again I am not killing myself to rely on others for childcare in this pandemic again. I'm a nurse and I only make \$20 an hour. I cant afford expensive childcare when schools and park districts are closed and I can't run risk of relying on others again. If kids have to e-learn I'm not going to be working. People working in healthcare are not getting what we need in order to continue working in this pandemic. Sorry but if this happens the same way as last time a lot of us will be going on unemployment instead of fighting through it again with nothing to show but our kids failing e-learning because we couldn't be there for them.

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Inequality of pay across essential workers

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Low wages for essential workers

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Pay and help for essential workes

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People aren't able to pay their bills. We need to help people!

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People losing jobs from not having adequate access to medical care or time off when sick. Hospitals, outpatient care providers, and other essential workers are not compensated while putting their lives on the line without risking their wages for taking time off.

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Premium workers received absolutely nothin while being on the front line working putting their and their families lives at risk, while others sat home and received more in pay than they were receiving working.

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The governor needs to give 1000 dollars stimulus payments to all residents of Illinois of the fund's left over like the California Governor is doing for his state.

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The workers who had to work throughout all of covid putting there lives in harms way, and overqualified for help from the government.

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We need to bypass OSF administration and pay the Nurses who have been working in the Covid unit since day one and never received a dime of Covid pay from OSF.

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Work. People are working less or from home and work isn't really getting done the city is understaffed and underpaid and contractors are losing money with no jobs to be done. Give every employee a one time essential workers bonus just like the lazy people have been getting paid extra on unemployment during the shut down to keep spirits up and boost morale and to show these hard working city employees they are appreciated and to stop them from going and finding work somewhere else.

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