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# About this Report

As part of its participation in The National Citizen Survey™, the City of Peoria conducted a mailed survey of 1,400 residents. Surveys were mailed to randomly selected households in April 2015 and data were collected through June 1<sup>st</sup>. After the official data collection period was over and the data were reported (see the report, *The National Citizen Survey: Community Livability Report, Peoria, IL 2015*), the City made available a web-based survey to its residents through a link on the City's website. Visitors to the site were able to complete the survey during June and July 2015 and 553 surveys were received.

This report contains the results of this administration of the web-based survey and they have not been weighted to current population estimates of Peoria.

# Complete Survey Responses

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey, excluding the “don’t know” responses. The percent of respondents giving a particular response is shown followed by the number of respondents (denoted with “N=”).

## Responses excluding “don’t know”

Table 1: Question 1

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Peoria:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Peoria as a place to live	10%	N=56	49%	N=265	32%	N=175	8%	N=44	100%	N=540
Your neighborhood as a place to live	28%	N=151	44%	N=239	21%	N=112	8%	N=43	100%	N=545
Peoria as a place to raise children	9%	N=47	38%	N=199	34%	N=180	19%	N=100	100%	N=526
Peoria as a place to work	13%	N=72	50%	N=270	27%	N=146	9%	N=49	100%	N=537
Peoria as a place to visit	6%	N=35	33%	N=179	38%	N=204	22%	N=121	100%	N=539
Peoria as a place to retire	7%	N=34	26%	N=130	34%	N=170	33%	N=168	100%	N=502
The overall quality of life in Peoria	7%	N=39	47%	N=261	36%	N=201	9%	N=51	100%	N=552

Table 2: Question 2

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Peoria as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
Overall feeling of safety in Peoria	3%	N=15	34%	N=177	43%	N=226	20%	N=103	100%	N=521
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	28%	N=143	48%	N=246	19%	N=96	6%	N=31	100%	N=516
Quality of overall natural environment in Peoria	12%	N=62	49%	N=250	30%	N=156	9%	N=47	100%	N=515
Overall "built environment" of Peoria (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	3%	N=17	34%	N=180	44%	N=228	19%	N=97	100%	N=522
Health and wellness opportunities in Peoria	29%	N=149	45%	N=233	20%	N=102	6%	N=33	100%	N=517
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	11%	N=58	39%	N=204	31%	N=162	18%	N=96	100%	N=520
Overall economic health of Peoria	3%	N=14	31%	N=158	45%	N=232	22%	N=112	100%	N=516
Sense of community	7%	N=35	30%	N=156	40%	N=209	23%	N=119	100%	N=519
Overall image or reputation of Peoria	3%	N=18	21%	N=110	43%	N=225	32%	N=166	100%	N=519

Table 3: Question 3

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Somewhat unlikely		Very unlikely		Total	
Recommend living in Peoria to someone who asks	17%	N=85	43%	N=216	21%	N=104	19%	N=98	100%	N=503
Remain in Peoria for the next five years	47%	N=227	27%	N=133	14%	N=66	13%	N=62	100%	N=488

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Table 4: Question 4

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	Very safe		Somewhat safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Somewhat unsafe		Very unsafe		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
In your neighborhood during the day	55%	N=282	28%	N=140	8%	N=40	7%	N=38	2%	N=9	100%	N=509
In Peoria's downtown/commercial area during the day	38%	N=193	37%	N=185	11%	N=55	12%	N=63	2%	N=9	100%	N=505

Table 5: Question 5

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Peoria as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Traffic flow on major streets	10%	N=50	50%	N=249	28%	N=140	12%	N=58	100%	N=497
Ease of public parking	12%	N=59	48%	N=232	29%	N=142	11%	N=54	100%	N=487
Ease of travel by car in Peoria	22%	N=107	54%	N=269	19%	N=93	5%	N=26	100%	N=495
Ease of travel by public transportation in Peoria	5%	N=12	25%	N=62	31%	N=79	39%	N=98	100%	N=251
Ease of travel by bicycle in Peoria	3%	N=11	16%	N=52	29%	N=95	51%	N=167	100%	N=325
Ease of walking in Peoria	4%	N=19	27%	N=123	41%	N=190	28%	N=129	100%	N=461
Availability of paths and walking trails	8%	N=38	35%	N=159	34%	N=154	22%	N=101	100%	N=452
Air quality	10%	N=47	55%	N=268	28%	N=138	7%	N=32	100%	N=485
Cleanliness of Peoria	3%	N=17	35%	N=172	44%	N=220	18%	N=88	100%	N=497
Overall appearance of Peoria	3%	N=17	37%	N=184	47%	N=236	12%	N=61	100%	N=498
Public places where people want to spend time	7%	N=32	39%	N=193	40%	N=195	14%	N=70	100%	N=490
Variety of housing options	9%	N=44	41%	N=193	36%	N=172	14%	N=65	100%	N=474
Availability of affordable quality housing	12%	N=52	40%	N=179	32%	N=144	17%	N=77	100%	N=452
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	18%	N=85	55%	N=262	21%	N=99	7%	N=33	100%	N=479
Recreational opportunities	12%	N=61	51%	N=250	26%	N=126	11%	N=54	100%	N=491
Availability of affordable quality food	18%	N=91	53%	N=261	23%	N=115	6%	N=30	100%	N=497
Availability of affordable quality health care	34%	N=165	45%	N=220	14%	N=67	7%	N=34	100%	N=486
Availability of preventive health services	28%	N=130	52%	N=240	14%	N=63	7%	N=33	100%	N=466
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	13%	N=46	28%	N=96	28%	N=94	31%	N=105	100%	N=341

Table 6: Question 6

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Peoria as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	8%	N=20	37%	N=91	32%	N=79	22%	N=55	100%	N=245
K-12 education	4%	N=14	19%	N=74	32%	N=126	46%	N=180	100%	N=394
Adult educational opportunities	15%	N=61	45%	N=183	30%	N=122	10%	N=40	100%	N=406
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	18%	N=86	46%	N=219	28%	N=133	7%	N=34	100%	N=472
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	32%	N=134	51%	N=212	15%	N=62	2%	N=10	100%	N=418
Employment opportunities	5%	N=21	39%	N=175	39%	N=174	17%	N=75	100%	N=445
Shopping opportunities	13%	N=63	53%	N=256	27%	N=128	7%	N=34	100%	N=481
Cost of living in Peoria	16%	N=76	44%	N=212	31%	N=147	9%	N=43	100%	N=478
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Peoria	10%	N=49	57%	N=274	26%	N=124	6%	N=31	100%	N=478

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Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Peoria as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Vibrant downtown/commercial area	3%	N=14	22%	N=102	41%	N=191	35%	N=163	100%	N=470
Overall quality of new development in Peoria	7%	N=32	35%	N=160	36%	N=163	23%	N=104	100%	N=459
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	15%	N=71	48%	N=225	30%	N=142	7%	N=35	100%	N=473
Opportunities to volunteer	36%	N=159	47%	N=210	14%	N=61	3%	N=14	100%	N=444
Opportunities to participate in community matters	24%	N=108	46%	N=204	22%	N=98	8%	N=35	100%	N=445
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	10%	N=45	35%	N=156	35%	N=155	20%	N=91	100%	N=447
Neighborliness of residents in Peoria	13%	N=61	41%	N=191	33%	N=156	13%	N=63	100%	N=471

Table 7: Question 7

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	No		Yes		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
Made efforts to conserve water	27%	N=130	73%	N=346	100%	N=476
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	20%	N=92	80%	N=379	100%	N=471
Observed a code violation or other hazard in Peoria	25%	N=119	75%	N=354	100%	N=473
Household member was a victim of a crime in Peoria	86%	N=409	14%	N=67	100%	N=476
Reported a crime to the police in Peoria	72%	N=339	28%	N=134	100%	N=473
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	68%	N=321	32%	N=154	100%	N=475
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	51%	N=243	49%	N=230	100%	N=473
Contacted the City of Peoria (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	41%	N=197	59%	N=278	100%	N=475
Contacted Peoria elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	53%	N=249	47%	N=225	100%	N=474

Table 8: Question 8

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Peoria?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Used Peoria recreation centers or their services	17%	N=80	18%	N=85	35%	N=161	29%	N=135	100%	N=461
Visited a neighborhood park or City park	17%	N=75	29%	N=130	41%	N=183	14%	N=63	100%	N=451
Used Peoria public libraries or their services	8%	N=35	26%	N=119	34%	N=155	33%	N=151	100%	N=460
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Peoria	19%	N=86	26%	N=122	17%	N=80	38%	N=173	100%	N=461
Attended a City-sponsored event	2%	N=10	11%	N=53	58%	N=266	29%	N=133	100%	N=462
Used bus, rail, subway or other public transportation instead of driving	2%	N=9	2%	N=10	8%	N=39	87%	N=404	100%	N=462
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	10%	N=48	16%	N=73	20%	N=90	54%	N=250	100%	N=461
Walked or biked instead of driving	12%	N=54	16%	N=74	21%	N=98	51%	N=232	100%	N=458
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Peoria	22%	N=101	24%	N=111	28%	N=130	26%	N=120	100%	N=462
Participated in a club	13%	N=58	20%	N=91	24%	N=110	44%	N=200	100%	N=459
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	50%	N=230	31%	N=142	16%	N=72	4%	N=19	100%	N=463
Done a favor for a neighbor	25%	N=116	25%	N=115	40%	N=184	10%	N=48	100%	N=463

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Table 9: Question 9

Thinking about local public meetings (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.), in the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members attended or watched a local public meeting?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Attended a local public meeting	2%	N=9	8%	N=37	36%	N=161	54%	N=239	100%	N=446
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	1%	N=6	16%	N=71	36%	N=164	46%	N=209	100%	N=450

Table 10: Question 10

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Peoria:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Police services	21%	N=87	51%	N=206	22%	N=89	6%	N=25	100%	N=407
Fire services	40%	N=142	52%	N=186	8%	N=28	1%	N=3	100%	N=359
Ambulance or emergency medical services	34%	N=118	51%	N=179	13%	N=44	2%	N=7	100%	N=348
Crime prevention	3%	N=12	34%	N=133	40%	N=157	23%	N=89	100%	N=391
Fire prevention and education	16%	N=51	54%	N=170	24%	N=74	5%	N=17	100%	N=312
Traffic enforcement	6%	N=26	44%	N=176	33%	N=132	17%	N=67	100%	N=401
Street repair	1%	N=5	8%	N=34	25%	N=108	66%	N=287	100%	N=434
Street cleaning	2%	N=9	26%	N=110	39%	N=162	33%	N=136	100%	N=417
Street lighting	6%	N=27	48%	N=207	36%	N=156	10%	N=45	100%	N=435
Snow removal	11%	N=50	46%	N=198	30%	N=129	13%	N=58	100%	N=435
Sidewalk maintenance	2%	N=10	24%	N=99	36%	N=152	38%	N=157	100%	N=418
Traffic signal timing	5%	N=22	34%	N=148	37%	N=161	24%	N=102	100%	N=433
Bus or transit services	9%	N=17	33%	N=59	35%	N=63	22%	N=40	100%	N=179
Garbage collection	39%	N=167	47%	N=197	11%	N=45	3%	N=14	100%	N=423
Recycling	30%	N=116	35%	N=138	19%	N=73	16%	N=62	100%	N=389
Yard waste pick-up	35%	N=135	45%	N=172	15%	N=56	5%	N=19	100%	N=382
Storm drainage	6%	N=22	38%	N=149	38%	N=150	19%	N=76	100%	N=397
Drinking water	15%	N=65	46%	N=196	22%	N=96	17%	N=71	100%	N=428
Sewer services	14%	N=54	55%	N=215	22%	N=84	9%	N=37	100%	N=390
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	17%	N=74	57%	N=245	21%	N=89	5%	N=20	100%	N=428
Utility billing	11%	N=46	53%	N=226	28%	N=119	8%	N=36	100%	N=427
City parks	23%	N=94	52%	N=215	22%	N=93	4%	N=15	100%	N=417
Recreation programs or classes	19%	N=66	52%	N=179	23%	N=77	6%	N=19	100%	N=341
Recreation centers or facilities	18%	N=63	51%	N=182	25%	N=87	6%	N=22	100%	N=354
Land use, planning and zoning	4%	N=13	32%	N=114	36%	N=128	29%	N=102	100%	N=357
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	2%	N=6	21%	N=81	42%	N=161	35%	N=131	100%	N=379
Animal control	10%	N=31	47%	N=150	34%	N=108	10%	N=32	100%	N=321
Economic development	3%	N=10	28%	N=109	43%	N=166	26%	N=101	100%	N=386
Health services	26%	N=103	51%	N=201	19%	N=74	4%	N=15	100%	N=393

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Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Peoria:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Public library services	38%	N=144	48%	N=180	11%	N=42	3%	N=10	100%	N=376
Public information services	13%	N=46	50%	N=173	29%	N=99	8%	N=27	100%	N=345
Cable television	6%	N=20	23%	N=84	33%	N=119	38%	N=135	100%	N=358
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	14%	N=45	51%	N=169	25%	N=82	11%	N=35	100%	N=331
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	6%	N=23	34%	N=127	32%	N=119	28%	N=104	100%	N=373
Peoria open space	6%	N=23	31%	N=123	38%	N=150	24%	N=95	100%	N=391
City-sponsored special events	10%	N=37	49%	N=177	30%	N=107	11%	N=39	100%	N=360
Overall customer service by Peoria employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	14%	N=55	45%	N=171	30%	N=115	11%	N=41	100%	N=382

Table 11: Question 11

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
The City of Peoria	7%	N=29	46%	N=193	36%	N=152	11%	N=46	100%	N=420
The Federal Government	2%	N=9	29%	N=115	44%	N=175	25%	N=101	100%	N=400
Illinois State Government	0%	N=2	11%	N=45	36%	N=147	53%	N=215	100%	N=409
Peoria County Government	6%	N=21	45%	N=164	36%	N=131	14%	N=50	100%	N=366
Your local School District	4%	N=13	16%	N=56	29%	N=103	52%	N=184	100%	N=356

Table 12: Question 12

Please rate the following categories of Peoria government performance:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
The value of services for the taxes paid to Peoria	4%	N=18	23%	N=95	38%	N=155	34%	N=137	100%	N=405
The overall direction that Peoria is taking	5%	N=21	31%	N=127	37%	N=150	26%	N=106	100%	N=404
The job Peoria government does at welcoming citizen involvement	8%	N=29	27%	N=98	37%	N=132	28%	N=100	100%	N=359
Overall confidence in Peoria government	3%	N=11	25%	N=104	37%	N=152	35%	N=144	100%	N=411
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	3%	N=14	30%	N=122	35%	N=140	32%	N=129	100%	N=405
Being honest	4%	N=17	25%	N=95	37%	N=142	34%	N=130	100%	N=384
Treating all residents fairly	3%	N=13	26%	N=98	34%	N=128	36%	N=137	100%	N=376

Table 13: Question 13

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Peoria community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Overall feeling of safety in Peoria	67%	N=281	29%	N=121	3%	N=13	0%	N=2	100%	N=417
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	20%	N=84	47%	N=195	28%	N=115	5%	N=20	100%	N=414
Quality of overall natural environment in Peoria	31%	N=129	43%	N=177	25%	N=102	2%	N=8	100%	N=416



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Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Peoria community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
Overall "built environment" of Peoria (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	29%	N=120	43%	N=178	25%	N=105	3%	N=14	100%	N=417
Health and wellness opportunities in Peoria	31%	N=131	41%	N=173	25%	N=103	2%	N=10	100%	N=417
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	55%	N=228	32%	N=135	11%	N=47	1%	N=6	100%	N=416
Overall economic health of Peoria	61%	N=254	33%	N=137	6%	N=25	0%	N=2	100%	N=418
Sense of community	35%	N=146	46%	N=191	17%	N=72	2%	N=8	100%	N=417

Table 14: Question 14

The City is anticipating multi-million dollar budget shortfalls in the coming years. Which of the following best describes how you think the City should manage the projected \$11.5 million deficit for 2016:	Percent	Number
The City should decrease current tax levels and reduce/eliminate service delivery and infrastructure spending	10%	N=38
The City should maintain current tax levels and reduce service delivery and infrastructure spending	25%	N=93
The City should use a combination of tax increases and reduced service delivery and infrastructure spending	38%	N=143
The City should increase taxes \$11.5 million in order to maintain current service delivery	9%	N=32
The City should increase taxes \$15 million in order to increase current service delivery and infrastructure spending	18%	N=69
Total	100%	N=375

Table 15: Question 15

If the City were to increase taxes or fees to address the City's budget shortfall and unmet infrastructure needs (roads, sidewalks, sewers and drainage systems), please indicate how much you support or oppose the City increasing taxes or fees for each of the following:	Strongly support		Somewhat support		Somewhat oppose		Strongly oppose		Total	
Property tax	9%	N=34	28%	N=111	20%	N=78	43%	N=168	100%	N=391
Sales tax	15%	N=57	36%	N=143	24%	N=96	25%	N=97	100%	N=393
Motor fuel tax	22%	N=86	35%	N=136	18%	N=70	26%	N=102	100%	N=394
Sewer fee	15%	N=56	41%	N=157	22%	N=83	22%	N=85	100%	N=381
Stormwater utility fee (including tax-exempt entities)	20%	N=74	38%	N=141	19%	N=72	23%	N=84	100%	N=371

Table 16: Question 16

Please indicate how you would adjust current funding for the following services:	Large increase		Slight increase		Maintain current level		Slight decrease		Large decrease		Total	
Crime prevention	22%	N=86	36%	N=140	37%	N=146	5%	N=20	1%	N=2	100%	N=394
Police response	17%	N=69	33%	N=131	47%	N=186	3%	N=11	0%	N=0	100%	N=397
Fire prevention	5%	N=21	13%	N=53	66%	N=260	13%	N=50	3%	N=12	100%	N=396
Fire response	8%	N=31	15%	N=57	69%	N=270	7%	N=28	1%	N=4	100%	N=390
Road maintenance	34%	N=136	42%	N=167	19%	N=76	4%	N=16	1%	N=2	100%	N=397

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Please indicate how you would adjust current funding for the following services:	Large increase		Slight increase		Maintain current level		Slight decrease		Large decrease		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Sidewalk services	15%	N=58	26%	N=102	41%	N=161	16%	N=62	3%	N=12	100%	N=395
Snow removal	7%	N=29	17%	N=68	65%	N=257	9%	N=36	1%	N=4	100%	N=394
Trash collection service	1%	N=4	6%	N=22	79%	N=312	13%	N=50	1%	N=5	100%	N=393
Code enforcement services	9%	N=34	21%	N=82	45%	N=178	20%	N=79	5%	N=20	100%	N=393
Neighborhood revitalization	16%	N=64	29%	N=112	32%	N=124	19%	N=76	4%	N=16	100%	N=392
Library services	3%	N=10	5%	N=21	62%	N=246	21%	N=84	9%	N=34	100%	N=395
Economic development services	9%	N=37	21%	N=81	42%	N=166	20%	N=77	8%	N=33	100%	N=394

Table 17: Question 17

What is the single most important issue in Peoria that the City Council should address in 2015?	Percent	Number
Safety/Crime/Police	26%	N=97
Roads/Infrastructure	15%	N=55
Government/Budget/Communication/Taxes	19%	N=71
Schools/Education	11%	N=42
Economy/Jobs/Growth	12%	N=43
Community Appearance/Enforcement	10%	N=36
Other	7%	N=26
Total	100%	N=370

Table 18: Question D1

How often, if at all, do you do each of the following, considering all of the times you could?	Never		Rarely		Sometimes		Usually		Always		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Recycle at home	8%	N=30	8%	N=32	11%	N=43	18%	N=71	55%	N=218	100%	N=394
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Peoria	0%	N=0	1%	N=4	14%	N=55	63%	N=247	22%	N=86	100%	N=392
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	2%	N=8	15%	N=58	33%	N=130	34%	N=133	16%	N=62	100%	N=391
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	2%	N=8	12%	N=48	34%	N=133	34%	N=132	18%	N=72	100%	N=393
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	0%	N=1	6%	N=24	17%	N=67	26%	N=102	51%	N=200	100%	N=394
Vote in local elections	2%	N=9	3%	N=10	8%	N=33	23%	N=89	64%	N=253	100%	N=394

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Table 19: Question D2

Would you say that in general your health is:	Percent	Number
Excellent	20%	N=77
Very good	45%	N=178
Good	27%	N=105
Fair	7%	N=28
Poor	1%	N=5
Total	100%	N=393

Table 20: Question D3

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be	Percent	Number
Very positive	3%	N=11
Somewhat positive	14%	N=54
Neutral	57%	N=226
Somewhat negative	23%	N=89
Very negative	4%	N=14
Total	100%	N=394

Table 21: Question D4

What is your employment status?	Percent	Number
Working full time for pay	56%	N=215
Working part time for pay	11%	N=44
Unemployed, looking for paid work	3%	N=13
Unemployed, not looking for paid work	4%	N=17
Fully retired	25%	N=98
Total	100%	N=387

Table 22: Question D5

Do you work inside the boundaries of Peoria?	Percent	Number
Yes, outside the home	51%	N=196
Yes, from home	10%	N=38
No	39%	N=148
Total	100%	N=382

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Table 23: Question D6

How many years have you lived in Peoria?	Percent	Number
Less than 2 years	5%	N=19
2 to 5 years	14%	N=53
6 to 10 years	13%	N=50
11 to 20 years	15%	N=59
More than 20 years	54%	N=211
Total	100%	N=392

Table 24: Question D7

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent	Number
One family house detached from any other houses	89%	N=349
Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)	10%	N=38
Mobile home	1%	N=2
Other	1%	N=2
Total	100%	N=391

Table 25: Question D8

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent	Number
Rented	8%	N=31
Owned	92%	N=359
Total	100%	N=390

Table 26: Question D9

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent	Number
Less than \$300 per month	6%	N=24
\$300 to \$599 per month	19%	N=71
\$600 to \$999 per month	28%	N=106
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	25%	N=93
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	17%	N=63
\$2,500 or more per month	6%	N=22
Total	100%	N=379

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Table 27: Question D10

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Percent	Number
No	72%	N=279
Yes	28%	N=110
Total	100%	N=389

Table 28: Question D11

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent	Number
No	74%	N=289
Yes	26%	N=103
Total	100%	N=392

Table 29: Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent	Number
Less than \$25,000	7%	N=27
\$25,000 to \$49,999	17%	N=63
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35%	N=130
\$100,000 to \$149,999	23%	N=85
\$150,000 or more	17%	N=64
Total	100%	N=369

Table 30: Question D13

Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	Percent	Number
No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	98%	N=379
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	2%	N=9
Total	100%	N=388

Table 31: Question D14

What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.)	Percent	Number
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%	N=3
Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander	1%	N=5
Black or African American	3%	N=12
White	95%	N=368
Other	2%	N=9

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

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Table 32: Question D15

In which category is your age?	Percent	Number
18 to 24 years	2%	N=6
25 to 34 years	20%	N=78
35 to 44 years	17%	N=66
45 to 54 years	20%	N=77
55 to 64 years	21%	N=81
65 to 74 years	17%	N=64
75 years or older	4%	N=14
Total	100%	N=386

Table 33: Question D16

What is your sex?	Percent	Number
Female	54%	N=207
Male	46%	N=173
Total	100%	N=380

Table 34: Question D17

Do you consider a cell phone or landline your primary telephone number?	Percent	Number
Cell	64%	N=250
Land line	15%	N=57
Both	21%	N=81
Total	100%	N=388

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**Responses including “don’t know”**

The following pages contain a complete set of responses to each question on the survey, including the “don’t know” responses. The percent of respondents giving a particular response is shown followed by the number of respondents (denoted with “N=“).

Table 35: Question 1

Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Peoria:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Peoria as a place to live	10%	N=56	49%	N=265	32%	N=175	8%	N=44	0%	N=0	100%	N=540
Your neighborhood as a place to live	27%	N=151	43%	N=239	20%	N=112	8%	N=43	1%	N=5	100%	N=550
Peoria as a place to raise children	8%	N=47	36%	N=199	33%	N=180	18%	N=100	5%	N=27	100%	N=553
Peoria as a place to work	13%	N=72	49%	N=270	27%	N=146	9%	N=49	2%	N=12	100%	N=549
Peoria as a place to visit	6%	N=35	33%	N=179	37%	N=204	22%	N=121	2%	N=11	100%	N=550
Peoria as a place to retire	6%	N=34	24%	N=130	31%	N=170	31%	N=168	8%	N=43	100%	N=545
The overall quality of life in Peoria	7%	N=39	47%	N=261	36%	N=201	9%	N=51	0%	N=0	100%	N=552

Table 36: Question 2

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Peoria as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Overall feeling of safety in Peoria	3%	N=15	34%	N=177	43%	N=226	20%	N=103	0%	N=0	100%	N=521
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	28%	N=143	48%	N=246	19%	N=96	6%	N=31	0%	N=0	100%	N=516
Quality of overall natural environment in Peoria	12%	N=62	48%	N=250	30%	N=156	9%	N=47	1%	N=6	100%	N=521
Overall "built environment" of Peoria (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	3%	N=17	34%	N=180	44%	N=228	19%	N=97	0%	N=1	100%	N=523
Health and wellness opportunities in Peoria	29%	N=149	45%	N=233	20%	N=102	6%	N=33	1%	N=5	100%	N=522
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	11%	N=58	39%	N=204	31%	N=162	18%	N=96	1%	N=4	100%	N=524
Overall economic health of Peoria	3%	N=14	30%	N=158	45%	N=232	21%	N=112	1%	N=5	100%	N=521
Sense of community	7%	N=35	30%	N=156	40%	N=209	23%	N=119	1%	N=3	100%	N=522
Overall image or reputation of Peoria	3%	N=18	21%	N=110	43%	N=225	32%	N=166	1%	N=5	100%	N=524

Table 37: Question 3

Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Somewhat unlikely		Very unlikely		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Recommend living in Peoria to someone who asks	17%	N=85	43%	N=216	20%	N=104	19%	N=98	1%	N=5	100%	N=508
Remain in Peoria for the next five years	45%	N=227	26%	N=133	13%	N=66	12%	N=62	3%	N=17	100%	N=505

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Table 38: Question 4

Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	Very safe		Somewhat safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Somewhat unsafe		Very unsafe		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
In your neighborhood during the day	55%	N=282	27%	N=140	8%	N=40	7%	N=38	2%	N=9	0%	N=1	100%	N=510
In Peoria's downtown/commercial area during the day	38%	N=193	36%	N=185	11%	N=55	12%	N=63	2%	N=9	1%	N=5	100%	N=510

Table 39: Question 5

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Peoria as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Traffic flow on major streets	10%	N=50	50%	N=249	28%	N=140	12%	N=58	0%	N=0	100%	N=497
Ease of public parking	12%	N=59	47%	N=232	29%	N=142	11%	N=54	1%	N=6	100%	N=493
Ease of travel by car in Peoria	22%	N=107	54%	N=269	19%	N=93	5%	N=26	0%	N=0	100%	N=495
Ease of travel by public transportation in Peoria	2%	N=12	12%	N=62	16%	N=79	20%	N=98	50%	N=247	100%	N=498
Ease of travel by bicycle in Peoria	2%	N=11	10%	N=52	19%	N=95	34%	N=167	35%	N=172	100%	N=497
Ease of walking in Peoria	4%	N=19	25%	N=123	38%	N=190	26%	N=129	7%	N=37	100%	N=498
Availability of paths and walking trails	8%	N=38	32%	N=159	31%	N=154	20%	N=101	9%	N=47	100%	N=499
Air quality	9%	N=47	54%	N=268	28%	N=138	6%	N=32	3%	N=14	100%	N=499
Cleanliness of Peoria	3%	N=17	35%	N=172	44%	N=220	18%	N=88	0%	N=0	100%	N=497
Overall appearance of Peoria	3%	N=17	37%	N=184	47%	N=236	12%	N=61	0%	N=0	100%	N=498
Public places where people want to spend time	6%	N=32	39%	N=193	39%	N=195	14%	N=70	1%	N=6	100%	N=496
Variety of housing options	9%	N=44	39%	N=193	34%	N=172	13%	N=65	5%	N=25	100%	N=499
Availability of affordable quality housing	10%	N=52	36%	N=179	29%	N=144	15%	N=77	9%	N=45	100%	N=497
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)	17%	N=85	53%	N=262	20%	N=99	7%	N=33	4%	N=20	100%	N=499
Recreational opportunities	12%	N=61	50%	N=250	25%	N=126	11%	N=54	1%	N=7	100%	N=498
Availability of affordable quality food	18%	N=91	53%	N=261	23%	N=115	6%	N=30	0%	N=0	100%	N=497
Availability of affordable quality health care	33%	N=165	44%	N=220	13%	N=67	7%	N=34	2%	N=12	100%	N=498
Availability of preventive health services	26%	N=130	48%	N=240	13%	N=63	7%	N=33	6%	N=32	100%	N=498
Availability of affordable quality mental health care	9%	N=46	19%	N=96	19%	N=94	21%	N=105	32%	N=157	100%	N=498

Table 40: Question 6

Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Peoria as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	4%	N=20	19%	N=91	17%	N=79	12%	N=55	49%	N=231	100%	N=476
K-12 education	3%	N=14	16%	N=74	27%	N=126	38%	N=180	17%	N=81	100%	N=475
Adult educational opportunities	13%	N=61	39%	N=183	26%	N=122	8%	N=40	14%	N=68	100%	N=474
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	18%	N=86	45%	N=219	28%	N=133	7%	N=34	2%	N=11	100%	N=483



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Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Peoria as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	28%	N=134	44%	N=212	13%	N=62	2%	N=10	13%	N=63	100%	N=481
Employment opportunities	4%	N=21	36%	N=175	36%	N=174	16%	N=75	7%	N=35	100%	N=480
Shopping opportunities	13%	N=63	53%	N=256	27%	N=128	7%	N=34	0%	N=1	100%	N=482
Cost of living in Peoria	16%	N=76	44%	N=212	31%	N=147	9%	N=43	0%	N=2	100%	N=480
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Peoria	10%	N=49	57%	N=274	26%	N=124	6%	N=31	1%	N=5	100%	N=483
Vibrant downtown/commercial area	3%	N=14	21%	N=102	40%	N=191	34%	N=163	2%	N=10	100%	N=480
Overall quality of new development in Peoria	7%	N=32	33%	N=160	34%	N=163	22%	N=104	5%	N=23	100%	N=482
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	15%	N=71	47%	N=225	29%	N=142	7%	N=35	2%	N=10	100%	N=483
Opportunities to volunteer	33%	N=159	44%	N=210	13%	N=61	3%	N=14	8%	N=38	100%	N=482
Opportunities to participate in community matters	23%	N=108	43%	N=204	20%	N=98	7%	N=35	7%	N=35	100%	N=480
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	9%	N=45	33%	N=156	32%	N=155	19%	N=91	7%	N=33	100%	N=480
Neighborliness of residents in Peoria	13%	N=61	40%	N=191	32%	N=156	13%	N=63	2%	N=10	100%	N=481

Table 41: Question 7

Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.	No		Yes		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
Made efforts to conserve water	27%	N=130	73%	N=346	100%	N=476
Made efforts to make your home more energy efficient	20%	N=92	80%	N=379	100%	N=471
Observed a code violation or other hazard in Peoria	25%	N=119	75%	N=354	100%	N=473
Household member was a victim of a crime in Peoria	86%	N=409	14%	N=67	100%	N=476
Reported a crime to the police in Peoria	72%	N=339	28%	N=134	100%	N=473
Stocked supplies in preparation for an emergency	68%	N=321	32%	N=154	100%	N=475
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	51%	N=243	49%	N=230	100%	N=473
Contacted the City of Peoria (in-person, phone, email or web) for help or information	41%	N=197	59%	N=278	100%	N=475
Contacted Peoria elected officials (in-person, phone, email or web) to express your opinion	53%	N=249	47%	N=225	100%	N=474

Table 42: Question 8

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Peoria?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Used Peoria recreation centers or their services	17%	N=80	18%	N=85	35%	N=161	29%	N=135	100%	N=461
Visited a neighborhood park or City park	17%	N=75	29%	N=130	41%	N=183	14%	N=63	100%	N=451
Used Peoria public libraries or their services	8%	N=35	26%	N=119	34%	N=155	33%	N=151	100%	N=460
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Peoria	19%	N=86	26%	N=122	17%	N=80	38%	N=173	100%	N=461
Attended a City-sponsored event	2%	N=10	11%	N=53	58%	N=266	29%	N=133	100%	N=462
Used bus, rail, subway or other public transportation instead of driving	2%	N=9	2%	N=10	8%	N=39	87%	N=404	100%	N=462

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In the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members done each of the following in Peoria?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone	10%	N=48	16%	N=73	20%	N=90	54%	N=250	100%	N=461
Walked or biked instead of driving	12%	N=54	16%	N=74	21%	N=98	51%	N=232	100%	N=458
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Peoria	22%	N=101	24%	N=111	28%	N=130	26%	N=120	100%	N=462
Participated in a club	13%	N=58	20%	N=91	24%	N=110	44%	N=200	100%	N=459
Talked to or visited with your immediate neighbors	50%	N=230	31%	N=142	16%	N=72	4%	N=19	100%	N=463
Done a favor for a neighbor	25%	N=116	25%	N=115	40%	N=184	10%	N=48	100%	N=463

Table 43: Question 9

Thinking about local public meetings (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.), in the last 12 months, about how many times, if at all, have you or other household members attended or watched a local public meeting?	2 times a week or more		2-4 times a month		Once a month or less		Not at all		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Attended a local public meeting	2%	N=9	8%	N=37	36%	N=161	54%	N=239	100%	N=446
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	1%	N=6	16%	N=71	36%	N=164	46%	N=209	100%	N=450

Table 44: Question 10

Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Peoria:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Police services	20%	N=87	47%	N=206	20%	N=89	6%	N=25	7%	N=31	100%	N=438
Fire services	33%	N=142	43%	N=186	6%	N=28	1%	N=3	17%	N=74	100%	N=433
Ambulance or emergency medical services	27%	N=118	41%	N=179	10%	N=44	2%	N=7	20%	N=87	100%	N=435
Crime prevention	3%	N=12	30%	N=133	36%	N=157	20%	N=89	11%	N=46	100%	N=437
Fire prevention and education	12%	N=51	39%	N=170	17%	N=74	4%	N=17	29%	N=125	100%	N=437
Traffic enforcement	6%	N=26	40%	N=176	30%	N=132	15%	N=67	8%	N=36	100%	N=437
Street repair	1%	N=5	8%	N=34	25%	N=108	65%	N=287	1%	N=5	100%	N=439
Street cleaning	2%	N=9	25%	N=110	37%	N=162	31%	N=136	5%	N=21	100%	N=438
Street lighting	6%	N=27	47%	N=207	36%	N=156	10%	N=45	0%	N=2	100%	N=437
Snow removal	11%	N=50	45%	N=198	29%	N=129	13%	N=58	1%	N=3	100%	N=438
Sidewalk maintenance	2%	N=10	23%	N=99	35%	N=152	36%	N=157	5%	N=20	100%	N=438
Traffic signal timing	5%	N=22	34%	N=148	37%	N=161	23%	N=102	1%	N=5	100%	N=438
Bus or transit services	4%	N=17	14%	N=59	14%	N=63	9%	N=40	59%	N=256	100%	N=435
Garbage collection	38%	N=167	45%	N=197	10%	N=45	3%	N=14	3%	N=14	100%	N=437
Recycling	27%	N=116	32%	N=138	17%	N=73	14%	N=62	11%	N=48	100%	N=437
Yard waste pick-up	31%	N=135	39%	N=172	13%	N=56	4%	N=19	13%	N=56	100%	N=438
Storm drainage	5%	N=22	34%	N=149	34%	N=150	17%	N=76	9%	N=39	100%	N=436
Drinking water	15%	N=65	45%	N=196	22%	N=96	16%	N=71	2%	N=9	100%	N=437
Sewer services	12%	N=54	49%	N=215	19%	N=84	8%	N=37	11%	N=47	100%	N=437

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Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Peoria:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Power (electric and/or gas) utility	17%	N=74	56%	N=245	20%	N=89	5%	N=20	2%	N=7	100%	N=435
Utility billing	11%	N=46	52%	N=226	27%	N=119	8%	N=36	3%	N=11	100%	N=438
City parks	22%	N=94	49%	N=215	21%	N=93	3%	N=15	4%	N=18	100%	N=435
Recreation programs or classes	15%	N=66	41%	N=179	18%	N=77	4%	N=19	22%	N=96	100%	N=437
Recreation centers or facilities	14%	N=63	42%	N=182	20%	N=87	5%	N=22	19%	N=82	100%	N=436
Land use, planning and zoning	3%	N=13	26%	N=114	30%	N=128	24%	N=102	17%	N=74	100%	N=431
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	1%	N=6	18%	N=81	37%	N=161	30%	N=131	13%	N=59	100%	N=438
Animal control	7%	N=31	34%	N=150	25%	N=108	7%	N=32	27%	N=117	100%	N=438
Economic development	2%	N=10	25%	N=109	38%	N=166	23%	N=101	11%	N=50	100%	N=436
Health services	24%	N=103	46%	N=201	17%	N=74	3%	N=15	10%	N=42	100%	N=435
Public library services	33%	N=144	41%	N=180	10%	N=42	2%	N=10	14%	N=60	100%	N=436
Public information services	11%	N=46	40%	N=173	23%	N=99	6%	N=27	21%	N=91	100%	N=436
Cable television	5%	N=20	19%	N=84	27%	N=119	31%	N=135	18%	N=79	100%	N=437
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	10%	N=45	39%	N=169	19%	N=82	8%	N=35	24%	N=106	100%	N=437
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	5%	N=23	29%	N=127	27%	N=119	24%	N=104	14%	N=61	100%	N=434
Peoria open space	5%	N=23	28%	N=123	34%	N=150	22%	N=95	11%	N=46	100%	N=437
City-sponsored special events	9%	N=37	41%	N=177	25%	N=107	9%	N=39	17%	N=72	100%	N=432
Overall customer service by Peoria employees (police, receptionists, planners, etc.)	13%	N=55	39%	N=171	26%	N=115	9%	N=41	12%	N=54	100%	N=436

Table 45: Question 11

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
The City of Peoria	7%	N=29	45%	N=193	35%	N=152	11%	N=46	3%	N=11	100%	N=431
The Federal Government	2%	N=9	27%	N=115	41%	N=175	23%	N=101	7%	N=31	100%	N=431
Illinois State Government	0%	N=2	10%	N=45	34%	N=147	50%	N=215	6%	N=24	100%	N=433
Peoria County Government	5%	N=21	38%	N=164	30%	N=131	12%	N=50	15%	N=65	100%	N=431
Your local School District	3%	N=13	13%	N=56	24%	N=103	42%	N=184	18%	N=77	100%	N=433

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Table 46: Question 12

Please rate the following categories of Peoria government performance:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
The value of services for the taxes paid to Peoria	4%	N=18	23%	N=95	37%	N=155	33%	N=137	3%	N=14	100%	N=419
The overall direction that Peoria is taking	5%	N=21	30%	N=127	36%	N=150	25%	N=106	3%	N=13	100%	N=417
The job Peoria government does at welcoming citizen involvement	7%	N=29	23%	N=98	32%	N=132	24%	N=100	14%	N=59	100%	N=418
Overall confidence in Peoria government	3%	N=11	25%	N=104	36%	N=152	34%	N=144	2%	N=8	100%	N=419
Generally acting in the best interest of the community	3%	N=14	29%	N=122	33%	N=140	31%	N=129	3%	N=14	100%	N=419
Being honest	4%	N=17	23%	N=95	34%	N=142	31%	N=130	8%	N=34	100%	N=418
Treating all residents fairly	3%	N=13	24%	N=98	31%	N=128	33%	N=137	10%	N=41	100%	N=417

Table 47: Question 13

Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Peoria community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years:	Essential		Very important		Somewhat important		Not at all important		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Overall feeling of safety in Peoria	67%	N=281	29%	N=121	3%	N=13	0%	N=2	100%	N=417
Overall ease of getting to the places you usually have to visit	20%	N=84	47%	N=195	28%	N=115	5%	N=20	100%	N=414
Quality of overall natural environment in Peoria	31%	N=129	43%	N=177	25%	N=102	2%	N=8	100%	N=416
Overall "built environment" of Peoria (including overall design, buildings, parks and transportation systems)	29%	N=120	43%	N=178	25%	N=105	3%	N=14	100%	N=417
Health and wellness opportunities in Peoria	31%	N=131	41%	N=173	25%	N=103	2%	N=10	100%	N=417
Overall opportunities for education and enrichment	55%	N=228	32%	N=135	11%	N=47	1%	N=6	100%	N=416
Overall economic health of Peoria	61%	N=254	33%	N=137	6%	N=25	0%	N=2	100%	N=418
Sense of community	35%	N=146	46%	N=191	17%	N=72	2%	N=8	100%	N=417

Table 48: Question 14

The City is anticipating multi-million dollar budget shortfalls in the coming years. Which of the following best describes how you think the City should manage the projected \$11.5 million deficit for 2016:	Percent	Number
The City should decrease current tax levels and reduce/eliminate service delivery and infrastructure spending	10%	N=38
The City should maintain current tax levels and reduce service delivery and infrastructure spending	25%	N=93
The City should use a combination of tax increases and reduced service delivery and infrastructure spending	38%	N=143
The City should increase taxes \$11.5 million in order to maintain current service delivery	9%	N=32
The City should increase taxes \$15 million in order to increase current service delivery and infrastructure spending	18%	N=69
Total	100%	N=375

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Table 49: Question 15

If the City were to increase taxes or fees to address the City's budget shortfall and unmet infrastructure needs (roads, sidewalks, sewers and drainage systems), please indicate how much you support or oppose the City increasing taxes or fees for each of the following:	Strongly support		Somewhat support		Somewhat oppose		Strongly oppose		Don't know		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Property tax	8%	N=34	28%	N=111	19%	N=78	42%	N=168	3%	N=11	100%	N=402
Sales tax	14%	N=57	36%	N=143	24%	N=96	24%	N=97	2%	N=7	100%	N=400
Motor fuel tax	21%	N=86	34%	N=136	17%	N=70	25%	N=102	2%	N=8	100%	N=402
Sewer fee	14%	N=56	39%	N=157	21%	N=83	21%	N=85	5%	N=22	100%	N=403
Stormwater utility fee (including tax-exempt entities)	18%	N=74	35%	N=141	18%	N=72	21%	N=84	7%	N=30	100%	N=401

Table 50: Question 16

Please indicate how you would adjust current funding for the following services:	Large increase		Slight increase		Maintain current level		Slight decrease		Large decrease		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Crime prevention	22%	N=86	36%	N=140	37%	N=146	5%	N=20	1%	N=2	100%	N=394
Police response	17%	N=69	33%	N=131	47%	N=186	3%	N=11	0%	N=0	100%	N=397
Fire prevention	5%	N=21	13%	N=53	66%	N=260	13%	N=50	3%	N=12	100%	N=396
Fire response	8%	N=31	15%	N=57	69%	N=270	7%	N=28	1%	N=4	100%	N=390
Road maintenance	34%	N=136	42%	N=167	19%	N=76	4%	N=16	1%	N=2	100%	N=397
Sidewalk services	15%	N=58	26%	N=102	41%	N=161	16%	N=62	3%	N=12	100%	N=395
Snow removal	7%	N=29	17%	N=68	65%	N=257	9%	N=36	1%	N=4	100%	N=394
Trash collection service	1%	N=4	6%	N=22	79%	N=312	13%	N=50	1%	N=5	100%	N=393
Code enforcement services	9%	N=34	21%	N=82	45%	N=178	20%	N=79	5%	N=20	100%	N=393
Neighborhood revitalization	16%	N=64	29%	N=112	32%	N=124	19%	N=76	4%	N=16	100%	N=392
Library services	3%	N=10	5%	N=21	62%	N=246	21%	N=84	9%	N=34	100%	N=395
Economic development services	9%	N=37	21%	N=81	42%	N=166	20%	N=77	8%	N=33	100%	N=394

Table 51: Question 17

What is the single most important issue in Peoria that the City Council should address in 2015?	Percent	Number
Safety/Crime/Police	26%	N=97
Roads/Infrastructure	15%	N=55
Government/Budget/Communication/Taxes	19%	N=71
Schools/Education	11%	N=42
Economy/Jobs/Growth	12%	N=43
Community Appearance/Enforcement	10%	N=36
Other	7%	N=26
Total	100%	N=370

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Table 52: Question D1

How often, if at all, do you do each of the following, considering all of the times you could?	Never		Rarely		Sometimes		Usually		Always		Total	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Recycle at home	8%	N=30	8%	N=32	11%	N=43	18%	N=71	55%	N=218	100%	N=394
Purchase goods or services from a business located in Peoria	0%	N=0	1%	N=4	14%	N=55	63%	N=247	22%	N=86	100%	N=392
Eat at least 5 portions of fruits and vegetables a day	2%	N=8	15%	N=58	33%	N=130	34%	N=133	16%	N=62	100%	N=391
Participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity	2%	N=8	12%	N=48	34%	N=133	34%	N=132	18%	N=72	100%	N=393
Read or watch local news (via television, paper, computer, etc.)	0%	N=1	6%	N=24	17%	N=67	26%	N=102	51%	N=200	100%	N=394
Vote in local elections	2%	N=9	3%	N=10	8%	N=33	23%	N=89	64%	N=253	100%	N=394

Table 53: Question D2

Would you say that in general your health is:	Percent	Number
Excellent	20%	N=77
Very good	45%	N=178
Good	27%	N=105
Fair	7%	N=28
Poor	1%	N=5
Total	100%	N=393

Table 54: Question D3

What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be	Percent	Number
Very positive	3%	N=11
Somewhat positive	14%	N=54
Neutral	57%	N=226
Somewhat negative	23%	N=89
Very negative	4%	N=14
Total	100%	N=394

Table 55: Question D4

What is your employment status?	Percent	Number
Working full time for pay	56%	N=215
Working part time for pay	11%	N=44
Unemployed, looking for paid work	3%	N=13
Unemployed, not looking for paid work	4%	N=17
Fully retired	25%	N=98
Total	100%	N=387

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Table 56: Question D5

Do you work inside the boundaries of Peoria?	Percent	Number
Yes, outside the home	51%	N=196
Yes, from home	10%	N=38
No	39%	N=148
Total	100%	N=382

Table 57: Question D6

How many years have you lived in Peoria?	Percent	Number
Less than 2 years	5%	N=19
2 to 5 years	14%	N=53
6 to 10 years	13%	N=50
11 to 20 years	15%	N=59
More than 20 years	54%	N=211
Total	100%	N=392

Table 58: Question D7

Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent	Number
One family house detached from any other houses	89%	N=349
Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment or condominium)	10%	N=38
Mobile home	1%	N=2
Other	1%	N=2
Total	100%	N=391

Table 59: Question D8

Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent	Number
Rented	8%	N=31
Owned	92%	N=359
Total	100%	N=390

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Table 60: Question D9

About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent	Number
Less than \$300 per month	6%	N=24
\$300 to \$599 per month	19%	N=71
\$600 to \$999 per month	28%	N=106
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	25%	N=93
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	17%	N=63
\$2,500 or more per month	6%	N=22
Total	100%	N=379

Table 61: Question D10

Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Percent	Number
No	72%	N=279
Yes	28%	N=110
Total	100%	N=389

Table 62: Question D11

Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent	Number
No	74%	N=289
Yes	26%	N=103
Total	100%	N=392

Table 63: Question D12

How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent	Number
Less than \$25,000	7%	N=27
\$25,000 to \$49,999	17%	N=63
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35%	N=130
\$100,000 to \$149,999	23%	N=85
\$150,000 or more	17%	N=64
Total	100%	N=369



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Table 64: Question D13

Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	Percent	Number
No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	98%	N=379
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	2%	N=9
Total	100%	N=388

Table 65: Question D14

What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.)	Percent	Number
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%	N=3
Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander	1%	N=5
Black or African American	3%	N=12
White	95%	N=368
Other	2%	N=9

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

Table 66: Question D15

In which category is your age?	Percent	Number
18 to 24 years	2%	N=6
25 to 34 years	20%	N=78
35 to 44 years	17%	N=66
45 to 54 years	20%	N=77
55 to 64 years	21%	N=81
65 to 74 years	17%	N=64
75 years or older	4%	N=14
Total	100%	N=386

Table 67: Question D16

What is your sex?	Percent	Number
Female	54%	N=207
Male	46%	N=173
Total	100%	N=380

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Table 68: Question D17

Do you consider a cell phone or landline your primary telephone number?	Percent	Number
Cell	64%	N=250
Land line	15%	N=57
Both	21%	N=81
Total	100%	N=388



- Neighborhood safety
- neighborhood safety
- Not single - crime, good paying job opportunities, ridiculous taxes
- Police brutality
- public safety
- Public safety-start fire department ambulance service
- Reduce Crime
- Reduce crime and help revitalize the older neighborhoods of Peoria, in order to increase the overall safety and health of the city.
- Reducing crime
- Reduction of crime so that citizens feel safe.
- Reduction of crime. Do not feel safe on Sundays or after dark downtown Peoria
- Relationship with police department , city and county workers. I would like to see them in the less popular communities, not just at election time. I would like to see them more in our black churches and not just at election time. I want to see them makin an effort to support all neighborhoods, all people and cultures. I want to see all safe sidewalks for walkers and wheelchairs a like. Especially the removal of snow on bus routes so that the walking students don't have to risk their lives walking in the treet. Last but not least in force the the school speed zones everywhere, not just Main Street near Bradley.
- Resident Police Officer program/additional officers across the city and support to current officers to keep them engaged
- Resident safety
- safe community environment
- Safety
- Safety
- Safety
- Safety
- Safety
- Safety
- Safety and more development of the city south side.
- Safety, especially for senior citizens.
- Safety/crime
- Safety/youth violence
- Slum lords renting to dealers
- stronger crime prevention& enforcement
- The cost of gang violence, durg abuse, and welfare fraud
- The crime speading to what used to be good neighborhoods. Our neighborhood and miles around used to be safe but now I won't go down streets I used to travel because of blacks moving in and crime rising. I do not feel safe in my home anymore.
- The improvement of safety in the neighborhoods in our City. There are many other things too, but it starts with feeling safe.
- Violence, Health, truth
- Violent crime
- why aren't more shootings being solved?
- Zero tolerance for ALL crime

#### Roads/Infrastructure

- Bicycle routes and increased bicycle safety
- bike lanes
- Develop roadway engineering/funding plan to address neglected past maintenance and future expansion needs.
- FIX THE ROADS
- Fixing infrastructure - streets, curbs etc
- Fixing our roads, they are terrible, and are a black eye for people/businesses looking to move here
- Fixing steets
- Implement green infrastructure to improve/beatify the environment, mitigate sewer overflows, and lighten the load on our gray infrastructure.
- improved streets which are some of the worst I've driven on anywhere.
- Infastructure
- Infrastructure
- Infrastructure
- infrastructure
- infrastructure
- Infrastructure
- Infrastructure and roads
- Infrastructure maintenance
- Infrastructure maintenance and upgrading
- Main and University intersection - firing of (\*\*\*\*)
- Maintain and fix .infrastructure
- Maintain the roads/sidewalks
- maintaining current infrastructure rather then trying to revitalize the warehouse district.
- Public transportation and keep increasing walkability in downtown
- Putting Main & University intersection back the way it was

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- Refurbish the side walks in the South End of Peoria our children are walking in the streets on most roads and not enough lighting on most streets
- Repair main roads throughout Peoria by significantly decreasing the money being spent in the warehouse project and downtown housing projects
- Repair of roads and sidewalks. They are in bad shape.
- road conditions
- road improvement
- Road maint
- road quality
- Road repair
- Road repair and improvement
- Roads
- Roads
- roads and infrastructure
- Roads and Street revitalization should be a vital consideration. City condition worse than any Illinois highways
- Roads are a disaster.
- ROADS! it almost seems that someone is trying to make it hard to get around town. trying to drive around Bradley to anywhere else is a MAJOR pain in the ass! right turn lanes should be added back to the main and university intersection.
- Sewer overflow problem
- Sewer/water treatment issue thats ruining our river
- smart, pedestrian and community development
- storm sewer overflow
- Street & road conditions
- Street Conditions and Bicycle routes
- Street maintenance
- Street Maintenance
- Street maintenance!
- Street repair
- Street Repair-Peoria streets are a mess and becoming worse
- Streets
- Subdivison roads, curbs, and sidewalks.
- the lack of stable infrastructure
- Upgrades to all roads in Peoria
- Water drainage/sewage/river problems

### Government/Budget/Communication/Taxes

- balance budget
- Balance the Budget
- balance the budget
- balanced budget
- Balanced budget/get out of debt
- balancing the budget
- balancing the budget
- Balancing the budget without cutting services
- Balancing the budget-making the spending more result oriented.
- Budget
- Budget
- budget - cut spending
- budget and infrastructure spending
- Budget balance
- budget balance
- budget shortfall
- Budget shortfall. In depth research on HOW the dollars are spent - esp when it comes to city employee (fire/police) pension, benefits, wages. Need to align with corporate offerings. Can't have corporate level salaries with public government pension benefits. Can not happen both ways.
- Budget, only because Council can't really do anything about Dist 150. If they could, that would be #1
- Budget.
- City Council lack of ability to see that we can't afford their proposed projects
- combine services with surrounding municipalities. Be more lean. Do more with less. Streamline
- Corruption of city council
- **CREATE A BUDGET SURPLUS. STOP SPENDING MONEY YOU DON'T HAVE**
- Creating actionable goals and plans to decrease future operating deficits and working toward operating surpluses in the next five years.
- Cut Government waste. put government workers on 401k retirement plan. pay for their own retirement
- cutting on duplicative services or services that are not required AND have a cost associated with them; keep if a revenue source
- Dealing with budget issues
- Decrease spending
- Decrease spending
- Decreasing welfare services
- Figuring out how to make the city work on the money they have. No New Taxes!

- Finances
- Focusing on a strategic vision for the future of Peoria. Have meaningful dialogue with citizens about what Peoria should look like in 10 to 20 years, then draft a plan to get us there. Stick to the plan.
- Funding
- Getting (\*\*\*\*) out of office. He is filling the pockets of the rich at the expense of the middle class with tax increases for those least able to afford them
- Getting rid of (\*\*\*\*)
- High Taxes
- Honesty and openness in all respects.
- Improve the efficiency and productivity of all city department staff. Make the citizens feel like they are getting the most value for the labor expenses that the city taxes pay.
- Integration of various studies and committees' findings and educating city employees so there are no mixed messages. As a city, we need to tackle the CSO problem, yet all of the improvements that have been done in the downtown area are not designed to tackle this problem. We paved roads, built sidewalks, etc. that add to the problem, not address it. Seems a lack of communication from one dept to another.
- listening to what the citizens of Peoria tell them they want
- Lower taxes especially dist 150 large portion
- Maintaining a balanced budget, with fewer deficits. There should never be an excuse for an \$11 million shortfall. Misappropriation? Probably.
- Making sure everyone knows where the money is really going. A problem Peoria has is that it's located in Illinois...which has earned a reputation for government corruption. Useless spending is rampant, particularly within District 150. Why spend the money to gentrify the warehouse district when there are people here living with mental and physical health needs that cannot afford to get help? Making the population of Peoria healthy would go a long way to reducing crime rates and help maintain the quality of areas like downtown.
- Peoria residents have been upset about Taft Homes relocating to stable neighborhoods. Make it stop and maintain tax payers!
- Promoting personal responsibility and civics.
- Property taxes are too damn high.
- public openness
- Quit loaning money for development of private buildings
- Reduce property taxes
- Reduce spending on downtown warehouse district and roundabouts. Terrible waste of money.
- Reduce the deficit
- reign in your out of control building inspector (\*\*\*\*) make him stop issuing unfunded mandates.
- Revamp to stay in budget
- Stop wasting millions just to change street directions downtown
- Stop cutting social services for the poor, disenfranchised, and disabled.
- Stop giving money away to developers, let business take the financial risk. Use our tax dollars for public safety and road repairs..
- Stop letting developers influence their decisions.
- Stop spending on the one ways that are meaningless and wasted too much for nothing. The single most is protecting our neighborhoods.
- the budget
- The city council should address the city government's lack of technology use to implement cost savings and increase efficiencies.
- the deficit
- The incompetence of their own government, particularly, (\*\*\*\*)!
- Trust
- Using tax money to fund projects for friends of the mayor and deputy mayor. This kind of crony favoritism has to go.
- Wants of the community and less personal interest for one self
- Waste in current spending. Not reductions in big name items.
- Waste! Our taxes are high and services are low compared especially to other areas of the country.
- Wasteful spending
- Wasteful spending by city government including the large amounts of overtime paid to city workers
- With taxes already higher than in most of the country they should find a better way of spending the money (taxes) they have!!

## Schools/Education

- Assist with public education. There isn't anything that affects the health of the city more.
- Attracting families to district 150 schools and the city and school board working together better
- Better education of Peoria Public School students
- bringing families back to peoria by improving our schools and available housing stock in safe, walkable neighborhoods.
- District 150
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- District 150 & crime
- District 150 schools
- District 150-so much tax money and nothing to show for it
- Educating its populace. Peorians don't know anything about education, job skills, driving, volunteering, nutrition....I could go on, but why?
- education
- Education
- Education
- education
- education
- Helping to rebuild our school district to attract more families.
- How to improve the atmosphere and reputation of district 150 schools so as to attract families who take pride in their neighborhoods
- Improve K through 12 education system. District 150 is not capable of improving. Need to go to mostly charter schools.
- Improvement in District 150 Schools
- Increased collaboration with district 150
- Making schools better
- Making sure that families want to keep their children in district 150
- neighborhood schools, improving quality of education in PSD150
- NO MORE TIF DISTRICTS - FREE UP MONEY TO SCHOOLS SO THEY CAN DO THEIR JOB.
- Peoria District 150 schools
- poor schools
- PSD150 - we have some of the worst schools in the state
- Public education
- Public education
- Public education. Improve District 150. Level funding/resources across the schools in the district.
- Public schools
- School district
- school district sadvwhen unable to sale due to school issues
- Schools
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- Strengthen the public school system
- SUPPORT school system with positive PR
- Supporting the school district. Families will stay or return if they feel their children receive quality education in Peoria.
- The school system
- white collar & young family evacuation due too poor public school system.... aka D150

## Economy/Jobs/Growth

- attracting new business development instead of it all going to east peoria.
- Being more open to small business owners who are trying to make a difference within the community
- citizen recruitment and workforce development
- Continue to encourage Econ. Development in Peorias southern warehouse district near dozer park
- Creating opportunities to improve city's economic health
- downtown development - economic, residential, entertainment, retail
- Downtown development and improved downtown economy
- Economic development
- Economic Development
- Economic development beyond Caterpillar.
- Economic development by making Peoria an easier place to do business.
- Economic development in emerging areas of the city like West Main street and Downtown. Do not be hostile to small business owners and initivative services like food trucks. They are not a threat to what is currently available.
- Economic Development- Make Peoria more business friendly compared to the surrounding communities
- Economic growth
- Economic growth
- Economic growth through infrastructure
- Economic health of Peoria.



- economic stability
- Economics of area
- employment
- employment diversity and street maintenance
- Follow in east Peoria and Bloomington and most every other city in the state that has a business friendly environment , instead of the historical 1000 hoops to jump through and what's in it for me. Also PLEASE abandon buying the water company, if you can' run and control your own house (which they cannot) how can they run someone else's.
- Getting new business downtown
- Growth
- How to bring in new business to our area
- Job creation and stability
- Job stimulation
- Jobs for professionals and stopping the influx of non productive members of society.
- lack of good jobs in this area
- Lack of investment in the urban core
- lack of jobs, crime, ridiculous amount of taxes, other cities/states have less taxes and more going on economically and recreationally. Ours are way out of hand for the average income earned. Manage money better! No Forest Hill project and fix roads? No rundabouts in underused areas and fix roads. Do no raise taxes. Who can afford to live here unless you work at CAT or OSF.....
- Make starting a new business in Peoria easier and less expensive to increase tax base
- Making Peoria a more business friendly city. And not take years to make decisions. We have lost many business opportunities to East Peoria due to city Hall procrastination
- More High paying jobs
- more jobs and more housing
- OBTAIN NEW EMPLOYERS
- Organized redevelopment of north valley, east bluff and southside
- Reducing regulatory barriers to new business
- Remove barriers to new business growth
- sustainable and organized development, not spur of the moment, too much empty commercial and residential property
- Teens need jobs!
- utilize current empty buildings
- Working with community leaders and educators to improve the quality of the Peoria labor force, especially in lower income areas.

#### Community Appearance/Enforcement

- beautification of Peoria in its entirety - roads/bldgs/landscape
- city ordinance
- Clean up and revitalization on ne adams street area for positive retail development
- Code enforcement, crime and garbage in the streets.
- Continued revitalization of the downtown and keeping the park along the river green. (No apartments near Riverplex).
- demolition of rat infest houses and crime
- Improve downtown. Reduce crime.
- Improve overall appearance of city
- Improvement of appearance, availability, and number/size of welcoming public spaces (parks, gardens, plazas, etc)
- invigorating downtown
- Keeping greenspace. Do not sell our limited parks to developers please! (Riverfront Trail area) Develop the areas we already have.
- Keeping the greenspace down aby the river-no high rise apartments.
- keeping the riverfront green spaces;; not letting it be developed privately or by government; its the most attractive thing Peoria has
- Maintain amount of green areas
- Maintaining green space and developing green space in the heart of the city
- Make downtown vibrant... only way to attract millennials.
- More code enforcement officers
- Need to maintain regular neighborhoods. There needs to be a code against allowing section 8 housing as well as too many rental homes in under 100,000 neighborhoods that are mainly single family. You are allowing drugs and crime into mid section of peori.
- Older neighborhoods
- Protect greenspace and encourage public access to waterfront



- Relax building code enforcement so we can put enterprise in empty old buildings
- Revitalization of "forgotten", older neighborhoods.
- Revitalization of downtown
- Revitalization of the Downtown area!
- Revitalized downtown!
- Revitalizing downtown and older core neighborhoods
- Revitalizing neglected neighborhoods that could become unsafe neighborhoods if neglect continues.
- Revitalizing neighborhoods
- Revitalizing our urban spaces downtown. There are many great potential commerce and retail spaces (especially along Washington and State), and I strongly believe downtown Peoria, the Warehouse District, and West Main Street can all be transformed into great sources of revenue and boost the local economy. This in turn will provide jobs, increase sales taxes to the city, and make Peoria a more tourist-friendly destination.
- Revitalizing the Heart of Peoria area and revisiting and revising the goals set out in the planning document for that area prepared in 2003.
- Save the Riverfront Park. Build someplace else like the warehouse district. It helps clean up an eye sore, keeps what little green space there is in downtown Peoria and keeps the housing downtown. AND focus on district 150!
- Support a healthy Urban Core through greater historical preservation, getting rid of slum landlords, increasing support for urban neighborhoods, spend less on the far north and northwest ends of town.
- There should be emphasis on cleaning up and preserving the older neighborhoods, enforce codes, make the city look and feel desirable to living here, and raising a family here in Peoria instead of moving to the outlying areas. We are frustrated with the filthy neighborhood streets with litter a refuge everywhere. Codes should be enforced with home maintenance issues, and litter. There should be consequences for the property owners who allow litter to be on their lawns and in street in front of their property. Too many absentee landlords are not monitored and do not have consequences for the mess they allow their property to be in. Maintaining and monitoring the appearance of the property, yards and streets, will help to deter crime, and make Peoria a more desirable place to live. Right now there is not enough attention given to make Peoria attractive to move to and live in. Rules and consequences should be in place for those who interfere with making the neighborhoods attractive and desirable.
- urban development
- Vibrant downtown
- Warehouse District revitalization

#### Other

- Business friendliness
- Diversity
- Downtown housing. The buildings and developments are there now find some developers. We must have a living downtown to have a vibrant city.
- Economic and Racial Segregation
- Get serious about recycling
- Holding parents accountable for their children
- Homeless or beggars
- How you are going to keep Peoria from being an aging city and attract younger people to stay, own homes, and have families?
- Income Inequality
- Leave the riverfront trail alone! keep green space.
- Placement of P.H.A. housing in the city of Peoria.
- Poverty
- Public health, including gun violence
- quality of life
- Quality of life
- Quality of Living
- racism, perceived crime issues vs reality of danger, Focus on citizens quality of life vs business developers freedom to do whatever
- Settle the Twittergate lawsuit and don't sell land in Riverfront Park.
- Stop selling our parks (Riverfront Park and Peoria Stadium). Improve our schools!!!
- stop the sprawl which in part means fixing the schools even though it's not the school board and in part fixing crime/safety in older neighborhoods so it's not one thing, but the whole picture
- Teaching tolerance to all
- The housing situation in downtown Peoria. There is a divide in Peoria and the city seems to shut down on the weekends. It is not an inviting or fun place to spend our time.

- The one biggest issue Peoria faces - Peoria makes it too easy to LIVE outside of the city. Rehabbing old neighborhoods (Bluffs, Central Peoria), stop building super roads out to the suburbs (Pioneer Parkway extension, Orange Prairie). Make it attractive to live in Peoria. The rest will fall into place.
- This city has went to hell when they decided to close the Warner Homes and move everyone into the north end and east bluff. All this did was make one problem area grow into a giant area of the city. They built all those houses down there and they sit empty because those residents cannot afford to buy them. Every time a housing project closes it pushes the trouble farther North making more neighborhoods decline. When people don't own their own homes they don't take as much care and pride in them and it just rags the neighborhoods down. I have seen that first hand in my neighborhood of 17 years and it's just sad. Something has to be done with not just pushing the bad element out of one area, fix it. Now it has spread like a disease and I am ashamed to say I even live in Peoria. I try to use anything in Peoria. We homeschooled up to High School to avoid district 150 schools, and we shop in East Peoria. I don't go for walks or take my kids bike riding anymore due to all the problems in our neighborhoods. We go elsewhere that includes the parks and pools. Instead of concentrating on downtown they need to concentrate on all the neighborhoods slowly sinking because of the public housing issues.
- Water company purchase
- Work to create incentives for tourism / relocation to Peoria such as a climbing gym, higher education opportunities, tourist attractions, etc...