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- Elimination of open/green/native spaces.

- Over populated.

Stop the growth! Stop building.

#1 If you don't complete mark hatches bypass quickly - sooner rather than later, you will need to re-route traffic around main street. #2 - Affordable childcare and housing options for our younger adults who want to live in a nice neighborhood and [?] a family.

* Too much development / overcrowded. * Losing historic feel. * Pricing long time residents out of being able to continue living in Franklin.

1. Public Education! The city is veering away from more wholesome and conservative principles (elementary students are exposed too early to complex and inappropriate issues and information). The number of our friends that have switched to homeschooling and private is wild and we will likely be joining after attempting public education for years. They hide it as well and communicate afterwards what they are learning in Life Skills! It has wreaked havoc on our kids. 2. Safety! We have watched theft and attempts at child abduction on the rise in our neighborhood in McKays with less police presence in the past 5 years. Solicitations as well that make us uneasy. It's concerning because we are close to 96/65 and 840 to get to 40. I stay outside and have watched cars speed off when they notice me near the children. I have called Franklin police for an issue and they took very long to show up and never actually came to talk to me. We are losing faith in the police presence based on similar experiences.

Ability to deal with the large number of new residents - and to provide opportunities for a more diverse population to live here.

Accepting of people who are not like them.

Additional health care and safety issues need to be address & due to growing senior citizen population.

Affordability

Affordability of housing whether rent or own.

Affordable child care public transportation to adjacent communities affordable health care.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING - AFFORDABLE, NOT SUBSIDIZED AND NOT ALWAYS "LUXURY LIVING".

Affordable housing & diversity.

Affordable housing (home ownership).

affordable housing and affordable childcare for young families

Affordable housing and diverse cultural opportunities

Affordable housing for blue collar workers.

Affordable housing for middle to low income family's. Franklin has gotten to big for their britches! No affordable house for low income family's with children.

Affordable housing for seniors wanting to downsize

Affordable housing, and diversity.

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Affordable housing, high gas prices

affordable housing, population growth

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Affordable housing. Here living here but I'm certain un children will not be able to afford long here until they are 30+.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING... INCREASING PRICES DOES NOT ALLOW AVERAGE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS TO MIGRATE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

Affordable housing/childcare

All of this will change dramatically based on voters becoming tools of satan by voting for an ungodly greedy sinner that told us to drink bleach to get rid of COVID. Because of the financial wealth, Franklin, will be last affected. But horror and clevastation will come unless we repent.

Allowing growth while maintaining the small town feel. Keeping the downtown area unique & charming.

ALLOWING NEW SUBDIVISIONS WITHOUT REQUIRING IMPACT FEES TO IMPROVE ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURES.

Besides traffic & making more 4 lane roads, prices of homes are strongly increasing making it more difficult to buy a home or start a family in Franklin.

Bigotry

Board of Mayor and Alderman approving housing thinking everyone needs to live downtown Franklin and allowing buildings in the wrong places to accomplish this. Every inch of land within two miles of historic downtown does not need to have a massive building plan. The Middle 8 is a classic example of this.

Building and Growth before infrastructure available

Building of too many apartment complexes. Including the approval of the middle 8. How can those projects get approved. School system and infrastructure was good but is not prepared for bringing people to all those Californians

City / state partnership building of roads ahead of development.

City planning for growth in business & residents whom want to relocate here.

Commercial/Housing growth management.

Communication by the city for projects on residential streets. No communication to residents right now

Congestion

Continue good community master planning and implementation; better cell service (towers, fiber, etc.)

continue to maintain/improve on all the question above

Continued respect of different opinions. More conservatives are moving into the area and want to control schools and stifle diversity. We need to ensure all voices are heard and that everyone leads with kindness. We should not be limiting people freedom to choice what to participate in because someone disagrees with it. They can choice not to Controlled growth and management of all that comes with that growth. Balancing growth with nature/land - which is why many moved to Franklin = the beautiful farms and land... don't develop all the land!

Controlling growth and considering impact fees for apartment buildings.

COST OF AFFORDABLE HOMES.

Cost of homes - people who grew up here cant afford to live here anymore.

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Cost of living and affordability. I am 53 years old, born and raised in Franklin along with my younger brother. My parents moved here in 1969. My wife and her younger sister were born and raised here. Her father was a prominent doctor at Williamson Medical Center, who started his practice here in the 1970s, my mother in law was a nurse at Williamson Medical. My two high school aged children have little hope of being able to afford to move back to their hometown after college if they so choose. The growth and cost of living have made it impossible for our children to COST OF LIVING IS 33% HIGHER THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN TN.

Cost of living is too high. the growth is too much too fast affecting the quality of life.

Cost of living is very expensive.

Dealing with the influx of people and growth

DEBT.

Definitely affordable housing.

DENSITY.

deteriorating road conditions

Developing the infrastructure (roads) before the builders start building the homes. Improve efficiency of dept of motor vehicles and expand locations to obtain real id of drivers [?] or passports to AAA or libraries locations. Add library book drop off locations to various shopping centre locations around Franklin. There could be old post office letter drop boxes. Add bike lanes to roads / add shoulders to roads.

Development of roads and streets before new housing is developed. Roads always seem to be years after development of housing communities. Problem of people running red traffic lights.

Disappearing farmland.

Disappearing green space, over building.

Diversity

Does every open space have to go under construction ?

Don't clutter down town with too many new business. The look and feel needs to be help for the future. Since 1973 beauty and feel in our town has changed from a good small town to crowded stores. Please control this.

Don't know. Just moved here in october.

Don't want to lose the hometown feel by getting rid of farms, putting in tons of hotels downtown, etc

DRIVERLESS CARS ARE COMING SOON! PUBLIC TRANSIT WILL BECOME IRRELEVANT. DON'T WASTE MONEY ON PUBLIC TRANSIT. INSTEAD, PREPARE FOR DRIVERLESS CARS.

effectively managing growth and development

EFFECTIVELY MANAGING THE EXPLOSIVE GROWTH... RE: ROADS & HOUSING!

Electing conservatives to School Board and ALL other elected positions. Liberals have ruined Franklin.

Engaging newcomers

Equitable access to housing and opportunities for public service employees to live in Franklin.

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Especially with the influx of newcomers, we are challenged to educate and reinforce the reasons that Franklin has been able to achieve success and community desirability, and what it continues to envision in the future. BOMA provides a foundational leadership from City government, but it is only successful in steering us in the right direction due to encouraged, welcomed citizen and non-profit involvement.

EVERYTHING IS TOO EXPENSIVE.

Everything is too expensive. Restaurants VERY expensive for the very poor quality that is standard. Very few exceptions. Franklin rec is great but can't get into any of the offered programs as they fill up in the first 2 minutes that registration opens. We don't have an amazing public pool with water slides and a lazy river etc.

Expanding retail spaces on the west side of Franklin.

expensive, high cost of living

Explosive growth (county wide).

Franklin (esp. downtown) is losing its charm and becoming a place only the mega - wealthy can afford. As a 25 year NCS educator there is no way possible I could afford a home if I were purchasing now. Franklin gasoline prices are at least a dollar more than nearby communities, not to mention food prices, maintenance, etc. When trades people discover you have a Franklin address their prices sky rocket.

Good public education for all citizens.

Greed / Artificial inflation of the housing market. A \$130,000 house is just that... a \$130,000 house. They recently built 2 houses that are only worth \$300,000 in our neighborhood and they are trying to sell them for \$1,500,000.

greenscape

Growing too fast and building too many neighborhoods and the beautiful open spaces

Growing too fast, too much multi-family housing, DEI in schools and other areas, zero health food stores and law enforcement targeting & harassing certain local businesses.

Growing too much too fast

Growth

Growth

Growth & planning our small city from 30 years ago but the same but it would be nice to work @ keeping its charm.

Wish we had more rec. activities here without having to go to Nashville. i.e. Top golf, putt shack etc... Growth was really well planned when cool spring's was a vision. We grow into the streets not vice versa. Wish our sidewalks won 8% cannot into the bentwood sidewalk system. Lighting tunnels/bridges to safety cross streets.

Growth & traffic.

Growth and affordable housing.

Growth and expansion

Growth is out of control, there is no blade of grass left city taxes are too high for long term residents. How do you expect retirees to afford to live here? My taxes have tripled, but my house is still 1000 ftsq. At least freeze taxes for people 65 and older regardless of income or raise it to \$100k. Columbia is the Franklin of 20 years ago.

Growth of extreme right in all phases of life here. Hate groups, militant christians, & other similar groups.

Growth that has escalated the Rental Apartments along with escalation of prices on homes. It is getting harder and harder for the middle class family to purchase a home or afford to rent an apartment in Franklin.

Growth vs maintaining quart atmosphere.

Growth, preservation of character, affordability.

growth, schools,

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Growth; that is not coordinated with the public schools and places undue burden on them. Taxes are too low; fully fund the schools.

Having a senior center which provides classes, exercise, computer help, visiting space, tours, etc..

Health and safety

Healthy food restaurants

Helping pedestrians and bicyclists feel safe through a dedicated trail system, bike lanes, and reasonable speed

High cost of homes - too many apartments overcrowded - it's losing a small town feel.

High cost of living

High density "affordable" developments encroaching on available land will ruin the appeal and high quality of residents. Future tax revenues will be for expanded essential services like crime and safety with more bodies in lower tax brackets. we don't need more bodies on smaller lots. The City of Irvine CA is a good example of managed tax revenues, zero crime, highly educated residents willing to pay Melloroo's Tax to ensure quality and highly compensated city employees across the board. We need quality beautiful neighborhoods and less boxed in builder grade postage stamp lots/communities. Good Luck.

High taxes for special school district

holiday and tournament traffic issue. Need to slow down McEwn and Cool Springs .the need traccic light by Fire Home prices.

Honestly... affordability but I know it's so worth it because it is SO nice here. I'm just 30 and can't stay here for long even though I'd absolutely loveeee to. I'll probably have to move out to Columbia soon. Hope to come back one day when I'm older and can afford it!!

Housing for senior that is affordable.

Housing prices and the quality that the builders are offering for said values. Tighter building, not permitting, regulations should be considered. You have a dozen million dollar homes per street with leaking rooftops and seams on trim that resemble a teenagers craftsmanship.

I know growth is necessary but it is overwhelming in Franklin.

I think our growth is happening too quickly. Every empty space is being built on.

I think the resources for poverty-aid are abundant but may be lacking in ability to keep up with the demands as this area becomes more expensive, pushing out natives from the area. The service is wonderful but I fear more and more people needing help as we grow.

I would like to see Mayor Dr. Ken Moore spend 100% of his time on traffic. Full stop. Drop everything. Traffic is the issue of the day.

If our schools are forced to continue to listen to those with the loudest voices and continue to ban books and ignore our diverse students, we're going to lose our good schools reputation.

I'm not against growth, but I am wondering if all the new apartments are really necessary? Will they be occupied?

The rising cost of single family homes is making it difficult for first time buyers to move here. I'm also seeing new, expensive homes being built in areas of Franklin where our less fortunate neighbors have been living for a very long time. Sadly, we will always have people with fewer means in this world. We need to be sure and provide housing for increased availability of undeveloped/natural spaces available for public use

INCREASED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, INCREASED COST OF LIVING MAKES IT HARDER FOR RETIRED AND MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES TO AFFORD TO LIVE IN FRANKLIN.

Influx of unwanted immigrant criminals.

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Infrastructure

Infrastructure falling behind rapid growth, and traffic congestion

Infrastructure of roads as we are growing so fast.

I've lived in Franklin for 52yrs and I am blown away at the growth but mostly how expensive Franklin has become. I am blessed to be able to live here but I am living paycheck to paycheck and barely getting by. It is more expensive in this town vs surrounding towns - I don't understand the politics of it but I definitely don't have a California income, Keeping crime at a low rate, particularly in our retail establishments.

Keeping small town charm and infrastructure with growing town

Keeping the character of Franklin. Growth without a long-term plan could ruin Franklin, the history and culture of living hell. Too much retail and commerce could be risky.

Keeping the charm of Franklin.

Keeping up with road expansion.

lack of affordable housing

Lack of affordable housing and minority people

Lack of affordable housing for first time home buyers, every first time home buyer client that comes to our team (we are #6 in middle TN) has to get money from family or they struggle to buy a home and can't get into the real estate market. We have to be able to develop highways/larger roads that can handle traffic and do more lower price developments further outside the city. We also need to do better with handling speeding, I am noticing this is a real problem in my neighborhood and it will lead to more crashes or kids hit. Farmland and green space is important, but if the working class gets priced out they either leave or don't move here. The geography is also important to factor with new developments (not a great idea to build low cost homes in the hills). If the city could offer incentives to developers to do low cost housing developments we would see more companies move here and more people (the huge influx of young professionals) happy and able to build a family and life here. I personally don't know any builders or developers that are focusing on low cost housing, we simply just need more supply for the middle and lower class if the city is going to continue to grow. Also we are seeing if it takes longer than 30-40 minutes for people to get to work downtown in Nashville it limits people wanting to live this far out, that drive compounded over peoples lives is a ton of time to lose sitting in a car. Sorry for the rant but just wanted to send this so you guys are having more
Lack of affordable housing.

Lack of affordable housing. I'm downtown Rotary and heard Mayor Anderson's pitch about lower property taxes due to higher valuations. This is a short fuse. Nothing good will come (or is coming) from all the neighborhoods that have starting prices in the 800s. Then again, these 800s don't want 350s or 400s near them. Bit of NIMBY if you will.

Lack of Bike paths and safe biking roads

Lack of diversity

Lack of enforcement of city ordinances: excessively loud vehicles, not enough police patrol in neighborhoods, gas/other prices much higher in Franklin than in neighboring cities. Overbuilding is a big problem: two houses on a lot where one house once was, resulting in no useable yard space.

Lack of keeping residents aware of upcoming changes and lack of transparency by developers.

Lack of sidewalks - often they just end half way through a block/neighborhood or there are none at all and some type of grocery store closer to downtown like a turnip truck.

Lack of sidewalks and crosswalk connectivity

Lack of Walkable and bike-friendly streets

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Land use development: balance of commercial / office development and affordable housing.

Legalizing weed maybe

Less open land more buildings - losing the quaint culture in Franklin

Lock the doors and admit no more residents

Los carros mal parqueados en algunos carros

Losing our rural areas. The beauty of our county is being demolished with too much growth.

Low income housing.

Mainly need for more roads to set to & from quicker.

Maintain our positive momentum

Maintaining

Maintaining a strong, responsive attitude and actions for keeping Franklin the best city in [?] in which to work, live and educate its citizens!

Maintaining and growing our public school system as a high quality educational resource.

maintaining the charm/small town feel amidst growth, preserving and enhancing the natural environment amidst

Maintaining the conservative values of our city and not succumbing to the twisted agendas of the influx fleeing Blue States that will inevitable destroy our values.

making sure infrastructure is up to date to handle flooding, etc.

Manage growth

Management of growth; there are too many high density housing units which are adding to the traffic issues and over crowded schools (or the need to build more schools). A large number of apartments / condos also changes the character of Franklin.

Managing growth

Managing growth of new neighborhoods and commercial areas to incorporate a walking/biking/public transportation culture

managing high growth in region. Don't pack people/houses/apartments in too densely

Managing the quality and capacity of our transportation systems (roads and sidewalks).

Mangaing growth

Many empty business buildings every where with more being built taking away green space, heavy traffic getting worse every year , building too many home divisions taking away green space

Misinformation

more bike lanes, walking trails

More shopping and resturants in Franklin.

More sidewalks & cross walks.

More sidewalks available; growth is out of control

n/a

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Need programs that include people from different areas.

Need to complete Mchatcher by pass around Franklin.

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Nice, Affordable housing for teachers, first responders, etc. My children grew up here and cannot afford to live here. My daughter is a single mom and works at a local school and no way she could live on her own here. Incentivize developers to set aside a certain percentage of their complex for low income families.

No comment.

No population growth control

No self control by Franklin in managing growth. Only developers benefit from the rapid expansion of Franklin while the residents are left to suffer. The City will not stop until every square inch of Williamson county is built out.

Building right up to the sidewalk is not only ugly in the long run it also devalues our community. For example the Harpeth Hotel in downtown. Massive apartment complexes with no monies to improve infrastructure. City said last year at one point there was a water shortage. No kidding! What did they expect when they allow thousands of new residents to come in without contributing to the cost of infrastructure!

None that I can think of -

Nothing aside from transportation. This is by far the most important issue for Franklin. We NEED light rail (this is not just a Franklin issue).

nothing else other than traffic

Other neighborhoods don't get same attention as newer / higher ones.

Over - building, apartments, mega mansions, offices need more "affordable" housing opportunities for senior (not meaning assisted living places).

Over building apts. and homes to many apts. & homes.

Over building the community decreasing the charm.

Over building, uncontrolled growth. Will not stop until every square inch of land is built on.

Over crowding, parking & yes most importantly traffic need 1 way streets near downtown [?] Stewart.

Over development - we don't need a shopping center on every available sq. inch of land. Keep some green space!

That's what attracted us to Franklin. It's what makes it special. Any town can be over-commercialized! & For a lower cost of living. Please don't squeeze things in everywhere. *Also, we need walking paths from battlefield* Park/carrnton to downtown. It's unsafe to walk that stretch of Lewis burn PK.

Over development and disappearing farmland.

over development of apartments. You are using every patch of green space that is available---- this is a detriment to our community which used to be so lovely. See the NEW huge house at Liberty and Ralston, (driveway opens to Liberty,) for the latest example of this. And now there is another house or a garage going up in front of it! IT IS APPALLING! Franklin is beginning to be UGLY. Stop it. And while on that topic, why ask us about whether we attend meetings or not? After 34 years here I have given up. You never listen.

Over development of land.

Over development.

Over growth

Over growth.

Overall I think Franklin is a great place to live. As long as you continue to expand growth you need to better the transportation system. I know you didn't want this to be the answer but I feel that's all that is lacking in this great city.

Overall, I feel that the cost of living is too high especial concerns: cost of housing and cost of gas public transportation is extremely limited.

Overcrowded - afraid we will lost the "country" feel to new development.

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Overcrowding and over priced.

Overcrowding with new homes and not enough lanes/roads to accommodate

Overgrowth, lack of preservation effort, local government greed

Overly dense development, annexation of county property to facilitate overly dense development

Overly inclusive with DEI and related agenda

Parking

PARKING ENFORCEMENT OF "NO RIGHT TURN ON RED".

PARKING.

People complaining about new development/other people moving here

People moving here

Personally - I would like to see more restaurants, dining.

PLEASE MAKE THEM MOVE THE SLAVE WALL ON DELRIO PIKE AWAY FROM THE ROAD, IT IS A HAZZARD. WE CALL IT THE CAN OPENER.

Political climate... Lack of gun regulation, overreach of school boards, elected officials unresponsive to or unwilling to listen to or address opposite views.

Political division of residents & extreme political person (for left/for right).

Poor planning for residential expansion (ex Lewisburg Pike)

Poorly constructed high-density housing developments to accommodate growth. Enough is enough! Also a dearth of affordable housing; young people who grew up here are finding they cannot afford to live here as adults.

Population growth & quality of city water.

Population increase, Franklin is growing faster than the city can keep up

Preservation of & access to green space.

Preservation of green spaces

Preventing crime. Preventing pollution.

PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY FROM ILLEGAL GANG MEMERS AND RETAIL VIOLENCE. OUR POLICE DO A GREAT JOB BUT NEED TO ENSURE THEY HAVE ALL NEEDED RESOURCES.

Providing affordable housing.

Public perception. Perception of elected officials/policies being implemented such as school board going against teachers in WCS or public fallout surrounding Pride Week - being known as pushing religious values and curriculums into schools and onto community groups isn't what we need. Being picked up in state and national news outlets for things that don't showcase the best of what we have to offer won't be favorable.

Quality education.

Racism the Franklin community is extremely roost & not welcoming of anyone other than white people!

Rapid growth and affordable housing so people can afford to work and live in Franklin & Williamson county.

Real estate buying out homes by inticement of money, Homes are not affordable to rent or buy. Neighborhoods need to be able to plant, to grow fruit frees, to have privacy, and to have their own chickens for eggs. The rich are buying out land that others cannot buy because of price or status.

Redial growth.

Rent is too expensive

Retirees are leaving Franklin.

Right-wing lunatics dominating the political discourse.

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RISE IN COST OF LIVING.

Rising cost of living and lack of high paying jobs

Rising costs of taxes, groceries, home maintenance, etc.

Rising home prices, and affordable housing for the young, aged, disabled, homeless

Rising housing prices.

Road development. It's irresponsible for government entities to continually approve developments without addressing the roads/traffic problems. Every level of government needs to be more diligent in developing road projects. Our politicians lack the professionalism to properly supervise and manage these types of projects in order to achieve cost effective results in a reasonable timeframe.

Roads to support traffic!

Ruining its character and reason many move here by continuing development of high density multi story housing and very large subdivisions. Keep Franklin good for those who already live here.

RUNAWAY GROWTH. DON'T ABIDE BY ZONING STANDARDS ALREADY 14 PLACE : ALLOW TOO MANY EXEMPTIONS!

SOON WILL BE NO FARMS OR GREEN SPACE LEFT - BOMA HASN'T SEEN A NEW DEVELOPMENT PLAN THAT IT DOESN'T LIKE IN 20 YEARS! TOO MUCH ASPHALT & ROOFTOPS ONLY LEADS TO MORE: - TRAFFIC - POLLUTION - FLOODING - CRIME - HIGHER TAXES - MORE NEED FOR SCHOOLS, POLICE, FIRE, TEACHERS - WAY TOO MANY APARTMENTS!! - NO AFFORDABLE HOUSING - BOMA ONLY WANTS IN HOMES & RICH PEOPLE.

Safety

Safety of children not having stop lights/stop signs in Sullivan Farms where people use as cut thru.

scale of growth and environmental preservation

Shootings, lots of strange people moving in, cost of living, no nightlife, no transportation to Nashville or airport [?] are so expensive, you built to much.

Sidewalks for pedestrians, bike paths, street parking, housing prices, better shopping & services downtown, preserving downtown charm.

Sidewalks in the areas just outside of downtown. There are several areas that are dangerous for pedestrians.

Slow down growth of county & city let people enjoy life in Franklin I have lived here all my life - born 1954-71yrs old.

SLOWING COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL LEASE/RENT COSTS. ALSO, BUILDING MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSES, SEEMS LIKE YOU HAVE TO BE A MILLIONAIRE TO AFFORD A HOUSE IN FRANKLIN. FINALLY, THE COST OF GASOLINE WHICH IS TYPICALLY 60\$-80\$ HIGHER PER GALLON THAN MURFREESBORO - NOT FARI!

Sorry but it's traffic ! Lived here 15 years and it has become area of frustration.

Stop the development / housing madness. Timing farms into developments is not wise & short sighted. Why does southern land (& others), have free will into requiring / developing land? Due to the population increase there should be plenty of tax revenue coming in from casting residents lastly -> there are incomplete and in-accessible sidewalks & bicycle paths throughout the city. No sidewalk (continues) from downtown Franklin to much hatches & sidewalks start and stop all over the place short sighted.

Street maintenance.

street maintenance; slow progress on street construction projects

Suburban sprawl

Suggest an enhanced system to reach out to all residents on city planning issues.

Support for arts in public schools by the city is lacking. Schools represent the city on a national level, but the amount of support received does not support the school programs in their participation. Additional support for schools in

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Supporting development at the correct density to maintain the character of the city

Taxes, losing great space.

Th cost of rent for businesses - running good stores & restaurants out of business.

The biggest issue is the factory smell from the magnetic wire factory, Essex Solutions, on Southeast Parkway. I am amazed we allow them to still do business in Franklin considering how often and how strong the smell is. I really hope that the city listens and reads this and does something about the smell as it really affects our quality of life

The cost of living in Franklin has grown to the point that retirees have a hard time meeting financial demands.

The cost of living is too high. We bought a home in the Historic District with young children, and nobody else our age can even afford to live here, especially since prices have increased so much since we bought 5 years ago. As much as we love our home and the area, buying in the Historic District is not a great choice for a family with young children. Our kids have nowhere to ride bikes and no kids to run around with. Most other cities that have similar areas have plenty of kids even though these types of neighborhoods are normally mixed. We love the area, love living in Franklin, love the people and the local government and even the public schools SO much, but this is the one thing I struggle with. I wish there was an association trying to connect the homeowners. It would also be nice if some of the battlefields were used to bring joy to the area with playgrounds, walking paths, exercise opportunities, maybe community yoga class, movie nights and more. There are no playgrounds directly in the historic district even though Pinkerton Park is close. I'm aware of the plans to improve sidewalks, which is very much appreciated. Overall, the area feels more built for tourism than for the community of homes that support it. I hate to complain because this is such an amazing City. To solve the problem, add a walkable grocery store and pharmacy, build playgrounds to encourage kids being active in the area, create more walking paths and sidewalks, host kids events outside of the festivals, have the Heritage Foundation (or anyone else) bring neighbors together by encouraging events in each segment of the downtown. It could also be really nice to improve the library and offer similar things to what they have in Chattanooga. They have a whole technology / art / creative space where kids and even entrepreneurs can go in to learn new skills, 3D print, create custom tshirts, weave and all sorts of other stuff. Thanks for listening!

The development of residential neighborhoods with varying price points, not just "luxury" type developments.

THE FRANKLIN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE SHOULD WE FOLDED INTO WILLIAMSON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM. THAT WOULD LOWER PROPERTY TAXES. IF THE U.S.A IS RANKED 40 WORLD WIDE ON EDUCATION AND FIRST ON COST PER PUPIL THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE FSSD.

THE INCREASED RATS OF PEOPLE MOVING TO FRANKLIN WHO HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OF OR ENCOURAGED TO ADOPT THE BEHAVIORS AND MANNERS THAT HAVE MADE FRANKLIN A SPECIAL PLACE TO LIVE. Thanks for all your do for our wonderful city!

The infiltration of extreme right wing resident overtaking the school board.

The neck to represent more diversity of background, economic & educational status. I also believe Franklin can do much more to preserve & promote its historical sites, and the vary might place the fan has in American history.

The pace of development relative to infrastructure growth. Development seems unplanned and haphazard.

The people that work in Franklin can't all afford to live here so they don't show the same pride in the city. They like the city but cannot share in the overall community goals.

The roads are bumpy and not smooth. There are so many places downtown and around Franklin where sewage plates have sunk into the ground causing a problem for cars to drive over.

THERE ARE NO OTHER ISSUES MORE IMPORTANT THAN TRAFFIC. IT'S JUST TERRIBLE AND AFFECTS EVERY OTHER QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUE.

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There are no sidewalks connecting Boyd mill from new hwy 96 to the soccer fields or baseball fields and creates a hazard for families trying to walk or run around frankling more sidewalks and bike lanes

To by a home to live in Franklin.

To much traffic.

To provide a safe and dependable water treatment plant, My water bill is never less than \$110 and usually more, and tins not sure our drinking water is safe. My water bill is Nashville was under \$50 dollars.

Too many apartments [?] increase in crime. Happened in area where I lived before.

Too many apartments being built. Cost of eating out is ridiculous and way overpriced.

Too many new builds (commercial & residential) before planning for roads to accommodate the increased traffic.

Too much growth

Too much growth and change from a small town culture.

Too much growth and ignoring the resident that already live here. The growth has ruined Franklin. Also, ignored areas of the city like Mack Hatcher south of hwy 96.

Too much growth for the infrastructure that is currently in place. Also, too many high density neighborhoods are being built. Green spaces and farm lands are disappearing.

Too much growth in too little a space we want trees not a million homes!!

Too much growth that doesn't preserve the historic small town feel of Franklin.

Too much growth, too fast, challenge with infrastructure improvements.

Too much growth, too many new subdivisions being built - we are losing all our greenspace and what made Franklin such a beautiful place to live

Too much growth. Suggest adding more sidewalks, more left-turn signals, brighter street lights, and adding glass recycling pickup.

Too much residential development and not enough roads.

Too much residential development of multi millionaire homes. There is NO AFFORDABLE options for working people.

Thats why all the restaurants and stores can't get help. Average pay people can't live here. Stop acting like everyone here is a rich multi millionaire Republican. And stop turning public schools into places where books are banned and trying to make them Christian. Separate church and state in public domain.

Too much residential growth

Too much residential growth. We're losing our farm land and charm. Especially in the West haven area.

traffic (cars); population growth to rapid for city services to keep up with;

TRAFFIC IS MOST IMPORTANT. YOU CANNOT GET OUT OF MY SUBDIVISION ONTO 96 AT MOST TIME ANYDAY. THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS ARE A JOKE. PEOPLE RUN REDLIGHTS CONSTANTLY. I DON'T KNOW ANYONE CAN BUY A HOUSE OR RENT AN APARTMENT. HOUSES HAVE GONE UP 500% SINCE 1992. OUR GOVERNMENT THINKS. BUILD UNTIL WE COVER EVERY SPACE THEN WORRY ABOUT TRAFFIC, WATER, SEWER, SCHOOLS. I'VE LIVED HERE 47 YEARS & AS BAD AS THE GOOD OLD BOYS WERE IN 1979; I BELIEVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAS GOTTEN MUCH WORSE. NOT ONE OF YOU CARE ABOUT THE TOWN OR THE PEOPLE; ITS I HAVE MY AGENDA & THATS WHAT I'M DOING, SCREW YOU PEASANTS, I'M SMARTER THAN YOU! AT ELECTION TIME I VOTE FOR THE CHALLENGER BECUASE YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE & YOU FAILED.

traffic signal timing. Housing inspection is too arbitrary.

Traffic!!

TRAFFIC!!!

Question 16: Aside from transportation (traffic) related issues, what is the most important challenge or problem facing Franklin today?

Random Sample Verbatims

Transplant mentality/ animal control/ lots of unleashed large dogs lately. Dogs inside grocery stores as well.

Transportation for senior who can't drive all the time.

Trump.

Trump/Elon - get rid of them.

Try to keep the good restaurants and businesses open. So many have closed.

Turnover of businesses

unchecked growth

Under-funded schools.

Unhindered growth without infrastructure improvements. Also, growth without looking at the needs and concerns of existing residents.

Untenable cost of living for traditional middle class residents

utility infrastructure

Voter guides would be great! simple, easy to follow, synchronized with [?](timing).

Walkability & connectivity & preserving the "small town" charm.

Walkability! We live within a mile of a grocery and strip mall but there is a lack of sidewalks and safe crossing signals.

Water shortages in the summer

We are growing so fast!

We do not have enough tennis courts. Developers should have to be responsible for how many more residents they are putting onto our roads. Some rural areas have terrible traffic !

We have too many apartment communities and too few green spaces. Instead of building new parks, stop destroying natural green space(undeveloped land).

We need a community center on this side of Franklin around the administrative building because a lot of people do not go to the recreation center and cannot afford to go, concern citizen for years, It is needed. Our kids have nothing to do during the summer time especially willing to discuss. M.N 615-457-7836.

We need sidewalks from our communities to downtown and traffic lights on Columbia Ave. for Rolling Hills church so others besides the parishioners of that church can use Columbia Ave. on Sundays. It is very rude the way the police handle that on Sundays letting the whole church out first before allowing other traffic to continue, they need to space that out better. Let 7 cars out from the church and 7 cars continue and switch back and forth in equal measure.

We need to preserve areas of land for natural habitat and not develop everything. We need larger sidewalks that encourage walkability, more bike trails for biking.

Won't measure a person's worth by the size of their wallet or how much is in it! Thanks!

Yes, traffic is a huge concern. Taking green space away for development is concerning as well.

You can't discount the worst one. It is the GDMF'ing traffic.