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OPEN-ENDED NARRATIVES

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Q: BETTER

Why [do you think Josephine County today is a better place to live now]?

About 10 years ago they started getting rid of the logging now they are stabilizing and new industry is moving here. All the updates like wider streets.

A lot of new buildings and new businesses. More to do for the kids and families.

Because it has more stores.

Because it's easier to get around the roads are better.

Because more people are coming in and retiring in the communities, bringing more money in though jobs are hard to find.

Because not there's not that many people it's quiet.

Because of the funding for the schools and they have made an effort to -it doesn't seem to be as redneck as it used to be and the way they have cleaned up Grants Pass the streets look better.

Because the county has relaxed a bit, the county sheriff they relaxed, the stood down a little bit, they stood down.

They are not at people for little 'bitty' things. They are out getting the dope cooks.

Because there is an interest in bringing new things in like the new hospital, and some new businesses.

Because there's more available and it's more available, there's a larger crowd in church. (P) Growth people coming from California, some fairly good government. County and city.

Because they allowed growth, the college, and higher levels of education.

Because they have more services for the elderly and for school children.

Cause it's got more things for kids to do.

Changed the sheriff.

Economically I think it's better than it's been; though the recent downturn hasn't helped much.

Environmentally better.

For one I feel we've had some interesting people move here.

Grants Pass is growing. More shopping and more places to go for help. More services.

I believe slowly but surely it is getting more progressive (P) I mean not relying on resource extraction economy and being open-minded toward different lifestyles. If Grants Pass were more like Ashland it would be cool.

I guess the first thing that popped into my head is the sports park improvement and road improvements.

I think people have more consciousness in the values inherent in the natural area.

I just love it. Where I live it's a quiet little place.

I like the protection we have from the police - if we let them do their job. The radio stations, KJO for instance are very homey.

I really can't answer that.

I see them making improvements better law enforcement.

I think a little more shopping.

I think it has modernized a lot since I came here. It has grown and is more up-to-date than it was. Now, it seems like it's booming. They have more to offer now as far as everything.

I think it is better because of the new hospital. It's better because there are more stores, doctors, and other professionals. The schools needs work, but the ones they have built are exceptional. The highway is a tremendous improvement for people that need to drive it. They are constantly improving. That is what impresses me.

I think partly there's more jobs more businesses.

I think that the people here have been schooled or more intelligent and the standard of living has gone up.

I think that we a little more up to date the way we are operating and the way the government communicates.

I think the services have improved.

I think there is more for people to do, and there is more facilities to help people when they need help.

I think there's more activity downtown it's easy to get around.

I think they have a few more regulations for housing.

In cave junction the crime rate was up a year or so ago but now it is going down. (P) The police force we got an extra police officer.

It has grown culturally as well as physically, it has entered a new century, we have theaters (P) it has developed a community spirit.

It is modernized somewhat its growing and its a community oriented place now.

It is more prosperity, there is more people working.

It seems like people are more interested in government that there's a more variety of population, better roads.

It seems like there have been improvements in the downtown, the building codes and the whole economy.

It seems like there's more feeling for people in need, I like that.

It wasn't all that bad to begin with. They haven't improved all that much. The town has grown. The county commissioners haven't done all that much.

It's a little bigger and it's got a little more future for the young people.

It's actually grown - more and bigger businesses in town.

It's always been a beautiful nice area. More stuff is constantly growing. It is growing in population and industries.

It is positive. I don't like huge but I like some development.

It's become more tame than before, and the police force do a good job.

It's easier to live here now there's more employment and county government is more responsive to the people that live here than it was years ago.

It's gotten a bit more progressive. It appears that they're clamping down on the methamphetamine problem.

They're improving the roads. And they're trying to implement a plan to improve downtown. Generally, there's more stores and eating-places. Their social services are improving, such as mental health and community services.

It's just better than oversees. You don't have to take as much from other people.

Just because of what they have done to county (P) they've cleaned it up quite a bit and services are quite a bit better.

Just overall most of the services I have used like the library; the clerk's office seems to be getting better like service hours.

Just the over quality of life seems to be improving nicely.

Look at all the growth. Some people don't like the growth but I think it's great. Look at all they've done. The roads are great, well most of the roads are.

New water treatment plant, new influx of people, and this brings in new money.

Oh uh I know they opened the all sports park, and that's made it better.

Oh, I don't know why - I just love it here.

More industry.

More places to shop now.

More shopping variety.

More stores, more services and the hospital is a nice addition.

More things to do, bigger it gets the better it gets.

Mostly because of the growth and all the new people and the businesses, so it's helped me employment-wise, in raising my family here (P) the opportunity that it's brought me and my family.

Mostly because they has been more places to shop you don't have to go to Medford to shop, pretty much for shopping. We didn't have any discount stores here.

Quality development highways more stores and stuff.

Roads are better; it seems like they are paying more attention to people in the rural areas. Police protection is a little bit better.

Schools improved, just amount of business, and the new hospital, pretty seems like the parkway really helped out a lot.

See a lot of good programs, a family oriented community I think that Grant Pass concerned about its growth.

Services have improved, the new hospital, and the beauty of the place.

That's a hard question. There's not as much employment, but there has been a few places that moved in.

The air is cleaner there's not as much employment in lumber but there is in other areas they are doing a better job in land use planning. (P) The decline of the timber industry forced them to diversify. More awareness to the challenges we are facing.

The air is cleaner; crime is not too bad. Good sheriff here, police force is good. Overall, I like it here. Gas could be cheaper though.

There are more businesses opening up, and they have repaired the streets, etc.

The citizens are interesting, we take the newspaper, citizens are free to express themselves, etc.

The city makes improvements. We've got a new high school, hospital and jail.

The crime has gone down.

The development is slower and they seem to be doing the best they can.

The growth of everything.

The people are trying to be heard and I think that someone is listening.

The police officers are a little better now. When you call though, on 911, it takes them some time because they cut down.

The red neck timber industry area employees are being replaced with quieter retirement people, also industry coming in for people with higher educational backgrounds.
The weather has gotten better.
There are more opportunities, the Skate Park is a nice addition, there's more to do.
There have been a lot of changes for the better and Josephine County has done things that have made things better.
There seems to be more positive things going on.
There's a lot more jobs the building and progress is going on here there's more opportunities for a good life.
There's been growth. Basically, there's people that have been trying to expand outside the downtown area and also revamping the downtown (P) Grants Pass area.
There's just more of everything to do, better roads, better everything.
There's just more stuff and it's a nicer town and it seems a little bit nicer than it was when I moved here.
There's less crime and less traffic.
There's more cultural advantages; on the downside, there's too much traffic and we're sprawling. Also, on the good side, we've gotten more progressive. Another down side, I live on a creek, there's more people taking water out of the creek.
They are doing more to protect the public. More police, better sheriff.
They're getting more shopping, getting more things in; it's just getting better.
We have two new streets that lead to the highway.
We seem to have more programs and services and they listen to the people.
Well because they are trying to get the drugs out of the town and the roads are being fixed, people are friendlier and nicer, and the town is getting cleaner.
Well personally because I think they are getting a lot of people that are moving in that are, they aren't quite so redneck, let's put it that way. We get a different vote; they're a little more concerned about things.
Well since I've moved here, more people have moved in and they're friendlier and stuff.
Well they've just improved their police protection they've improved downtown.
Well, because we became from a state that had 10 times the population.
Well, there's more, better shopping, more stores have come in, more restaurants have come in. It's grown and so there's more opportunity.

Q:WORSE

Why [do you think Josephine County today is a worse place to live now]?

All the little hoodlums moving here from California.
Because drugs are more rampant than they used to be.
Because it's over populated.
Because of the economy.
Because of the ethnic people who have moved here a lot of the crime rate has gone up.
Because of the grants pass government people.
Because of the pop. Growth.
Because of the traffic. (P) It has increased dramatically.
Because of unemployment rates going up.
Because the commissioners and the bureaucrats have decided to take over the living in the county, you might say.
Because the people are moving here, not because anything the county is doing.
Because there's more crime and uh, general pop that we've got is exploded way too fast.
Because there's more crime. Kids are less respectful today.
Because there's no work.
Because there's too much government interference in our private lives--the government has become a tyranny. It basically does what it wants through administrative rules and not through the constitutional.
Because we're so overcrowded, the answer according to the government is to pay more taxes property is sky high, they forget although we have a lot of wealthy Californians this is a good place but it's beginning to be not such a good place, it's beginning to look like Los Angeles, the traffic is horrendous, there's more accidents because there's more people now, we need more police, they forget the young people have leave this county because they can't make more than 6y.60 an hour. You take a senior citizen like yourself who is on limited income, I've never asked for a dime.
Cause it's got bigger, and its got harder to find jobs and housing and stuff.
Cause it's larger, we're bringing in people that are not as trustworthy, I don't feel as safe as I did several years ago.
I don't feel as comfortable or safe as I did before.
Cause there's no employment.
Crime has gone up in the last 10 years.
Crime was virtually unheard of out here, and there was work if you wanted to work, back in the 50's, early 60's.
Drugs came in.
Crime, we were robbed in August, and it took too long for them to get out here. They could do a better job.
Cause there's more people from California that has developed into thieves and more thieves, irrational people from California has come up here.
Don't know.
Economic conditions due to county administration.
Everybody from California is trying to get away from the three strikes law and coming and getting away with whatever they can.
Good ol' boys' system.
I feel like the county commissioner and the sheriff are basically controlled by "old boy network" meaning the people who have been in power for a long time and abuse their offices and their powers.
I liked it better when it was smaller.
I notice there's change, I know that there are people who are not as friendly.
I think it is mismanaged.
I think we're spending too much on law enforcement. The population is moving upward from the south land, which means traffic is heavier and everything else that goes with that.
I'd have to say juvenile crime and drugs and too much government.
Increase in crime.
Influx of out of state folks. Brought in different values. Started quite a few years ago. Earlier we never locked doors. It's the changes.
It has inept, incompetent leadership. It is a joke.
It is getting too big, too many people.
It is more crowded.
It seems like the crime rate has gone up and there's not much attention is paid.
It's actually the whole county is controlled by the courthouse attorneys run the county-they say it and write articles in the newspaper.
It's got more people.
It's gotten too busy and crowded.
It's just; I notice little subtle hints of city growth. Graffiti on buildings from gangs and people walking around who look like they are from gangs. Rumors about gangs in the area, those things didn't exist when I was in school.
Just little gang members and stuff, and it's growing rapidly.
Just population you know stuff like that (P) gangs.
Just the increase in population.

Mainly of the increase of people and traffic.
 Nothings changed, (this was a error, he did not say worse).
 Oh just the drug traffic where I live has gotten worse I see people get away with stuff they couldn't get away with years ago.
 More people more everything more problems that they bring.
 More people. It is bound to happen.
 People seem ruder, thoughtless.
 Population increased.
 Population.
 Population.
 Since that thing in New York City happened.
 Strictly due to population. It's become more of a senior residence. And just the fact there's more population.
 That's my opinion.
 The change and attitudes of teenagers. (P) The liberal people and the parenting and maybe levels of education.
 The main thing I notice we have a lot of young people hanging out downtown; gangs in the streets. I have read a lot about it. A lot of methamphetamine labs, lots of busts. Our education is going down, down, down, down.
 Outcome based education is part of this - I don't like it.
 The people coming up from California trying to change it.
 The population is growing. More people coming in from different locations getting lot of transient people.
 The quality of life is declining because of overpopulation and development. The infrastructure can't support it.
 The work and stuff I guess there less work now.
 There just seems to be more congestion and there are too many police and requests for funding that I don't see a need for.
 There seems to be a lot of corruption in the offices that people hold, and that kind of thing. There's a lot more crime. (P: anything else?) No, I can't think of them right now.
 There's gangs that have infiltrated the city of Grants Pass.
 There's just a lot of weird people, a lot of "tweakers", a lot of drugs and a lot of poor people.
 There's more people and businesses and big corporate businesses like Wal-Mart.
 There's too many people.
 There's too much expansion there's not enough land control or reforestation.
 They allow too much timber takeover. I would like to see logging reduced. We don't like the rules of not being able to smoke anywhere. And we have a low opinion of the school system. I think they have cut too many programs out like gym, home economics. Children need to be taught life skills.
 They are a lot tighter the county is into every little thing now. (P) City council.
 They are just building homes all over the place without thinking about what it is doing to the area. It is going to start spreading just like California.
 They don't offer a lot to young people there area a lot of drugs and if there were more activities they wouldn't use drugs so much.
 They don't have a whole lot of activities for teens. I know that teen pregnancy is quite high here in Josephine County And there's a lot of teen shootings.
 Too many kids on the street, either because there is not enough for them to do, or something else.
 Too many people, too much crowding in, homes are shooting up everywhere, can't drive down the street without traffic, anytime, not just certain times, there is heavy traffic unless you want to get up at 6am, it is kind of ridiculous.
 Too many people and too much building and not enough work.
 Too many people moved here the traffic.
 Too many rules and regulations (P) oh, the environment - everything in general - mostly the building I guess.
 Too much development (P) too many residential developments. There is more of a desire to develop tax dollars, and not enough to maintain a quality of life. When I moved here, I know it is selfish, but I wish I could have closed the door behind me as far as population goes.
 Too much traffic.
 Traffic is bad.
 We have a lot of gang people or activity here we have traffic problems.
 Well mostly it's the influx of Mexicans.
 Well the population is increasing, some of the things the way they run I never knew about the mills. I thought they were steam, not chemicals, my health has deteriorated since moving here. Population is getting worse; it's going to affect the environment. There's been a lot more growth housing tracts; it's becoming more condensed than it was.
 Well they've had the wrong people move into town, Mexicans.
 Well, we get some cops out there we can trust, that would be a start. I only say that because my cousin's a cop. That's about all. It one thing for cops to pull you over when you do something wrong but it's another when they pull you over just because they don't have anything else to do.
 With my husband working for the county I hear about things like gang activity, and 10 years ago that didn't happen here.

MIGRATE2

Why do you expect to leave Josephine County?

Basically, family is located elsewhere.

Because I am going to be in a college.

Because I am going to college.

Because I don't want to - it is not a place to retire in and pay humongous taxes for the rest of their lives.

Because I have family in California and anticipate moving there.

Because I want to live in a county where it's more developed and experienced governmental system.

Because I'll be going off to school, and probably have a job in the city.

Because I'm 81 years old and I won't be able to be on my own for them years.

Because I'm 82.

Because it is a small area, and the kind of work I do is not available here.

Because it is a small town and there is nothing here. There is no chance for opportunity.

Because my husband doesn't work in this county so we might move to the county where he works.

Because of my age, I'll probably die before then.

Because of population.

Because of work (P) the type of work I do.

Because there aren't very many job opportunities here.

Because there is not elder care for my dad and we're moving back to ca because of it.

Because we have property in Jackson County.

Boredom.

I am going to move when my kids get out of school.

I don't want my son growing up in this type of environment with the drugs and all.

I don't, not unless my health gets to the point where I can't take care of myself.

I don't expect to live that long.

I don't know.

I don't like Oregon.

I don't really like it out here.

I don't think my kids are going to want to stay after they get out of school.

I have been raised here, and I am seriously disappointed in the government of Grants Pass.

I just turned 18 and I'm moving out.

I just want to try something new.

I just want to get out and move around.

I plan leave Oregon.

I plan to attend college in Connecticut and plan to live there.

I see worsening conditions here as far as government goes.

I think we'll retire in the Midwest near family.

I want to move to a rural area.

I'll be retiring and I'll move closer to my children.

I'll probably move to a different country.

I'm 75 and alone and my health and fate limits my time here. Climate is hot here.

It is time to go somewhere else to raise kids; I live in a retirement community.

Job, moving on for a different job.

Lack of work available.

Moving on, I don't know. I don't plan on living anywhere forever, you never know.

Moving to a smaller town as soon as I can.

My age.

The economy rate is too high standards. The cost of living is too high compared to surrounding areas like Douglas and Jackson.

The weather I suppose and the population is a little low.

There is no much available here, it's boring, no good restaurants here. Our kids are in their 20's and they'll probably leave. The county doesn't let anything good come into this town. It is also not a good place to open up a business.

There's not enough growth for a young person to succeed.

They don't have enough public transportation and I want to stop driving by the time I am 70.

Well because I have goals that take me outside the area.

Well I just don't know where I will be.

We're getting older and we want to live in Seattle near our son.

We're planning to retire.

Q:GROWTH2

What are your major concerns about the county growing too slowly?

PROBE IF NEEDED: What should Josephine County government do about it, if anything?

Because if they don't find more activities for young kids and teens to do their crime rate is going to go up.

Bring in more industry. It's the lack of really good paying jobs.

Businesses need help.

Encourage more industries that will provide jobs.

Get rid of environmentalists.

I don't there is enough businesses, I think they are restrictive on housing land development I guess you would say.

I don't think that it is open for businesses to come into the area, and this is what would help with growth. The city is not good at getting businesses into the area.

I don't think the county is business friendly.

I think they discourage growth. They make it difficult for big companies to succeed; taking away jobs for people here. They don't have too much for young people to do here and there's a problem with delinquency. There needs to be a community youth center for youths here and in cave junction. The office that helps single moms get their child support only has two women working there and it is hard for them to do their job efficiently so they should hire more people there.

I work construction and there aren't enough jobs. It is too slow as far as work goes.

Just that there aren't a lot of good paying jobs with benefits for people trying to raise a family.

Kids have nothing to do here so they're getting in trouble they tried to get a bowling alley and a movie theatre but they stopped it there used to be a drive in but they shut that down there used to be a gym, the only employment is lumber mills and its hard to get work.

Lack of employment and lack of things for children to do other than church activities.

Lack of jobs, lack of services, county services. The part that I'm from is the most poverty stricken area. We don't live in Grants Pass.

No poor employment.

Not ample shopping. Just retail, have to go clear to Medford, it is not real convenient.

Not enough opportunities for higher education, young people like myself and the schools around here, and the bus service hinders things, very poor public transportation.

Not enough work.

Not much for kids to do. They are instead out doing things that they shouldn't be doing.

Open up the job markets.

Mostly employment.

There are not enough opportunities for teenagers to do here. There is the YMCA, but the programs for kids are outdated.

There is so much poverty, probe, there are lot of poor who can't afford things, they can't take care of themselves, they hang out at Wal-Mart, there is not enough employment.

There isn't enough employment for everybody.

There just it seems to be a highly service related they don't seem to be a good wage basis that there is elsewhere.

There's no business here to employ anybody. The county schools are bad off. I think the money for the roads are taking out and used for other things. The county is putting too much on grant money. County taxes need to be raised but I don't think the people want to do that at this time.

They are bogged down in so many things politically that it slows things down. Two businesses have left because they can't handle all of this.

They are not up with the times not progressing fast like Medford. The need more progressive thinking and looking toward manufacturing instead of logging.

They're not let the businesses being developed, they're anti-business.

Too much control (P) from county government.

Traffic, good places to park. (P) Don't know. Take public parking and keep downtown the way it is, very scenic.

Get enough jobs for people.

We are not keeping up with the rest of the times (P) we are not keeping up regarding development. They don't put in sidewalks. The right businesses aren't coming.

We are not up with everybody else. For medical purposes and availability of shopping.

We'll be behind on most technology advances.

Well I just don't care.

Well, younger people out of work; we need to bring in some companies in so that they can find work.

With industry, and the way it's moving, we are stuck with timber during a time when we need to shift to high-tech industries.

GROWTH3

What are your major concerns about the County growing too quickly?

PROBE IF NEEDED: What should Josephine County government do about it, if anything?

About services to schools, road maintenance, services to the taxpayers; and the county government. Being accountable for decision.

All kinds of environmental pollution; too crowded.

A lot of commercial growth, but not a lot of social growth. A lot of kids with nowhere to go, and even a lot of adults with no where to go. The only social place is the bars.

A lot of the people who have been here a long time who are self employed or on low income get pushed out.

An influx of city folks who come in and try to change our area back into the city that they say they wanted to leave. Basically, we can't afford the water, schools, etc. We are running out of natural resources.

Because of the crime. (P) There has been more crime.

Consider the people that live here.

Crime (P) it has definitely been increasing. I was just approached the other day at the Circle K.

Crime. (P) Don't know.

Developing out into the rural areas, don't want it to.

(P) I don't think they can do anything.

Environmental impact pollution and in Josephine County the water is becoming polluted because of too many people.

Environmental issues. Increased sewer usage and that's going to cause problems.

Extra fees, lots more laws and regulations and traffic.

First, I worry about the forest, wouldn't want to see hills and trees leveled. Also concerned about drug increasing. I'm very concerned about that cause I have three children.

Getting too crowded getting rid of the open country and more chance of crime or gangs. (P) Shoot all of them that come here. I don't know.

Government grows when a city grows and privileges are given to certain groups, developers, companies. (P) For example, they took away a grass clippings dump off and turned the area into an area for businesses instead.

Growing too fast for the services we provide.

I afraid that the city with move out into the rural areas too fast.

I don't really know.

I don't think the planning commission is doing their job when something is voted down they should let it be sometimes when we vote something down like developments they overturn it.

I don't have a solution.

I don't know.

I don't really know. I haven't thought about it that much. I just know more and more people keep coming in and it's starting to feel too crowded.

I don't really like seeing all of these subdivisions popping out on the farmland.

I don't think our roads are adequate for so much traffic.

I don't want it to continue growing.

I just don't want it to get to big its very nice just the way it is.

I like smaller populations.

I think, people with city attitudes that try to change a lot of things.

I think it's the roads they are so narrow and police. There's not enough. The lack of jobs. (P) Get new commissioners.

I think once a town gets really big it's harder to get around and slows everything down.

I think the small things get overlooked that need to be addressed. I do feel that some things for health reasons need to be addressed like trash piling up in people's yards. I know it's their property but I think it's a health hazard to the environment as well as others living around the area. That's my biggest concern.

I think the streets and the water and facilities are not enough for bigger development, the taxes are too high.

I'm concerned with the homeless people in Josephine County; there are quite a number of them that I have seen in the month I have lived here.

Inability of the infrastructure to keep up with the growth. Increase in the pay for the growth.

Increase in traffic.

It has lost some of its small town atmosphere. Traffic is worse, but they have improved this. The thing that bothers me most is that some parts of town have been neglected. You can't keep people out, just need to provide services, keep water clean, roads safe, etc.

It is going to be overcrowded.

It is growing faster than they are able to keep up with traffic, and more development than the water table will allow.

It just seems to be growing too fast and we're out in the suburbs and they're building all around us we came out here wanting to live outside the city limits and its not that way anymore.

It loses; I just kind of like the small town feeling. It kind of loses that.

It takes away the small town atmosphere, it has a lot of people moving in from another state and these people have their own ideas about what should be done. Moving away from things they didn't like and then trying to put them into place here.

It's allowing too many people in one little spot.

It's an uncontrolled growth the density is too great there should be more land per family homestead than there is.
 It's eliminated our personal freedoms as far as use of land: flora fauna, fish and game.
 It's going to adversely affect quality of life they are too concerned with broadening the tax base instead of maintaining the quality of life. (P) They should adopt a limited growth policy.
 It's growing to fast with undesirables. Having the wrong kind of people.
 It's just getting out hand. Too much land going. (P) It is overdeveloped in the town, the city limits.
 It's the environment I don't want it ruined.
 Just a lot to do with roads and traffic.
 Just an over abundance of people.
 Just that it used to be little Grants Pass. Every time you turn around you see new housing developments. More retired folks keep moving in too.
 Just the, how do I explain this. They aren't taking into consideration what they are doing to the place here. It is just crowded. I want to put up a sign and say, "go back to where you came from." It isn't as pleasant to walk around or drive in the country.
 Just too many people and they're trying to take our water away.
 Just traffic and everything in town.
 Keeping up with infrastructure and the quality of living. (P) Fears of too many people and too much traffic.
 Land use planning, water quality, I do not want to see them do RR 2.5 zoning. In favor of retaining RR 5 zoning.
 Mainly I'm not a prejudiced person but we are getting a lot of Mexicans who don't seem to be responsible.
 Major concern is, I'm a preservationist and they dig up around here too much. I think the sewage system will cause future problems.
 Maybe crime and that kind of stuff (P) that it will rise.
 Medical facilities for older people.
 More population, more people. Sorry, I'm a redneck; I like a small town.
 Mostly property-wise and too many Californians coming in (P: and what do you mean property-wise?) they're buying ours up, it's cheaper than in California.
 Mostly schools and the people who move in are wealthy Californians who do not want to pay for services for schools like senior citizens.
 Mostly the schools since the schools don't get much funding.
 Mostly traffic.
 Mostly traffic. Traffic and building homes on the hillside. That sort of thing, you know, expansion.
 My major concern well I don't know. I know the traffic is getting a lot worse than it has been. I think they need more doctors who will take care of you specialists.
 My major concerns are one: the quality of community services. (P) I would like to keep the community from being too saturated with people. (P) That is pretty much it in general.
 My sons safety.
 Not enough jobs to support the people who want to move and live there and crime.
 Not enough jobs.
 Not enough teachers.
 Not having an adequate enough water supply air quality probably I could go into housing and shelter they think they need more shelters there's too many homeless people in this area already. Expenditures of course. There's people that come in here and don't have those things and there's expenditures by the county.
 Of the atmosphere is changing to busy streets, everything is too crowded.
 Oh things like water the utilities.
 Our taxes will go sky high. And as seniors, we can't afford it.
 Move population, more crowding of the streets, growing quickly than it's ready for.
 Partly is selfishness on my part because I enjoy a rural atmosphere; partly I'm concerned about water supply and traffic problems, more hassle getting through town.
 People around you were more familiar, but now I don't know my neighbors. I like knowing people, who they are and what they're doing. We're all too busy.
 People come from outside they bring their ideas and try to influence the rest they are the influential and money people.
 People coming in and staying; baby booming real quick. We need to figure out how to control it (P) loss of job opportunities.
 People's expectations not matching up to the reality of the county. It depends on what you're coming here for.
 Pollution and traffic.
 Pollution of the streams waste facilities aren't capable of handling it they took the ban on building on less than 5 acres away.
 Probably crime and unemployment rates seem to be pretty high.
 Raising the taxes and putting up houses.
 Restrict development in the outlying areas.
 Roads (P) no.
 Space. I don't know. (P) Just manage it properly, I guess. (P: what do you mean by "properly"?) I guess, take its time, I don't know.

Sprawl and crowds destroying the natural beauty. And possibly use up the natural resources.
 The inability of the tax base to keep up with the necessary services.
 That there isn't enough good sheriffs.
 That uh well I look for things one of the reasons I moved here is clean water. Water is the most essential beautiful thing we have on this earth. If we keep breeding like flies there will be no water. Its good to help people and I certainly believe it but we need to help our own right here in the United States and we can't take from Social Security to pay the politicians. Everything the politicians do need s to have a vote from the people. You kids they don't want to fight for anything. I don't know if Spock has done that or our government.
 That were losing the rural qualities.
 The Californians are moving up here, driving up property values, and I'm afraid that my kids will not be able to afford any property. Retiring people are doing the same thing to the people that have lived here for a long time.
 The city council of Grants Pass is short sight red and aren't really concerned for the taxpayer. It isn't just the county it's the city too. The city council is promoting growth a t a great rate there are no provisions in the building codes and the taxpayers are having to fund all the building that's going on.
 The crime.
 The depletion of the natural resources and environmental damage.
 The developers aren't doing their portion to upgrade the utilities and all their systems.
 The drivers in the area are too slow, too much traffic congestion. The town is very busy, Grants Pass.
 The economy is lousy. It has grown so fast that there are not enough jobs for everybody.
 The economy, the jobs, there are not enough jobs as it is and with all the growth its hard to tell where its all going. We've got too many retirees moving in.
 The effect of people moving into town. Getting away from the hometown feeling, brings in other type of things, more dogs.
 The elements of people that are coming in (P) the gang activity, etc.
 The gangs coming in from California. And Portland. I have two teenagers and I try to keep them away from violence and fighting. It is really hard when you get more people you get more gangs.
 The high price of property. (P) I have no idea.
 The inability for the county government to provide services such as law enforcement.
 The increased crime.
 The lack of jobs.
 The more crowded places get the more people get at each other's throat, probe enforce a general category of civility laws, when someone is being a neighbor someone should be taken to task and right now Josephine is like living in the wild west. The place is run by good ol' boys, they like their dogs back, they shoot their guns and make it hard for people to find peace and quiet.
 The only concern I have is the water situation.
 The people that run the government of Grants Pass (P) I love the people, the area. Politically it is not good.
 The planning process is too liberal with developers more thought should go into it when this development takes place the tax beds of the people who already live here go up and there should be a process to relieve the citizens of that burden.
 The population compared to jobs. There's no jobs.
 The population that's coming in is not a good population too many drugs.
 The road system, the schools.
 The unemployment.
 The way the county is growing, I think they'll eventually run out of facilities to take care of it, sewers and things like that.
 There are so many people moving in. It is a little difficult for those who are here like the employment situation.
 There's going to be too many homeless people because they can't pay rent and take care of kids people cant get welfare who need it and those that don't get it and sit on their asses. (P) They should evaluate the families for medical expenses.
 There's not enough infrastructure to take care of everybody, you know, like water and things like that.
 There's too many people who are moving into our section of the county where there is going to be a problem with the water and a whole lot of other things.
 There's too many people, the county is growing too fast to support the number of people.
 They are not planning it too well. (P) Like right now a man-planned subdivision and it's sliding into other places. They are taking away good land for growing things and developing it- doesn't make any sense.
 They are subdividing the rural areas too much.
 They cant offer all the utilities and things like that.
 They're moving the city limits out further and further every year and they are trying to make the country city limits. To many housing tracks being built without enough resources to support them.
 To many people and not enough jobs.
 Too many Hispanics. I am prejudiced I must say.
 Too many people for the amount of services provided if it keeps up.
 Too many people getting in and trying to change our ways of living. (P) I don't know what they could do.
 Too many people try to draw off of the agencies of the county, and they don't have the money to back it up.

Too many people. (P). Traffic and housing get worse.

Too much interpersonal attitudes. (P) I mean too many people to worry about and programs get cut. The Josephine county officials can always find a raise for themselves.

Traffic and crowds and the schools overcrowding.

Traffic and housing. It's kind of hard to find a reasonable house for a reasonable price because a lot of Californians come up here. There's not a lot of high paying jobs here. So you have a mix of people who were born and raised here who don't have a lot of money; and then you have the super rich from California.

Traffic congestion.

Traffic loss of jobs.

Traffic man. It has doubled in the past 5 years. I drive for a living, I put 300 miles a day driving for a driver-ship and traffic has gotten unbearable. You used to be able to get down 6th Street in 10 minutes, but now it takes 10 minutes just to get across the bridge on a Friday at 3:00. I can't take 6th street anymore.

Traffic mostly, from my point of view.

Traffic problems during certain times of the day. But on the other side of the coin there is more businesses to enjoy. Inconsistent development laws/ property prices that are in the favor of the developers and corporations, but not towards the people that live there.

Traffic problems. (P) Crosswalks could be better.

Traffic. (P) Listen to the people more.

Transportation and things like that it's harder to get around traffic is getting worse.

Trash, water, taking the natural beauty, not as much open space, exceeding its boundaries.

Ups the prices of houses. People just trying to start out have more difficulty. Our first home was \$8,000!

Water is a concern. As the county relies on wells, then on rainfall. Water and fire concerns are my concerns with the populations.

Water supplies, not being able to accommodate traffic.

Water, crime [p] the government should try to put a stop to the gangs. I'm not sure what they could do about the water. [p] With the drought and the number of new people, water issues are important. The electric is going up too high also.

We don't have employment.

We don't have enough things to do. We don't have enough shopping. They leave things in and then they take it. They don't leave anything over a year. If it worthwhile they don't leave it in. In the people in Josephine co go over to Medford and shop. Gottshocks is leaving because they don't have business. The only thing that stayed in is Wal-Mart.

We don't have roads to keep up with it it's like la.

We haven't been able to keep up with the infrastructure it needs.

We need to have a different type of people that are in control. They don't seem to know what they're doing. Lack of knowledge.

Well I just hope the planners plan the growth correctly so it isn't uncontrollable and they need to pay attention to the infrastructure.

Well I think one problem we're going to run into ah people moving in are not that great. I don't we have the police force to cope with the problem probe there is I'd say drugs and crime I think it is increasing. The more a county grows this element will grow.

Well I think we've got more crime there are gangs now.

Well it might be uh luring people here with hopes of getting work and no work is available and that causes a large population of indigent people.

Well just over population.

Well like I said they just have to keep building more of everything. They say they need bigger schools, and then they build them and then they use the schools for offices. Why couldn't they just use the schools? Then they have to ride the bus.

Well it's getting, taken using up some of the farmland for housing.

Well, every time someone wants to do something to get more jobs, the county cuts them out.

Well, I guess the job thing. (P) I think that it is not necessarily that jobs are not available, but everyone has one and the opportunities are limited and makes it difficult to get a good job that has higher qualifications. (P) I want to put my son in a different school district. But I can't because there is no room; the schools are too full.

Well, I think we have to many people in area, you have more crime, more schools, you would have to have county services for them, making cost going up.

Well, just probably overcrowding. I personally like small towns. So to me my concern is congestion.

Well, just the traffic and the congestion.

Well, money is not keeping up with people. Housing, expenses have gotten to be so high, it's ludicrous.

We're loosing a lot of our farmland.

You have a lot of people moving here from big cities and bringing crime and there's not a small town atmosphere anymore.

You know the infrastructure not being able to keep up with the population.

Q:PARTIC4A

What did you do?

PROBE: How [else] have you participated in county government?

Board member for local fire district.

Budget committee.

Business retention and expansion committee chair person.

By writing letters and phone calls.

I am a coordinator for caps are us. I knit caps for the needy and we distribute them. We donated about 2500 caps to the needy this year. We donated over 200 and over to Jackson County.

I belong to sheriff's posse. We've done search and rescue, sandbags, or whatever needs to be done.

I did jury duty.

I don't remember what it was.

I helped build skate park.

I ran for mayor and campaign manager for a mayoral candidate and county commissioners.

I served for two years on the ad hoc to draft the county noise ordinance.

I served in the courts as a juror.

I was an initiative petitioner.

I was in a "jump off Joe" community advisory council for development issues.

I was married to the city attorney here and I did a lot of cultural things here.

I was on the planning commission and the bridge increment committee to get businesses started.

I was one person on the advisory council for the community services and drug counseling.

I was on jury duty.

I was the fire chief for a while in Illinois Valley.

I was with the explorer program - fire department, police and emergency medical services.

I went to project awareness for a year discussing growth in the area.

I worked for the county for eleven years.

I worked for the county in the past. I've also done volunteer work for the county.

I worked for the county.

I'm on the Rogue Valley Council of government, which advises on issues.

I'm still on a commission for children and families in Josephine County.

Information on septic and wells at the University of Oregon extension courses.

I've done legal hearing for the county.

Jury duty and picketing.

Jury duty.

Jury duty.

Jury duty.

One of the directors of one of the Josephine soil and water conservation district board.

Organization for the blind.

Ran the tax base and bond issues, schools funding issues I ran all those campaigns for many years.

Served on election board and as board chairman.

Tax collector.

Town meetings and stuff in another place.

We do a lot with our work we are firefighters and re-forestation so we do a lot of environmental and political projects.

We tried for many years to relieve the roadside spraying of chemicals and for 5 years we participated to get rid of that.

We used to be caretakers at a county park.

Well I belong to the chamber of commerce and we have a legislative affairs group, we meet once a month. I also belong to the rogue valley council of government and we're trying to help the seniors in particular, food sites, we're trying to keep money appropriated for that and for transportation too, and we've gone to Salem for the budget on those.

Yes, I vote.

Q:PARTIC5A

What could county government do to improve citizen participation?

A little more direct response from voters on certain issues. The rate of growth and size. And not allow the county commissioner to decide everything. They make decisions and tell the voters to vote for it.

Advertise before they do voting.

All of them at the planning department should listen more quit sitting behind closed doors making decisions.

All the commissioner can quit.

A lot of times when they have meetings they're during the day, and it's hard for me to get there since I work two jobs.

Have a few more volunteer organizations. Posted on access channels things like that, not enough exposure to the public.

Have more open meetings; they tend to, if there is a volatile issue not to advertise it as much. There are people who wants to participate and they're not given as much time as much as they'd like to have to voice their opinions.

Be more willing to listen, not the bitching but the voice of the people.

Become more out in the open, more up front, and ask for participation more than they do now.

Better advertising or getting the word out when there are major issues that requires citizen involvement.

Boy, isn't that a trick? I guess just advertise the opportunities more broadly. And be patient, it is hard for people to know how to get involved.

Come out of the back room.

Come out to the other reaches of the county, and take us seriously.

Consider the people's opinions, pro and con on any given issue. They don't it now.

Different commissioners, that is for sure. One of the county commissioners does not even live in Grants Pass where he says he does.

Do away with the county and incorporate it into Grants Pass and have one big city.

Don't know.

First of all they should have weekly meetings for taxpayers association weekly but at least once month. Meetings for government problems and considerations.

For one thing a lot of times I have seen that there is no place to put people when there are meetings over controversial topics - they don't make sufficient arrangements to accommodate these folks.

Get better policemen, and better judges. I believe it is run by the judges more then it should be.

Give it to the people it doesn't do any good to vote on anything - [p] issues are already set.

Gosh I never thought about it, really. Well things like transportation, housing. (Repeat) I haven't the vaguest.

Government is not my forte so I don't know.

Hold their meetings in the evenings and weekends so working people can come. In the meetings they arranged things so that people who disagree go last after the people who agree. They need to be trained in 'Roberts rules of order' and how to run a meeting so that everybody feels they are heard they would do better to put ads in store windows as put ads in the paper. When people are upset it's easy to go over the edge the facilitation needs improvement.

I don't know. I can't answer that.

I don't know really.

I don't know.

I don't know. I suppose they could, uh, just provide transportation and advertise more.

I don't think the commissioners listen to what the people have to say.

I guess more notification when they have meetings and things like that, notices in the paper or whatever.

I have no idea.

I have no idea.

I have no idea.

I haven't seen any info on where or when the meetings are or what the issues are.

I really don't know right now.

I really don't know.

I think keep people better informed about what's going on.

I think that rather than making budget decisions apart from the people they could offer people a chance to vote on budget such as downsizing on what the people would like to downsize on because the people are paying the bills.

I think there has to be more openness to allow community members more input there seems to be a body of people who are limiting input.

I think they need to give more notice and do it more than once when they decide they are going to do these things that are of interest to people.

I think they need to make issues and events better known. (P) Flyers in the mail to my home would help. (P) For each event and issue that arises.

I think they need to put more things on the ballot instead of letting the commissioners make the decisions. Let the people decide what needs to be done to the county.

I think they really need to a little bit more open about some of the things they do (P) there have been several times when things have been done rather quietly can we say and then sprung on everybody.

I think they sneak things in. People would understand more if they communicate. Whenever they have something on the ballot they should have more flyers and newsletters out.

I want more information about activities and events and how a citizen can help.

I wish they would make it more known to the general, what they'd like to have the average citizen do and what's needed.

I'm not sure, that's why it is a problem.

I'm not sure exactly. (P) Just by having a better voice from the people over what the county commissioners have to say. There's not a lot of public notification or interest in what goes on here.

I'm not sure I don't know.

I'm really not sure.

Include us in on more of the process and more notification of processes.

Information can be made more available to the people.

It's hard to say, I mean they could do a lot. They could actually listen instead of acting like they listen.

Let them know a little bit more about what's going on.

Listen more. I've been to the city meetings, and they basically try to keep you quiet and you can only talk a small amount.

Listen to citizen input more.

Listen to the people from the very beginning.

Listen to them you get discouraged when you don't get listened to.

Listen to what the people as a whole have to say. If our community as a whole, says they want something done that violates federal and state law then our county leaders have to say we hear you but it violates the law.

Listen.

Make it a more open forum. (P) People don't hear when they are going to have open town meetings. Put in on the news before it happens not after.

Make it more available, more known.

Make it more publicly known what they're doing, activities and what ever they have.

Many of the newcomers have lived elsewhere and have not learned to give time and effort here.

Maybe a little more open about what's going on a little better-informed maybe of us out here.

Maybe put more things up to vote or ask for more citizen participation. The people who want to participate don't have many opportunities to find out about the events.

More advertisement about [p] meetings to let them know times and places.

More education on both ends of the spectrum.

More open forums.

More voting for judges for things that affect people for reasonable clear language.

Newspaper some kind of communication like TV to get people to these meetings.

Notify people of what is on the agenda and what is happening.

Oh, I don't know. I just know my close relatives complain about this.

Once you figure out when the meetings are it's ok there should be more info available.

Open up their eyes. (P) The government.

Probably get a few more police officers and go after the "druggers" they got enough money they can handle it.

Provide a community paper. (P) Or something on the news, but most of those channels come from Medford.

Publish meeting schedules more readily.

Put more things to a vote of the people.

Reassured that if they do get involved that it's worth while cause.

Talk a walk off short pier.

The meetings I went to it seemed like people weren't particularly listened to. It seems that the authorities have their minds made up about what they're going to do before they hold a meeting.

The people go down to the meetings concerning things that impact their taxes and then they are tabled until the next meeting or until so late that working people have to leave and then the decisions are made.

The way the commissioners and sheriff conduct themselves --I'm not happy with. I think the commissioners need to be more open and honest with the people, including the sheriff.

There seems to be too much conflict and between the general population and what the county wants to see down; the county should put county commissioners in place that are more aligned with the community.

They are slow in letting the people know what is happening in the county. (P) More effort on the radio to allow the senior citizen know what is going on, through the radio, or in newspapers but more than just announcement. A newsletter about upcoming discussions, public input sessions, etc.

They could have meetings at different locations and different times and make them more open to the public.

They could listen to the people and not have any closed meetings. The same people get voted in year after year. Who's voting these people in? The funding does not seem to be reaching the people, as it should be doing. I used to go to the meeting, but they don't listen, so I quit going. I don't like my ideas shot down by these people.

They could open it up so when younger people. They need their opinions in the evening when they are not working. I just think they need a younger person's opinion and not all these retired people from California. They could pay attention to basic rights of property owners, and the values of American people. They need to build some trust. There is little trust in the local government here.

They need to let us know when they're going to have a meeting at a certain time. And tell them not to just put them on a computer because a lot of us older people don't have a computer we just can't afford them we don't need more police and don't just slap them on the hand. Our nation is running amuck, and the more people they want you all to have more children it brings in more taxes. Who does it bring it in for? My uncle said you want to have a lot of money be a politician and that's absolutely correct. We need to do what China did.

They should give the property owners the right to do what they please with their property (P) no, I'm 76 I don't go to too many meetings and stuff.

They should have some sort of brochure or something you can pick up at the courthouse so people know where they could get involved in the city.

To give people a better chance to improve their input, more notice and better chance to give their input, there is not enough notice.

Very little. Read the fine print on the newspaper; unlock the door you can't get into a meeting unless they like you. Vote on a lot more things instead of just deciding to change them.

Well honestly a straightforward approach to discuss problems coming up and sincerely look for people to help. Well I think they do a pretty good job of getting information out but they could do better with flyers and such.

Well maybe they should advertise it a little more, make it more available; I think Josephine County or any county should make available to the public what they have in the way of jobs that they have. You don't see any of that.

Well-put things on the ballot for people to get their issues addressed. They're better off to have a list for people to have a chance to get their opinions voiced. Not just for the county to say we feel we're giving adequate quality.

Well they could do more for their parks and trails -if you have trails people would get out there and would like it around here.

Well they could let the citizens know what they could participate, and give them the opportunity. They don't invite us to anything, except to serve on jury duty.

Well you have to have more people interested in serving its almost a closed shop now.

Well, my complaint is that sometimes when you go to these meetings, they don't really listen to what the people are saying; you get the feeling they've made up their mind already and the hearing is just a formality.

Q:INFORM7 – ANSWERS TO CATEGORY 11, OTHER SPECIFY

Where do you get most of your information about Josephine County government issues and activities?

Basically through the church, through the projects we do with them like the Christmas tree projects (P) sometimes in conjunction with the city.

Board of election pamphlet when there's an election.

Daily newspaper and the fliers in the bills.

From being a citizen here. That's how I get most of my information. Through experiences.

Go to courthouse or something.

Signs posted around the community.

The newsletter that comes with the water bill.

Through newsletters.

Through a friend at my church.

TV but better, more detailed information from word of mouth.

We get a newsletter each month in the water bill. They let you know what they want you to know.

Q:INFORM8

How could county government better communicate with the people of Josephine County?

1. E-mail. 2. Paid ads in newspapers on public issues (tiny paragraphs, current methods, are not effective). 3. Audio and TV public service announcements.

A direct mail newsletter.

A little more advertising (P) television and newspaper.

A more frequent newsletter would be nice.

A regular column in the newspaper. Not by a journalist, but by someone from the county to say anything they want. Their own space. People don't really read newsletter.

Advertising more about what's going on.

Be honest with them. (P) When it comes to a problem don't white wash it. Just state it plainly. Everyone needs a chance, not just the radicals.

Be more open; use TV news more.

Be more open.

Be more specific and detailed in the articles they publish in the newspaper.

Better announcements about their meetings. They could do it on Thursdays on public announcement channel on TV.

Better communication through the media including public service announcements, radio, the TV and the newspapers.

Boy I don't really know.

Boy oh boy. Just keep on keepin' on. Between the paper and the radio - it is well covered.

Boy, I really don't know.

By asking us what we want and what we need.

By direct mail.

By getting info out through radio, newspaper, whatever.

By helping us get some local networks on our satellite dish.

By letting them know more about what's going on.

By mail-in pamphlets. (P) Meeting dates and so on.

By periodic newsletter.

By sending out information the mail.

By sending out a small newspaper every month that would be free. There are a lot of community papers that are free.

By starting. (P) On any level. They do things with flyers then don't let people in they do what they want to do. We deserve a say.

Deal with the problems instead of denying them and work with the people.

Direct mail.

Direct mail.

Disclosure. Full disclosure.

Display a community bulletin board in more than one location.

Do a county paper- community update that relays plans and activities to public.

Do a little more advertising (P) in the paper and on store walls. Newsletters.

Do not know.

Do something that would actually encourage people to go to meetings. People that go just remain an audience, and participation is not encourage. (P) People that go are frustrated because their inputs are not taken seriously. The mayor, etc., Already have their minds made up about what is going to solve certain issues. That is why I don't go.

Don't really know.

Flyers, some people don't get the paper or watch the news.

For one thing they could have an area in the phone book for services you're looking for.

Get out there and let the people know what's going on. (P) More with television, leaflets.

Giving more time for the people to respond to meetings and issues; and making the issues more understandable.

God, I would just say, exactly what you're doing, just contacting people through the mail, through the newspaper, just in general, in the normal ways that you would, sending information to the registered voters.

Good question. Maybe that's their problem, they don't have an answer, either. Maybe they could post bulletins (P: where?) On the news on TV or the radio, somewhere like that. We have all this technology, certainly there's bound to be a way.

Good question. I don't know.

Gosh I really don't have any idea.

Have a larger place to gather. Nobody want to go stand up at their meetings.

Have all of the people in government join the John Birch Society.

Have better newspaper coverage; I've been to meetings where the newspaper coverage doesn't seem to correspond to the meeting at all.

Have more open forums where the public is invited in, in a big enough place to hold people, like in the high school. The courthouse is too small for a lot of people to gather comfortably.

I believe they could do a better job about getting info to the newspaper and TV.

I can't answer that; they are doing pretty well.
 I can't think of anything.
 I don't have an answer for that.
 I don't have an answer.
 I don't have an opinion.
 I don't have any comments on that one.
 I don't know (P) I don't know.
 I don't know (P) I really don't know because I'm not an activist.
 I don't know a little more publicity.
 I don't know how to answer that.
 I don't know I don't think they do poor job of communication.
 I don't know if its physically possible, when you have should a broad group of people to communicate with, I think they're doing to best they can.
 I don't know if they could. They use every avenue they could the newspaper, the radio.
 I don't know maybe have better contact with the media.
 I don't know maybe more radio or local news.
 I don't know that they can, I think that they're doing a pretty good job.
 I don't know, I think they're doing a pretty good job.
 I don't know, put it on the TV or something like that.
I don't know. (30 answers)
 I don't know. (P) I don't have an opinion with that either.
 I don't know. (P) I don't know, but I think it all comes out of the county commissioner's office.
 I don't know. (P) Don't know. They are doing a pretty good job.
 I don't know. (P) I guess have more open forums, and discuss issues.
 I don't know. (P) The just need to put the information out there.
 I don't know. I don't have an opinion on that.
 I don't know. I think they could have an overall meetings in the evening. They could announce it a little more in the paper instead of in the back of the paper.
 I don't know. I think they need to listen to the citizens more often and not be set by their rules.
 I don't know. They have their meetings. So they provide opportunities. Keep it posted in newspapers and flyers.
 I don't know. They put out a newsletter every so often. It's easy to be involved. (P) No, not really.
 I don't know. Through the mail.
 I don't know. Through the newspapers because most of the people of the county get the newspapers.
 I don't know (P) put up notices, have meeting, very specific.
 I don't know, better than the courier.
 I don't really know. They do a pretty good job as it is.
 I don't really know.
 I don't really now because now they're good about including surveying, with their water bill, sheets and a newsletter.
 I don't think that they could do any better. Door to door announcements costs too much money. People that are interested have their ways of finding out what is going on.
 I don't think there is any other way than newspapers. If the radio came in better, that might be a way, we only get one channel on the TV out here, channel 10 out of Medford. So we are stuck with the newspaper.
 I don't think there's any other way except town meetings, newspapers and radio, maybe talk shows.
 I guess just more newspaper publicity and radio and TV publicity.
 I guess monthly meetings and get-togethers where the public can attend and have that choice.
 I guess paper (P) and TV. Newspaper.
 I guess they would have to do more; not just announcements once a month but twice or more.
 I guess through the usual media, but with more advance notice. It's like you read in the paper that there is a meeting like that night, instead of a week in advance.
 I guess use of all the available media.
 I guess we'd have to get more interested maybe though the mail.
 I have no idea.
 I have no idea.
 I have no idea.
 I have no idea. If they put it through the newspaper it won't get out. Maybe a radio program dedicated to county government issues.
 I have no ideas.
 I have no ideas.
 I like I said they should have more representatives they should maybe have a spot on the local news. Get some more younger people involved.
 I really don't know.
 I really don't know.
 I really don't know.

I really don't know.

I really don't know.

I suppose fliers that are inserted in the papers if you gave to the TV free time to reach more people if it were a printed thing in the paper a lot of people would not read it but if it were insert people would read it.

I suppose more community forums and more notice about those community forums. Through public announcements. They could also use direct mail to notify citizens about county news and issues.

I suppose through the newspaper. (P) Improve the notices in the newspaper.

I think that since I don't get TV news so through flyers and the papers.

I think if they held more open meetings and if they did more communication by television because a lot of people have television. And give both sides of the story.

I think if they put information out in advance and do it repeatedly so that people know and remember when it's happening.

I think if we had regular county news, not by a reporter, but from the county.

I think if you run TV or radio advertisements.

I think may more information in newspapers and flyers.

I think that they communicate enough now, for those that want to listen.

I think that they should have meetings for anybody who wants to come so they can share their problems.

I think the radio should be used more especially public radio - not just any radio.

I think there's a problem with commissioners they don't allow people to know about business matters and they need more publicity.

I think they are doing a good job in that way.

I think they could communicate better by letting us know what's going on instead of having all this hidden agenda.

I think they could have something on the TV community information spot telling the times of meetings.

I think they do a good job now. It's just a matter of people getting involved. They complain but they don't get involved. What more can they do?

I think they do a pretty good job on almost everything. So I don't know.

I think they do fine.

I think they need to be really open about things that are going on. I am not sure how they can do that. Probably more stuff for me to read.

I think they should have a weekly discussion on local TV.

I think they try I think they do pretty good.

I think they try, it depends on the people, like myself I don't have too much time to look into things.

I think they try, they list all their meetings, and I think they do as much as they can through newspaper and radio (P) no, I believe their ears are ready for anyone who wishes to tell them something, they have open doors.

I think they're doing a good job a better question would be how to get the citizens to take part.

I think through the media.

I thought they do a pretty good job of it already.

I want to think of something that wouldn't cost a lot. Ideally, I think people that are interested in a specific issue could get a postcard on such and such. Targeted postcard that could point to the web page for more info. In the paper they do pretty good but if they could do a summary with news, good bad and so on -- just if it were in the same section at all times.

I would say if they had news coverage on local TV.

I would say it would have to be through more, a better formatted newspaper section (P) I would be a section that is always in the same place stating the good and the bad - that would be more believable.

I would say more disclosure through public meetings or newspaper.

I would say they could send out flyers.

I would think through the newspapers and TV. (P) If they had a special area in the newspaper that regularly informed readers of events and issues.

I'm not sure, I don't know. (P) I don't know how to do that.

If the took out a "regular" section of newspaper an let it be a regular features.

If they had their own paper. I know that's an added cost, but a little paper telling people what's going on, more people would be involved in what's happening.

If they wanted to they would. I don't think it is to their benefit to let us know what is going on.

If they would be more open more honest about what's going on.

If they would if the commissioner would come out and talk to the people.

If where we get our information is the newspaper there should be more direct county input. Too many things are left hanging, such as the consequences of policies.

If you want to the schools and education level.

I'm going to say maybe more in the newspapers.

I'm not one to answer that one.

I'm not sure about that one (P) I'm not sure about that one either.

I'm not sure maybe through I guess. Through the school system maybe. I'm not sure.

I'm not sure, weighing price /energy they need to have more meetings, and community bulletin boards to advertise meeting a multi-faceted communication routine.

I'm not sure.

It would be good to have a TV show, but the only TV we can get now is through Medford, and on Medford issues. It would have to do with advertising meetings if people out in the county had more access to local channels that would be a good way to get that info out.

It would take the public to take an interest in county government in the newspaper or something like that.

It wouldn't be a bad idea if they just sent circulars to everybody.

Just be honest open up they're too secretive (P) like their failures and I don't feel that anyone was going to laugh at them and they should owe up to it but they're not they're trying to blame other people and it comes right back to the citizens and that's not fair.

Just by publishing what they do in the paper.

Just more information you know.

Just more public announcements through newspaper or TV.

Just press releases I guess because that's free.

Just probably in the mail (P) it would be nice to know who has been elected in the county. These types of things are not readily available to new residents. And all different events.

Just simply communicate.

Just using the media.

Let more info out and not keep it to themselves so much.

Lets see um oh I don't know I haven't thought about it.

Let's see, I don't really know the answer to that in a quick minute, need more time for a solution.

Letters.

Like a voter's pamphlet send out something once a week letting you know something is coming up.

Listen to the people and stop doing what they think should be done; listen to the community.

Listening to what the people say, which might require the county commissioners to actually talk to people, one on one, and get to know peoples needs and concerns.

Local radio has interviews with locals; maybe they can do more of that.

Local television.

Lose the political rhetoric and use real English that everyone can understand.

Mail flyers.

Mail out more to the public.

Mail some brochures, a little newspaper or something.

Mailings.

Make local TV more available.

Maybe a biannual newsletter or something, or a little flier telling what's happening. Nothing 20 pages long, just short and to the point.

Maybe if they had they could be friendly when you go down to talk to people at the county offices.

Maybe on the radio or television.

Maybe put out a newsletter.

Maybe send more than one newsletter a month; maybe send out one once a week.

Maybe through a newsletter, with one of the utility bills that come out. I believe the elected leadership is just awful. The leaders have no sense of direction, and nothing ever happens.

More on the local news (P) on television.

News letter to people, but that might cost too much.

News letters.

Newsletters (P) yes, to homes.

Newsletters and fliers.

Newspaper articles.

Newspaper. PO flyers.

Not sure.

Not sure.

Not sure. (P) No.

Notify the public in some form about the meetings.

Oh, you know what, I think they should put out a newsletter. (P) If you are a registered voter and/or property owner, you should get one. It's your neighborhood.

On their meetings they should give people more notice.

One problem I have is that not enough people don't read the newspaper and not enough people listen to the radio. I think the TV would be the best. On the news they could put the big issues on.

Open forums.

More ads in the mail a lot of people can't get out.

More coverage in the newspaper. Info by mail cost too much, and is ineffective.

More in the newspaper.

More in the radio, and in the newspaper.

More info through the paper, radio, public access TV, etc.

More input on television.

More involvement (P) no.
 More listings or postings (P) in the news or community commercials.
 More media input, I guess. I don't hear much on the radio about them.
 More newspaper and radio information, I guess.
 More open forums for public participation, and this would stem from public notification.
 More open forums.
 More stuff in the paper or a county newsletter.
 People should elect people to vote the way they would like them to, and then just leave them alone. And quit looking over their shoulders for everything that they do wrong. Instead of groups lobbying, etc., These people should be left alone to decide policy.
 Perhaps through the radio as long as they don't spend more money.
 Perhaps web site?
 Possible a newsletter.
 Possibly through letters.
 Possibly when they send tax statements out, they include a newsletter with it.
 Probably a county city newsletter.
 Probably a newsletter.
 Probably advertising radio better.
 Probably get out more and communicate more with the people.
 Probably more frequent newspaper information.
 Probably more radio interviews, they do them in Ashland, just PBS local radio, I never hear anything about Grants Pass or county news.
 Probably more service announcements on radio or TV and not picking and choosing their information -- like complete disclosure to defuse distrust.
 Probably more TV.
 Probably through advertising in the newspaper.
 Provide flyers (P) through the mail.
 Public notices, airtime.
 Publicize it more.
 Put a lot of their stuff in the newspaper, or send out fliers; let people know.
 Putting out a monthly report and give us more information about what's going on in this town.
 Putting out more newsletters to people.
 Quarterly newsletter.
 Quit their lying so that the people would listen.
 Radio maybe TV besides the paper.
 Send out a newsletter.
 Send out notices on stuff, I guess.
 Send out some literature to homes or somewhere like stores to get literature to people.
 Short, accessible newspaper articles. Get a better journalist who knows how to write a lead.
 Skip.
 Something like a newspaper inserts, flyers.
 Special mailings (P) to the home or website. What issues are impending and where specific involvement is requested.
 Talk more about it on TV or radio, or put out flyers or put it on the radio like have an announcement that says the time of the town meeting, and that people can come.
 Television news and newspaper, putting the info in more than just once, should repeat messages on news and paper.
 Television.
 Tell people about things, issues before the fact, rather than after they are already decided upon.
 That I couldn't tell you.
 That I don't know.
 That I don't know. (P) No.
 That I have to give some thought.
 That's a tough one. They already have newsletters and monthly meetings.
 That's hard I think quarterly reports on upcoming changes to the county that would impact the taxpayer 6 weeks in advance of meetings.
 That's probably the best vehicle. Some people here don't have TV so the newspaper is probably the last one left.
 The city has sent out a newsletter, which was helpful. Probably by a direct mail newsletter.
 The government is not very far sighted with their usage of funds. It is what I call crisis management.
 The meeting that I've gone to, they don't listen to you. If you are in "favor" of something, they take you for all they can. Buy property is too expensive. Big brother is ruling over us. There is no freedom to do with you property what you want because the government want to charge you for everything you do with you property.
 They need to know how the people feel.
 The same way, but add more input.

They should insist on anything that the state and federal does to be notified so they have ample time to know what's going on. They need to more firm with reference to the state and federal government about what those two entities are doing in their county.

Their main communication is the paper and the radio and after that it becomes cost prohibitive to go beyond that.

(P) Not that I know of.

They are doing all right now, I can't think of any reason.

They are probably trying to communicate; I'm just not listening.

They could do a lot more like mailers. They could do infomercials on TV. It's cheap. Or they could even put a blip on the evening.

They could have a segment in the local newspapers, TV news, etc., and advertise this segment.

They could have something come over television every once in a while.

They could mail out notices or have public service announcements on the radio.

They could make some mailings once in a while, and make mailings to people who have aside they are interested, or an e-mail list.

They could publish a county register that dealt with the needs, progress development and solicitation of comments from the residents.

They could put their information out sooner so people could have a chance to get involved. (P: how much notification is good?) I'd say, three weeks.

They could send more newsletters out. Maybe a quarterly letter could go out to let people know what's going on.

They could send out flyers.

They definitely need somebody who is like a publicity agent for the county. They have individuals who come forward from several depts. But need someone who represents the county govt. As a whole.

They have a lot of open meetings but there's a limited amount of attendance because the people are not treated as openly as they should be. If people are in favor of what the county wants to do then they are treated well. If not they are not, then they're not treated well.

They just need to be honest with them. When they have a meeting we could let them talk, but we don't do that much. So the best way would be the paper.

They make all their meeting advertised they already do a good job.

They put on a newsletter that is just great. Maybe more of it.

They put out a paper but it's a -- efficient paper.

They should bring up things that need to be worked on in the community and bring people together for these decisions as a whole. (P) Nothing specific though.

They should give the public more freedom of speech. Not everybody gets to volunteer their opinions at the town meetings.

They should open up these meetings and let them have their say.

They should probably have more open meetings and to be notified of them before they happen not after.

They would seem to have to present a position that encourages citizens to participate and give evidence where they have done this.

Through mail outs. (P) The newspaper too. I sometimes see things in the newspaper but not very often.

Through the mail or by radio.

Through the media.

Through the news media through notices.

Through the newspaper, especially in these outlying areas.

Through the newspaper.

Through the newspaper.

To be more open, more of what's going on and what they are doing and to me open about when town hall meetings are, etc. Just to be more open.

To be willing to put more into the paper and onto the local radio.

Try advertisement.

TV ads.

TV.

Use media more than they do now.

We don't have anything in the news about Josephine County At least not as much Jackson County More press releases as to what's going on in the county govt.

We get a little letter about Josephine County once a month or so. It's good. It not about recreation, etc., Just about their news, announcements.

Well I don't no that its necessary the communication seems to be adequate.

Well I don't think they should spend 20,000 dollars on those flyers that people just throw in the wastebasket.

Well I think they do an okay job. Maybe more articles in the paper about current policies.

Well I think they should have a lot more stuff going on. (P) They should put up more fliers around, and more stuff in the papers, on the radio and TV.

Well I would say if they have town hall meetings they should advertise in the newspaper or sent out flyers.

Well uh oh by holding more public meetings uh and making sure that they publish accordingly in the paper certain topics to be discussed by television for some people. They need to spread the word. They need to public announcements on the radio. Giving people adequate enough time to respond.

Well, I don't if newspapers are enough because I don't think people read all that's in the newspaper. Maybe if the sent stuff through the mail. I don't of any other way of doing it.

Well, I don't know that they could. I think that they do a good job now.

Well, I guess like I said they could put things in the mail. Maybe with bills that you get from utilities and such. If you don't get the paper-can't afford it, and you don't watch TV, then mail is the only way to find out things.

Well, I think they could, it probably be better if they made up a kind of newspaper, a sneak preview itemizing the things going on.

Well, tell you what, if they would pass a law and not forget about it. (P) It would help. I am not into too much this government.

Well, they try to have town hall meetings, but I am not sure if it is advertised well enough. So more meetings, more advertisement in the paper or more publications in general.

Without spending money I don't have an answer for it. What they are doing is better than most county governments.

Word of mouth (P) and all news media, we pay attention to all of them.

Yabe having more meetings.

You would have to have a complete change of heart. Josephine County was rated number one in corruption in the government.

Q: BEST

In your experience, what is the one best thing about living in Josephine County?

100 miles in every direction, to coast, to the mountains.

A good thing would be - my family is here and that is where I prefer to be.

Air.

All of the rural space. (P) Like it preserved but not to the point where they would restrict building.

All that they do have to offer like their recreation.

Beauty. (P) The natural environment.

Besides the climate. The people. (P) I have found since moving here the highest level of community awareness and concern - especially through volunteerism.

Can you say something like its rural not overly populated.

City taxes are low.

Clean air.

Climate (p) it's good, it's nice, I come out here from Michigan.

Close-knit community. (P) A sense of safety is provided in this, mutual help, warmth.

Closer relationship with the county government and it's people.

Community.

Community.

Environment {P: what kind of environment} living environment.

Environment (P) the environment is the physical environment and the city environment. We have a very active town council.

Everything. I love it here. (P) The recreation and the things you can do here.

Feel its very family oriented community.

Few people, it's not over populated.

Freedom to do what you want.

Freedom.

Friendly people nice area it's clean.

Good impression.

Gosh, well I wouldn't live anywhere else. I like the people in the town and the businesses (but not the big ones from out of town that then take their profits elsewhere, K-mart, Wal-Mart like that).

I can be on my property and disappear and no one will bother me.

I can get in my car and go downtown without being caught in traffic and I feel safe.

I can't answer that all kinds of nice things.

I don't think we have anything that is continuously the same it fluctuates. (P) I'm beginning to wonder really. I can't say there's anything that promotes me to stay here in this county.

I don't have anything to compare it to because I've been here my whole life.

I don't have to look behind my back when I am walking down the street. I don't have to be constantly looking over my shoulder. Nothing happens here. That is the best thing.

I don't know.

I don't know. The smallness I guess.

I don't know. It's just a peaceful community.

I don't like living here-but I have to because I'm buying this place.

I don't really have any. I have no real good experiences with the county. I had no help regarding the stalking laws.

I feel safe here.

I grew up in the country and so I want to live in the country so I guess that's it. I don't think I'd want to live in the city.

I guess I'd have to say the parks and the out-of-doors.

I guess it is the sense of security. No big gangs or drive by shootings. It is a quiet place.

I guess the climate.

I guess the natural environment.

I guess the overall climate, atmosphere smaller town and probably less crime than average--especially less crime.

I guess that we've managed to balance our economic situation going away from the lumber industry and diversified into other things.

I have a job.

I just like it because there's to date, there's not a high general crime rate. Generally it hasn't gone big city on us.

Low major crime rate.

I just like the area.

I just like the people I've met.

I just like the setting.

I just love this country I like the fact that we have a lot of parks and the fishing is good.

I just think it was a good place for the children to grow up. (P) They were able to pursue fair activities, the 4-H club and sports at school.

I know so many people.

I like it because it is a small community.

I like the area and I like the people. Smaller town and I like the area very much.
 I like the climate and air.
 I like the climate, and I like the beautiful scenery.
 I like the community. (P) I like the schools. There is not much that I don't like about being here.
 I like the landscape. It's home, it's where I lived most of my life.
 I like the people they are friendly and helpful.
 I like the people.
 I like the people. (P) I have found them to be concerned for your neighbor. The people here really chip in here.
 I like the rural atmosphere.
 I like the rural atmosphere. (P) I would say the low density of housing.
 I like the rural life.
 I like the rural living.
 I like the small town atmosphere where it's not too big yet; it's been a good place to raise my son. I live in a rural area and I think it helps. You don't have neighbor squabbles. I don't have much trouble with drug and alcohol use among neighbors.
 I like the small town atmosphere.
 I like the weather, the beauty of the area. I'm retired and I am "making it". The activities I do are good. I stay home a lot, except to come into town occasionally. It is very enjoyable to see the area.
 I live far enough out that I don't have to deal with the public all the time.
 I live in a very rural area and I like that a lot.
 I live rural so I think the acres per person ratio is good. I like that.
 I moved here because of the space and the taxes and the government everything.
 I say the beautiful country and the climate. I think the people here, but you can find these kind of people everywhere. Wonderful restaurants and recreation activities.
 I say the people; they're friendly.
 I suppose independence.
 I think basically just where it's located-the rivers, the mountains, etc. I just love this part of the country.
 I think being a senior I see that they are doing a good job given the resources available to them. I think they are trying.
 I think it is the best place to live. The people that run it do a wonderful job. I love it and wouldn't live any place else.
 I think it's the atmosphere, the fact that living in grants pass and that's a small community with a lot of different festivals. People are generally pretty friendly, a good family place.
 I think it's the weather and I like a small community.
 I think the beauty of the area and I think it's a good place to raise a family.
 I think the people are friendly and courteous. I think they seem to be very nice people here, the town in clean.
 I think the people, as a whole are supportive.
 I think the recreation.
 I think the schools are better set up for the needs of handicapped children.
 I was born and raised here in the valley. I live in the country. I have no neighbors and free to walk around. I go to the local country store. They know me by name. It feels "local". It's a joy to get in a car and not run into a traffic jam very good quality of life.
 I was born here. Everywhere has to have growth. I suppose because it is a smaller town and there's a lot of community things to do and they're allowing the right kind of growth.
 I was born here. I think we have the best of everything the mountains and the ocean the quality of life.
 I would have to be the lack of people.
 I would say just the livability and the climate.
 I would say most people in the community are really friendly. People make contact and smile and shake peoples' hands.
 I would say the crime level, b/c I just moved from southern California.
 I would say the education - it is very good.
 I would say the sense of community.
 I'd say it's the people.
 I'd say parks and recreation.
 I'm not in Portland (P) the slow pace (P) let's say I can have an impact anywhere I want in this county, wherever I put my energies, because it is smaller and it isn't too hard, like the schools.
 I'm not sure.
 In my experience, I like the climate and the people they are very nice people. We have everything we need here. We have a nice hospital. They do an excellent job of maintaining the roads. It is a nice place to live.
 It ain't in California. We have some pretty good people here in Josephine County.
 It has been a good place to raise the kids and of course the climate. It is a pretty good place to live.
 It has good planning and development, and really good parks.
 It is a more rural community with less population.
 It is a quiet county.

It is a small community, the size I like. The weather, the community. It is just fine for me.
It is better than living in a place like California. It is growing but is not over done.
It is home. I have lived here all my life except for a brief period.
It is not California, where I moved from. It is not crowded yet, but I could see it getting too crowded soon.
It is not crowded.
It is small enough to get to the grocery store and back in fifteen minutes, but large enough to have a choice of stores.
It is the seclusion.
It still has a small town feel to it.
It tries to get people involved in doing things. And it just seems like they're always there to help if you ever need them.
It used to be its size.
It used to be the environment.
It used to be the quietness.
It's, I got away from congestion. I got away from people and cars and to me that is the most.
It's a Christian community.
It's a clean community.
It's a friendly community.
It's a good place to raise children.
It's a nice place to live. (P) The climate is nice and the people are friendly.
It's a nice place to raise your kids.
It's a small place to get around in its easy to get around.
It's a small rural county.
It's a small town and we like the climate.
It's an outdoorsman's paradise.
It's an overall thing, mostly this is where I'm employed, this is where I met my life, what I like most is the surrounding parks, and the good people here, there's a lot of good people. (P) I'd have to say the people that I know that is the best thing.
It's beautiful here I love the environment.
It's god's country.
It's green.
It's just beautiful around here (P) it's home.
It's just beautiful territory.
It's just pretty here and no bad weather. I think it is the nicest place that I have lived in.
It's kind of peaceful, compared to the bay area.
It's location and scenery; I guess its proximity to Medford and its rivers and mountains.
It's nice and quiet.
It's not a big city it has a small town feeling.
It's not a big city.
It's not California! No smog warning. No sales tax.
It's not like living in the big city coming from ca it is nothing like California.
It's not Los Angeles--I guess small environment.
It's not overpopulated it still has an old town feel about it. It is still pretty; not all polluted.
It's not too big it's not too small and it's a lovely sized place you have culture, state parks the size is perfect.
It's overall, kind of peaceful, as long as you stay home. There are a lot of people moving in to get away from the attitudes of people living there, but they're the ones bringing their attitudes here! But overall, it's rather peaceful here.
It's peaceful, not near the crime as in cities.
It's rural.
It's size.
It's size.
It's the climate there are 4 seasons but they are moderate.
It's the climate, no I love the valley (P: what do you mean by that?) I just love to get out in the country, out in the woods. We do a lot of camping. It's just gorgeous here.
It's the climate.
It's the climate.
It's the climate. It's the natural beautiful a little bit laid back but somewhat progressive.
It's tough. I'd say cost of living.
Its wilderness areas, forests which we are trying to keep intact.
It's where my parents are from -- family.
Just feeling safe secure in this area.
Just the fact that it is smaller towns more personal than a city.
Just the natural environment. I am an outdoor person (P) I would like to see natural environment preserved for recreation.

Just the population of the people. P) I like a smaller town.
Just the quality of life (P: any details?) Nope.
Just the scenic rural area that it is.
Landscape.
Less big city problem.
Let's see, the weather where we live, we live in a very nice area, and I'm just glad to be in Josephine County.
Location just the type of environment the weather and where the location is in Oregon.
Location.
Location.
Lots of trees.
Low crime compared to the big city that I have come from. You don't see much of it around here. The gangs haven't arrived here yet, and that is a good thing. The schools are more challenging for my kids.
Low property taxes.
Most of my family is here.
My land, my home.
My neighbors my church the people that live here.
Natural beauty and nice people.
Natural surroundings.
No comment.
No sales tax.
Not that many people here and it's quiet.
Nothing.
Oh boy, the one best thing, I cannot answer that because there are so many good things about. It's the people, the weather, the golf course; the storeowners are so nice.
Oh golly. I like it so well; I don't know what to say. I like the beauty of the area. I like the type of people. I'm just happy with it.
Oh goodness. I like the people and the countryside. It doesn't have much to do with the government.
Oh gosh, I don't know - I have no answer to that. I wonder why we stayed so long.
Oh I like its just pretty.
Oh the scenery.
Oh the mountains and the trees, being in a small community.
Oh, the climate, people are friendly - you buy almost everything in town without having to take a trip to the city.
One! I love it here in spite of, I think there is a fair amount of community spirit and willingness to help one another. The 'pride inside' essentially.
Outdoor recreation hunting fishing rockbound.
Peace and quiet.
People are really friendly.
Probably just the people and the environment.
Probably the climate.
Probably the climate. Well you got four seasons. It's not too cold days and not too many hot days.
Probably the people (P) I like the small town atmosphere.
Probably the recreational opportunities.
Probably the rivers and the parks.
Probably the surrounding areas, location.
Proximity to the wildlife, recreation.
Quality of life.
Quality of life.
Quality of life.
Quality of life. (P) The lack of people and more relaxed atmosphere.
Rural area.
Safe place for the kids.
Scenery.
Scenic beauty.
Seems to be the right size.
Small.
So far is still having a little bit of elbowroom. The Rogue River has excellent fishing available.
So far, I love the people and I think it is a beautiful county. I have met some very nice people and have had a lovely response since I moved here.
Taxes are low, because they never pass budgets.
That I'm out here where nobody bothers me.
That it used to be great I have wonderful memories I used to like the air but its not so great any more watch your smoke stacks at 2 in the morning.
That it's not LA. The beauty of it.
That it's rural.

That's hard to pick. Maybe just size, the feeling of community and communication between everyone in the community.

That's kind of hard, I like the area, I like the people, I don't really have an answer to that question.

The, well of course the rural nature of this area. Not too crowded. Not too many people. (P) It, I appreciate the Rogue River as a natural asset to this asset. We need to take greater advantage of that - increase the fishing report information. For tourists, we should emphasize the fishing here. It is wonderful.

The air and climate we have four mild seasons.

The area and climate.

The area is beautiful. The quality of life is better than most other places.

The area itself (P) you know being away from the city. I like living in the country.

The area, the environment.

The area; we like the climate, the environment and the people of southern Oregon.

The atmosphere (P) it is nice place to live.

The atmosphere, the friendly people.

The beauty and the people.

The best thing about living here is the access to the rural areas and the forests, that kind of thing.

The best thing about living in Josephine County, gosh, it's the climate.

The best thing is mostly if you leave people alone they leave you alone.

The best thing is not so many people.

The best thing is probably the environment.

The best thing is the people. Of course, we're living out in the country (laughter).

The best thing that I've always appreciate is that it's very conservative and I'm able to live here without a lot of government interference.

The best thing, no pollution and the climate.

The best thing, I don't know. (P: do you need a moment to think about it?) Sure, I would have to say the climate.

The clean air.

The climate (P) that it's not too cold and not too hot.

The climate (P) no snow!

The climate and the churches and community involvement.

The climate and the number of outdoor activities.

The climate I like the mountains.

The climate many of the people they will jump into help those in trouble.

The climate there isn't any snow and its not real cold.

The climate, the rivers, proximity to other towns.

The climate, the weather.

The climate. **(10 answers)**

The climate (P) it's good year around.

The communities, the parks and stuff.

The community environment it's very friendly.

The country.

The crime is not so bad here.

The different atmosphere in Oregon that I like. I used to live in California.

The emphasis that they put on helping you in your situation. It is very personal. At adult and family services, they deal with you individually. I call this Santa Claus county. I really like this aspect.

The environment (P) living in the mountains, strictly that.

The environment kind of a small town atmosphere.

The environment, nature.

The environment, the general scenic environment.

The environment, the trees.

The environment. **(6 answers)**

The environment. It's good, a good environment.

The fact that it is not so complicated with government taxes and so on.

The fact that it is remote.

The fact that its kinds like a big town but with small town values.

The federal land I get to play in for free.

The fishing, the wild scenic river.

The friendliness of the people and the climate. I like the small town and it is friendly.

The friendliness.

The friendly people.

The friendly people.

The general scenery. People. I'd say it's the people.

The geography (P) the beauty of the area.

The high quality of the schools.

The lack of concern of things like traffic and disasters.

The lack of as many rules and regulations compared to ca.
 The lack of being crowded.
 The land that you control you can maintain and make it better than when you came in.
 The land, the environment. (P) It's green and it's clean - there are a lot of trees.
 The ICDC, land development conservation or something is the worst thing that happened to the county that is the state (P) the climate and the citizens.
 The living environment. This is the most encompassing thing I can say.
 The location.
 The low population.
 The low population.
 The mountains.
 The mountains (P) the scenery.
 The mountains.
 The mountains.
 The mountains. I guess just truly don't know any different family is here.
 The natural resources available-rivers, lakes, parks, etc.
 The natural surroundings and nature.
 The one best thing is that they're trying to better themselves.
 The outdoor projects and converts horse racing the fairs and the parks are excellent there's bathrooms everywhere.
 The parks.
 The people (P) well, I shouldn't say I like them all but they're friendly.
 The people, they say the climate is good but it has been raining far too much.
 The people (P) the community type you know working together.
 The people are good and nice, and the weather is livable.
 The people different resources especially for the elderly.
 The people I like the climate and the cost of housing is reasonable.
 The people the climate a beautiful spot to live.
 The people they are genuine.
 The people they're intelligent and friendly I think they have good hearts and a re willing to help.
 The people, the climate, the churches, and all of the things that people like to do. A new hospital. The town is nice.
 We have a nice performance center. We are pretty close to a lot of cultural activities in our town and in the neighboring towns.
 The people, the parks, it is a very friendly helpful place, it goes with the people. The growers market is a good thing. It helps people be self-sufficient; it provides high quality produce and self-sufficiency for the growers.
 The community spirit is really good.
 The people. (9 answers)
 The people. The size.
 The physical environment, beautiful.
 The price of property.
 The quality of environment.
 The quality of life here. (P) Safe community, but there is not enough work. They are trying to turn Josephine County into a service industry area, but those jobs don't pay. We need to build more of an industrial base.
 The quality of life, the air, the people are wonderful. We all feel pretty much the same. The young people need a place for recreation because this leads them to crime. After they are done with high school, they leave to go find jobs, or to somewhere else for school.
 The quality of life. (P) The natural beauty. So far there are not too many people. I can afford a home here.
 The quiet, rural, peaceful, laid back way of life.
 The recreation.
 The recreational opportunities.
 The river I like to raft the river.
 The river.
 The river.
 The rivers its the nature we have id like to see it preserved better our environment is crucial.
 The rivers, the trees, and the scenery. Nice neighbors, nice people.
 The rural, low population.
 The rural style living.
 The safety.
 The savage rapid dam.
 The scenery the river.
 The scenery, the views of the mountains.
 The scenery.
 The schools. (P) At least as far as district 7 schools are concerned, I wouldn't want my students in any other schools. I hear horror stories about students and teachers. All of my experiences here are very good.
 The size of the area it's easy to get around and get acquainted with people.

The trees, the earth things.
The, the people, the climate. I guess the people.
The umm geographical location.
The umm the crime level. (P) It is low.
The upkeep of it!
The weather (P) actually, it is because it is centrally located. You can travel an hour to the ocean, less than an hour to snow and lots of rivers.
The weather I like rain I think its a beautiful country.
The weather, the people.
The weather. (6 answers)
The weather, I don't know. I just feel comfortable here but I can't say why.
The wide open spaces.
The wilderness and low taxes inexpensive lifestyle.
The wilderness.
The wilderness.
There's a lot of wonderful people up here. There's a lot of "druggies" up here that need to be taken out.
There's good fishing and hunting.
They have they do background checks on child care workers.
Trees. [p] They are beautiful and there should never be any clear-cutting.
Used to be a good place to raise kids (P) kids were disciplined and well behaved - schools allow too much today and teachers cannot discipline.
Very peaceful and quiet.
We have a respect for the fact that the majority of the people here are cordial. Nice folks to deal with.
We have plenty of room so far.
Weather.
Well I just like it; I just like the climate. Medford got too crowded, I didn't like it.
Well I know it's cliché but it's the climate.
Well I lived here all my life. I don't know of any place else to live.
Well I think the beauty, the areas, and they do have nice parks--and the people are friendly, very friendly.
Well it goes back to climate.
Well it is not overcrowded. I don't think. It is easier to get to places if you can drive. I don't there is much crime as different cities in the United States. There is a lot of good things here.
Well, I am a senior citizen and I really like the opportunities they have here for senior citizens.
Well, I could say the pace of life.
Well, I just like the free country. I don't know what you'd put down for that. We enjoy it here.
Well, I like the people I've met here, they are quite friendly.
Well, I think it's a safe county, at least the city, Grants Pass.
Well, it's just that, it's home. I don't necessarily like the so-called improvements. As long as the government stays out. Government has a limited purpose.
Well, it's something that isn't controlled by the county or the state; it's the weather.
Well, my family here.
Well, that's a good question. Generally, the people and weather.
Well, the size, the beauty, that it doesn't grow too fast and that it's a beautiful county.
Well, we live in 5-acre parcels. I really like the space and it is beautiful here.
Where I live it is ah quiet and not you know very busy or crowded.
Within the city and the surrounding area there is more diverse culture and there's openness to that kind of stuff.
You're close to a lot of recreation hunting and fishing.

Q:IMPROVE

If there was one thing you could change or improve [about Josephine County], what would it be?

PROBE: IF R UNCERTAIN: What would make 9it/Josephine County) a better place to live?

[Sigh] its attitude toward natural resources. (P) I believe it is still leaning too much toward resource extraction instead of outdoor recreation.

20,000 less people? Curtail development. I would work on bringing in working-wage employment. Economic development.

A constant upgrading of clean up, the county specifically property and homes.

A greater emphasis on our natural resources to increase our economic health. Promote tourism and business.

Environmentalists have seen to it that we are so conscious of environment that we restrict economic growth down here.

A lot more programs for teens. (P) For example, the armory used to do an all high school dance. You know, provide places that is safe, clean where teens can hang out that isn't just a park.

A new government (P) an honest government.

A vision for the future that is sustainable for the people and the environment, which we do not have.

Actually I enjoy it, so I don't know.

Air quality bettered.

Allowing more businesses to come in.

An increase in businesses and industries to provide more jobs, all kinds of businesses that would provide better jobs for people. The lack of good jobs here is what concerns me the most.

As far as the county itself. There is one thing I could see that is the corner of 238 and the bypass. That is a fouled up the area. I don't know who designed those 2 or 3 intersections. Probe if you coming to Cave Junction area and you are a stranger and if you miss that sign and you want to come into town in Grants Pass you got to go clear up to park street in order to get to downtown. There should be a left-hand turn there right there before river hwy runs into the parkway.

Asking for more input like you're doing on this survey.

Better and cheaper housing. (P: anything you want to add to that, or explain?) The cost of housing is ridiculous, most of us have a low income, and rent takes at least half of it, if not more. Then HUD expects a house to be a palace or something, so there's a lot of housing we *could* have, but it's out-of-reach.

Better busing system, public transportation that goes more around town.

Better communication with citizens.

Better paying jobs.

Better paying jobs.

Better restaurants, lower prices, place for teenagers, better quality food. Also cheaper gas prices. Cave junction has the highest gas prices around. I go to Grants Pass to buy gas. The prices for everything is out of hand. I want to know where all of the money is going. The people don't see any of the money that the county receives. It vaporizes before it gets to the people. And they are always wanting more every year.

Better streets.

Better way to let citizens involved in county issues like development and community growth. I don't want industry here like Medford.

Bring higher paying jobs.

Bring more industry to this area so that the younger people have a chance to work. They are lots of people in Josephine County and they don't work. They make minimum wage and that's way they are in poverty that is for the young people. All my children moved out because they cannot make a living.

Can't answer yet.

Can't say.

Can't think of any.

Change 6th and 7th street (P) I dislike the traffic patterns of these streets.

City government (P) the court system has major problems.

Clamping down on the drug dealers cause they're ruining the children the adults have plenty of money for drugs but the children are going to bed hungry. I don't like it when I first came up here I ended up on food stamps and I see people buying junk food but you can't buy a roll of toilet paper.

Communication (P) about getting out what is going on - need better disbursement of leaflets. All we get is one notice in the newspaper for summer events, that's it.

Communication with the county government.

Concentration on creating more work for people. There is too much unemployment up here.

Corruption in government. Less not more.

Cutting down on some of the crime. (P) Grow at a slower rate. It is not a small town anymore.

Don't care.

Don't know.

Don't know. (P) Improve the county roads. They have done some but they have a long way to go.

Don't know. No opinion.

Don't listen to people complain I would like to see people get a long.

Drugs (P: in what regard is that) well at the parks and stuff, marijuana is being distributed to kids.

Easier to find a job.
 Electing new leadership. Replacing the county government department heads.
 Encourage people to be more involved, volunteer to help other people.
 Enforcing laws about keeping the yards clean, lot of junk, leaving refrigerators and things. They put them out in the yard.
 Equal opportunity (P) yeah, I don't think that you should be able to influence people in the planning commission just because you've been here for 50 or 60 years (P) right, I was raised in Oregon but I spent 35 years away from here.
 Fewer people.
 Fewer people.
 For them to not take out the dam, so I would not lose my irrigation.
 Get it back the way it was 60 years ago when we had about 7000 people.
 Get more businesses to come into the county.
 Get people more involved instead of letting them sit back and not care.
 Get rid of the "druggers".
 Get rid of the "druggies".
 Get rid of the environmentalist influence who take over things like stopping building trails for mountain bikes and boat access to waterways and so on. It hasn't done much yet, but it always comes up.
 Get some honest councilmen in, ones that work together.
 Gosh that's hard the police and sheriff need more people you rarely see them out and about.
Gosh, I would have to go back to the homeless thing. Maybe it is more visible during the holidays, but it is such a beautiful city, and I don't see how we can have homeless people in such a small city. Why can't we do more to help together?
Gotta blank, can't think of a thing.
 Have an absolute place for senior citizens to go. We do not have one. Every city has one. We supposedly have one, but it's pay. You pay to join it, for everything you do, you pay. It's called the "vitality center" and it's run by one woman, and I don't think that's how a senior center should be run.
 Helping our young. (P) More projects to get people into.
 How they fund their educational system the one thing the county could do is address the inequity issues between the urban and rural people.
 How well they take care of the environment.
 I am not sure.
 I can't answer that with a good answer.
 I can't really think of anything, it seems like they are doing just fine.
 I can't think of anything offhand.
 I can't think of anything to change right off.
 I can't think of anything.
 I can't think of anything.
 I can't think of anything.
 I can't think of anything.
 I can't think of anything.
 I d just say less people being able to move into the city.
 I don't bother myself with what other people do.
 I don't have an answer for that.
 I don't have any idea.
 I don't have any one thing, quite satisfied.
 I don't know (P) I don't know cause I really like living here.
 I don't know (P) I've only been here a year.
 I don't know I'm very pleased living here I do think there are some programs the police force has like the dope programs that aren't working I would like to see them do this something different.
I don't know uh maybe pay a little more attention to the outlying roads.
 I don't know what would be better; they're doing pretty good.
 I don't know, maybe more activities or teenagers that are non alcoholic.
 I don't know, there is too much politics.
 I don't know. **(10 answers)**
 I don't know. I can't honestly answer that.
I don't know. I don't have an opinion.
 I don't know. Keep the Californians away I guess.
 I don't know; there's not any one thing. There is a whole lot of little things, but not one big thing, so no, there is nothing.
 I don't like all the land regulations; e.g., We can't do much of anything with the land we own. We'd like to be able to divide it up.
 I don't really know.
 I don't think I could tell you. I think Josephine County is one of the best places to live.
 I don't think I'd change anything.

I don't think I'm qualified to answer.

I don't think there is anything I have noticed so far.

I guess a better economy or higher wages.

I guess I would improve the communication from the county government to the people. We hardly know the county commissioner and the mayor.

I guess I'd like to see a stronger liberal philosophy in the county government.

I guess like the laws on the smoking ordinance. (P) Work on fairness - don't just shut the doors on all of the smokers, provide a better deal for smokers.

I have no idea.

I have no idea. More activities for younger kids under 18. The Skate Park was an excellent idea.

I have no opinion on that.

I haven't thought about that question so I don't know.

I just don't know.

I just think we're in a period of growth and we need to work to make this a good place for everyone.

I really don't know.

I really don't know. I would have to give that a lot of thought. (P) Our economy, I think. (P: could you explain?) The pay scale, in accordance with the cost of living. (P: do you mean, raise the pay scale, or lower it?) Raise it.

I really don't know. Maybe they could have more control over the schools. The parents and teacher should.

I really don't know. We have been so satisfied here that we haven't really thought about changing anything.

I suppose probably the one thing would be they need more law enforcement to take care of the drug problem, methamphetamine labs. We need to get rid of the people that bring it in, etc.

I think a little more selection of larger stores coming in. [p] probably department stores - we really don't have much choice around here.

I think get more business.

I think if they unclog sixth and Seventh Street in Grants Pass that would help.

I think increase peoples awareness of in connection to the land.

I think it has do with laws about timber and timber sales and logging.

I think more law enforcement. There is not enough and the visibility is too low.

I think more parks.

I think the drug problem. (P) Well, I don't know what the racial situation is here. (P) That affects drug problem quite a bit. My biggest gripe is the methamphetamine problem here.

I think the law enforcement people. We have a lot of drug dealers and users around here. Methamphetamine, marijuana - we need more to be done. We could train them more (more money may not really change this).

I think the one thing that needs to be cleared up is the commissioners themselves. They don't communicate well with the public. Once they have their jobs they fail to attend town meetings and to communicate regularly. We have asked people to come and only a few attend at our town meetings. They come when they want to be elected. If there is a problem, they stay away from it. This is not the government, nor employees, but the elected officials are lacking.

I think the sheriffs department (P: what about that?) When you call them they don't get where they're supposed to. They say that they don't have enough money, but they're always driving around in brand new cars. If they'd not spend so much on cars, they'd be able to keep on enough officers.

I think they could look around and get programs here that they have in other places I think they have a problem with law enforcement they don't have a lot of accountability, and they have a lot of drug problems, do something for the addicts.

I think they need to do a better job of policing. One of my big things is that there is not a cooperative effort between state and local departments. County sheriffs get stuck doing the state's work without compensation.

I think they ought to speak for themselves instead of letting Medford dictate especially DEQ.

I think they should do more to invite and keep young people.

I think they should have some type of public transportation, I know that they've tried it various times, but with all the senior citizens here, I really think they should have something.

I think to curtail growth so that it stays as it is.

I think to upgrade the school systems. Lower class loads; update the facilities. I think the county schools need much more money than they have gotten. They need to invest in music and such classes that are considered extras though they shouldn't be considered extras.

I wish they had more things like Braille on the ATMs, a talking bus system, just set up better for people that can't see.

I would change or improve I think being, it's like using more common sense with people, I think that the county sheriffs and people with authority that they have a power problem or something, I don't know the words to use, how to word it, they lack common sense in the way they deal with ordinary people.

I would change the attitude of the law enforcement. The grants pass city police. They are mean. (P) They think that the community is growing quicker than it really is. Me and my girlfriend can't even go out wearing red for the Christmas season without the police pulling us over thinking that we are gang members.

I would change the cost of building permits to about 35,000 apiece to control growth, new additions need extra services and those should not be the existing taxpayers responsibility.

I would change the structure of the county government. Five commissioners that are volunteers and have one paid manager.

I would definitely make people clean up their yards and paint their houses.

I would do something to try and stop wasting taxpayer dollars get the different agencies on the same wavelength and stop wasting money.

I would have a economic development fund with grants for living wage jobs.

I would have the whole world be a paradise.

I would hire a business manager and do away with the commissioner. Have the commissioner act like the mayor and just be there but not to do most of the things in the county.

I would improve the headlong rush to become a large city, a suburb of Medford.

I would incorporate fire services with our taxes.

I would increase vigilance about land-use activity. Move to protect the wilderness around here.

I would like to make the parks and the outlying areas more easily reached by the people who live here, and the visitors. More convenient camping, RV spaces for one or two night camping.

I would like to see more bike lanes.

I would like to see more younger activities with the senior activities, because it's not just a senior town, it's a youth town, and they need youth activities to keep youth out of trouble. That's youth and young adult, I don't know if that makes a difference.

I would like to see the economic base improved.

I would like to see them promote self-sufficient running on the city. I would like then to find ways to fund the county without taxing the people.

I would like to see, at a certain age limit, that people have to go into the DMV and get their licenses renewed, and these 80 year old people should not be able to do it by mail. There are people who should not be out there on the road. The cops will pull over a teenager for having other teens in the car when they won't pull over someone who can't even negotiate a turn.

I would lower the population.

I would make it so a development becomes a possibility that anyone who is financially involved is not a part of the decision making.

I would make the city housing better to cut down on the city sprawl.

I would put a jogging trail by the river; it is all private property. To find a way to put in a public path by the river to bike one and whatever.

I would say adopt a friendly attitude towards the citizenry.

I would say for us old citizens we need a little bit of transportation, if you had a bus service people would use it.

I would say higher wages. There's so many working for minimum wage in the country.

I would say more traffic flow.

I would say probably better planning for the future, including what we feel like our eventual maximum pop. Should be.

I would say transportation. (P) I would like to see a better bus line, you know, city transportation. The buses would be my main concern.

I would say umm more police protection.

I would see that there were more safety officers down on the road. We get to where we have only one sheriff working a 12 hour shift, so you have a break-in somewhere in the county and where's the sheriff.

I would to see, a raise in taxes to help the services needed.

I would, I would encourage more technology jobs and more technology corporations.

I wouldn't know.

I wouldn't know. I can't answer that because I'm not sure what people really need.

I'd have to give that more thought.

I'd have to think about it. There aren't too many things I'd want to change about it. It's a pretty good town.

I'd like to get rid the type of asphalt that they use on the roads.

I'd like to see something with rural fire protection for like the seniors or maybe paramedics' service where it didn't cost a million dollars.

I'd like to see them get more work.

I'd probably extend the bus service distance wise.

I'd reduce property taxes.

I'd say probably upgrading of county services, like sewer and water, to rural areas.

I'd see that all the stories they have on page one about unwed mother, Josephine County should liberally distribute the pill and see that they take it.

I'm not sure about that one (P) I'm not sure about that one.

I'm worried that there's some of the Californian attitude about the smoking issue. (P) The restaurants state it on the door about the smoking status of the restaurants here and in California they've outlawed it altogether even in bars. I worry about the changes.

If a person came to town without transportation, they would be left high and dry. We need better public transportation.

If people had jobs would be the 3 best thing to happen.

If people would vote for schools.
If there was less juvenile crime.
Improve recreational facilities, or dirt bike motor bike track. Bring some business.
Improve the law enforcement have more officers.
Improve the mental health services.
Increase the policing get rid of some of these methamphetamine labs.
It would be a lack of zoning; there are obvious eyesores that are in view. Example: there is a huge dump when coming into Grants Pass from the freeway from California.
It would be more things for youngsters to do. So they can take out their energies physically not mentally. There is not enough for young people to do around here.
It would be to increase number of high-tech industries. The present industries don't have very many high-paying jobs.
It would concern grants pass could improve the streets.
It's a lot to say. The way they expanded and did everything. So many driveways and the highways.
It's racism (P) get rid of the racism. I'd have a little more ethnic activities going on.
Job availability for those of us trying to get back into the job market. Add more technology-based jobs.
Juvenile crime. Once in a while we have a rash of vandalism out here. Like our mailboxes.
Keep the Californians out; they're driving us crazy. They don't think like we do. When you're raised a hick, you just don't need or want that city sophistication.
Keep the savage rapid dam.
Law enforcement (P) I see a lot of wrongful prosecution, etc. I would like to see more attention paid to facts within prosecution, and less corruption.
Less people in the county.
Less taxes.
Less traffic. (P) The parkway is getting bad and particularly going into Medford.
Licenses for businesses as far as on taxes on gas paying every quarter is a pain. I don't know how to fix it it's a headaches. Local truckers should get something different than those passing through.
Lot more diversity as far as demographics go.
Lower the taxes.
Maybe improvements in law enforcement.
Maybe less authority probe letting the people have more of a choice of what they want to do. It is too regulated. I am not really happy with the rules and regulations for building a home.
Maybe more police protection in the county.
Maybe not as much building up on the mountains.
Maybe stricter police patrols downtown. If they put up signs saying no skateboarding, there should be no skateboarding.
More access to transportation to rural areas and more interaction with the sheriff from those areas. So they get to know the good people and not just the bad people.
More activities against the drug operators and more prosecution of the people caught; not just pick 'em up and turn 'em loose and collect their fines.
More activities for our teens.
More activities for youth.
More communications -- measure 11; I'm not happy with that.
More effectively run sheriff department and the jail, using the funds that they already have.
More employment.
More entertainment.
More equality between the county schools and the city schools. No body wants to pay taxes for schools out there. I would like to move out there but the schools aren't as good because they are under funded.
More funding for law enforcement and more programs for the youth. More jobs.
More help for younger people (P) in housing and easier access for employment.
More honesty from the police department. (P) Honest with the people.
More job opportunities.
More job opportunity recreation that is noncommercial-like hiking, mountain claiming.
More jobs.
More jobs; better jobs.
More law enforcement through the county sheriffs department.
More money for county schools.
More openness on the part of the politicians.
More opportunities for young people.
More parks activities for the youth to enjoy. Batting cages, arcades. I'm not sure if there were ever activities like these that might not have worked out.
More quality shopping and better emergency services.
More stuff that big cities have but I don't want it to be a big city. For example, a bigger cultural diversity.
More things for children to do, so they don't have to hang around on the streets.
More things for kids to do.

More things for people to do. (P).
 More years of rain.
 Most6 important would be reasonably priced housing for others besides the elderly, but jobs first.
 Move it closer to the coast.
 Need more recreation for kids, indoors.
 New housing. (P) Cul-de-sacs -- put a bunch on the hills and that is bad.
 No comment.
 No comment.
 No ideas.
 Not a good place to make a living, more industry.
 Not enough living wage jobs. If there was one thing I could change I would try to create more living wage jobs.
 Not making babies not breeding.
 Not really too much. They can build as much as they want to build. (P) I would recommend them continuing to develop.
 Not sure.
 Nothing comes to mind.
 Nothing pops into my head.
 Nothing really.
 Nothing.
 Offer health care to anyone for "free", health care for everyone! Universal health care.
 Oh dear, I don't know.
 Oh gosh that's hard to figure out. I'd say, well I think the county is a nice place to live, but I think they could have a bit stricter traffic laws though.
 Oh right now I can't think of anything.
 Oh they might have more parks.
 Oh well, better roads.
 Oh. I want it to be a quaint town like it was when I first moved here. (P) Downtown, when you drove through, now they have changed it so you don't drive through it anymore, Grants Pass.
 Oh boy, if the property taxes could be lower.
 Oh. I don't know at this point.
 Oh. Probably the most important thing is getting the information out to the public. With more information people would get trust and get involved.
 Opening the government to citizen response.
 People who would understand the need for public schools and parks and the library.
 Perhaps. More low-cost housing.
 Population, slow down.
 Probably a mall (P) I would have one built.
 Probably drug enforcement and recreation for young people.
 Probably have more restrictions on hillside building.
 Probably in the brotherhood in mankind. There's a lot of old rednecks around here who don't bend much. I would like that to change.
 Probably in the planning department from permitting from certain variances and zoning setbacks for fire for river and creek areas flood zone exclusions preventing prime farm land from being developed.
 Probably make it more environmentally sound. Keep it cleaner. Maybe require certain landowners to clean up their properties, get rid of junk, old cars, many, and garbage. When you come into Selma, there is a huge mess right outside of town.
 Probably more education on drugs and alcohol for students.
 Probably more of forest protection. (P) Police protection from crime and gang related mischief in forests and parks.
 Probably the court system. (P) I went several times regarding stalking of my daughter, they just told me to move.
 Probably the economic base and creating job opportunities.
 Probably the sheriff's department. (P) I don't think it does its job right - it is way over funded.
 Probably to make more jobs available so there's not so many thieves and poor people.
 Probably traffic flow. We have a north bound and south bound and that's about it. (P) Yes, of course it is congested, downtown traffic is pretty bad and parking is bad.
 Programs for young folks.
 Public interaction (P) with the county and government.
 Public transportation, there are a lot of isolated areas and a retirement population. People who live in retirement and nursing homes have no public transportation. These people would participate in community activities if there were adequate transportation. The point is the transportation is needed for the entertainers, the people who would entertain the elderly & infirm if they had transportation.
 Public transportation.
 Put a gate on the county (P) we are letting too many big dollars in - too many million-dollar homes. It is no longer affordable to retire here.

Reduce the bureaucracy.

Renter's rights. We have a property with 5 houses and one well and we're paying for all the water and electricity. We told the century 21 about it and they simply said if we don't like it we can move. And I don't feel like they can get away with that.

Respect for the peaceful enjoyment of property and I would not include my neighbors running their dirt bike behind my kitchen even if it their enjoyment of peaceful enjoyment of property.

Road maintenance.

Roads, some are really bad.

Roads.

Schools, there's too much of a vast difference in the city schools and county schools.

Send out the questionnaire so some people can think about it.

Slow down the growth.

Slow down the population growth.

Slow growth.

Smoking laws (P) I don't like the laws that prohibit smoking within the city limits. Restaurants and bars should be able to allow smoking.

Social programs (P) community education programs.

Some way to ensure people were informed about these things.

Stop the city from growing into county.

Taxes are okay, property taxes are low--that's good. If the county could get more funding for schools outside the city limits--that would be an improvement.

That the powers that be could listen to the people a little more.

That I don't know. I can't think of that now.

That they would come in and get the methamphetamine labs. I know it would cost money but that is what needs to be done. That would change life here considerably.

That we could help get rid of the drug problem.

That's so difficult, I guess since I like beauty around me, I would probably selfishly say that we should maybe tighten up property laws that make people keep trash out of their lawns and that sort of thing. A better way of saying that is, people need to have better respect for their environment, and if they don't we should be able to enforce it somehow. Like emissions control and such.

The accountability of law enforcement and the courts.

The assistance offices like SCS, the housing, the assistance programs (P) they need more employees, friendlier employees.

The bickering about savage dam to stop, closure.

The board of directors of Grants Pass would listen to the people.

The business opportunities and this county has done zip about that. I have a relative from Chicago who wanted to bring in a company and they wouldn't give him nothing, so they are missing the boat here.

The business section needs help.

The city council I would find somebody more competent and neutral and get a variety of views instead of little robots.

The commissioners.

The communication between the federal government and the county.

The corrupt law enforcement.

The county government. (P) They don't listen to the people. They have one-tracked minds. (P) Simply don't listen and want their own ways followed not the peoples'.

The county's school district. (P) Improve the condition of the county's school district.

The crime rate. I want the crime rate to go down.

The crime there's too much drug dealers, without them it would be a better place.

The engineering of the roads, coordinating the traffic better.

The heavy traffic.

The justice system and schools. The safety of our children.

The lack of elder care services specifically helping to keep elders in their homes instead of institutions.

The law enforcement, and the county government. (P) The county is crooked. Law enforcement is crooked. They are costing the taxpayers a whole lot of money.

The law. I think we need better judges. (P) No.

The laws about stopping people for drunk driving and convicting them. I usually don't get involved in such things, but when my son got stopped and started finding out a few things I got pretty angry.

The logging (P) reducing it.

The main thing is to keep the housing costs down so people can buy.

The matter on the drugs there is a drug problem but it is getting better it needs to be improved with the kids doing drugs.

The parks I would-the kids are important the parks are in bad shape.

The road conditions, you can never see the road lines, at night when it's raining, you can't see the lines.

The school system could use some help.

The school system they need more money.
The school system. More funding for schools.
The schools: take a better overall look at their school.
The sheriff. (P) I don't like him much. I don't think qualified to do the job well.
The sheriff's department and the district attorney's office. Our daughter was killed and the investigation was terrible; and our house was broken into and the investigation was terrible. On our house, the deputy didn't do a good job of taking fingerprints. It took 2 or 3 months for the fingerprints to come back. The deputy wrote this off from the beginning like we'd never find out but it was a major robbery.
The sheriff's department. I feel like I don't have any protection, and that they're not willing to help anyone. Like I said, I used to have a shop in Grants Pass, and they'd come in there and spend hours in there, while on duty. And it wasn't even their area. Know what I mean?
The sheriffs department. The other thing would be to make better restaurants and get something for people to do so that there isn't so much crime around here.
The sheriffs dept needs a lot of up grading they let too much go by.
The size.
The size. I would make it smaller. Less people.
The sprawl is spreading out too fast. Stop the sprawl.
The streets being one way only is confusing.
The taxes get a sales tax.
The traffic and people running stop signs.
The traffic going into town.
The traffic.
The unemployment rate.
The way they hire county or government employees here. (P) From my exp. They run ads about positions and usually the people who get hired are related or friends of some boy in there and its a waste of people time to make big resumes and not really have a chance.
The work situation (P) more diversified on the work and salaries comparable to people to be able to live on them.
Theft (P) I would uh change the regulations the PD has, their viewpoint toward it.
There is some sort of lack of communication there is a lot of controversy between the citizens and different government agencies.
There seems to be a lot of drug problems and I don't know what they're going to do about.
There should be more sidewalks in some of the residential areas.
They way the have the roads designed.
Things are pretty good the way they are. I would improve the fish regulations.
Think it would be more drug enforcement, or increase in law enforcement.
Throw all the taxes and politicians out.
To expand the job markets. Get people off welfare.
To get the crime down a little bit more (P) do something about the teenagers.
To let more businesses to come to the little towns and to get more things for our kids to do to get them off the streets.
Traffic control through the town, day or night it is pretty horrible.
Transportation, public transportation, buses, something.
Try to have more policemen on the roads. There was an article about that problems. I personally haven't had that problem. I've never needed one.
Trying to think it's pretty good just the way it is.
Turn it back 30 years (P: in what regards?) It started out as a retirement community, but now there are groups of pretty aggressive teenagers hanging out on the street corners. They need something to do, but there should be some serious penalties for acts of aggression.
Upgrade service response from the police.
Watch for uncontrollable growth and destruction of natural habitat.
We are desperately in need of jobs and our county needs to be more business-friendly.
We have a fairly small group of radical people to the right in the government and I would like to see them have a smaller voice and congress shouldn't be allowed to vote themselves raises.
We have a lot of retirees and welfare people, and for the welfare people I'd like to see more of them working. I guess I'd like to see less aid and more jobs and training/apprenticeship programs.
We need more businesses and jobs -- people are leaving because of fewer jobs.
We need more law enforcement<p>just more law enforcement.
We need more sheriffs.
We need to get rid of that small town mentalities. There is a good old boy network here. They, in government, have there own agenda. They need to do things to build trust between the people and them.
Well I don't know.
Well I would cut down on all of the subdivisions.
Well, at the moment, I think it is the best place to live. I don't know, as I would want to change anything at this point.
Well, I don't have any problems with it. I don't know what we could change. As far as I'm concerned it's doing fine.

Well, I don't know.

Well, I don't know. I can't answer that right now.

Well, I live on the only route to the coast from Josephine County. I would be nice to include another route to the coast. That's all I could think of right now.

Well, if there was, well, I live in a small town and that makes it difficult for me to get a good job. I just wish I could get a better job. I am tired of working at McDonalds because there is no job opportunity.

Well, the one thing to get government out of private industry and private property and get natural resources back into multiple use. E.g., Take Klamath Falls. Too much regulation--to deregulate.

Well, there should be more help for the homeless.

Well, they improved the streets, but there is more work to be done in that area the main streets. Streets and street safety.

We're pretty happy. Some of the subdivisions are very expensive and raise property taxes and I would not allow too much more of that.

What I would change? More of the help for the needy like emergency housing, or help for insurance. Like, one month I did not have enough hours on my job to pay my insurance, and you have to have insurance. There are a lot of poor people in Josephine County.

What would I improve? Build another bridge.

When the road department comes out to clean the roads they do everyone's place but mine. They cleaned up everyone else's place. Like the leaves, they've been piling up and that's my one big concern.

Whoa, that is a hard one. I think maybe stopping the growth of housing.

Work situation [p] not much work here. Too many minimum wage jobs. Not enough jobs where you can actually make a living. I would figure out a way to make this situation better. The cost of living is going up because of the new people that have already made their living, without new paying jobs. The working people here can barely buy a piece of land anymore.

You drive by a nice house and it's lovely and right next door is a house with junk in the yard and garbage.

You know I am so happy. But, maybe some of the traffic. Right now I have a big beef with charter communications. (P) Redwood Highway is a death trap as far as I am concerned. I think I read that they have more accidents there than anywhere else in the city.

Q:VOTE3

Why don't you [usually] vote?

Apathy don't care.

Because I am not in town. Usually out of country working as a missionary.

Because I don't seem to have the time to do all the different voting, need advanced notice as well.

Because I just hate politics and I don't understand it. I'll vote on things that pertinent to my family.

Because I really don't understand what the ballot is saying. Its confusing it really is. It says vote yes on no now how do you take that or it I says yes, I what to vote no on proposition something or other.

Because they're too busy bickering at each other and throwing mud at each other, that I lose interest. Is more like I wonder "what are they going to do for us?" Sort of thing. As for community wise, city government is going to do what it wants to. (P) By the time they [politicians] get done bickering I don't even know what they were talking about anymore.

Due to my schedule, I am not present when the voting process is under way.

I am usually too tired.

I don't have any transportation and no information.

I feel that most of the things on the ballots are not worth voting on.

I get too busy.

I haven't seen anything important enough to vote on such as the environment. Which is extremely important. They should address this mill issue especially, which is affecting our area here.

I just kinda stopped caring sometimes and sometimes I fell like I should.

I just moved here and settling in I don't know much about the issues yet.

I just now got registered. This is the first time I got registered.

I like to mail in things and I don't know if the county does that. I'm not sure.

I not really here a lot of the time.

I probably didn't know enough about what the issues were or who the people were.

I spaced the ballot and I am new here so no other opportunities have arisen.

I used to vote every time until they just stopped paying attention.

I'm lazy and I don't get informed about the issues.

I've only been here a year, and I haven't got into things like that.

It's hard for me to get around and I don't know what's going on I used to be more active.

Not enough notification on it (P: do you mean on the issues?) Yeah.

Oh because I seem to never catch up or read on anything.

Sometimes they put something in that you don't want yet it still seems to pass -- no chance of voting it out.

Well, I vote for the really big important elections, but I am just not healthy enough. I am not up enough on the issues to vote. But, with mail-in elections, it has improved.

Q: ENDING4

That is the end of the survey. Is there anything you would like to add?

About 6 or 8 years ago, we built a house for a daughter, in order to get a permit, we had to hire a special service that cost us \$500 just to get a building permit. This was a very negative experience for me, that fee was addition to the cost of the permit.

Appreciate that you've been conned into doing this. No more surveys. Vote. Let's vote instead of telephone surveys vote of the people and make it stick. I what the survey results to be in city hall how many people were called and their answers. Then people can write in letters to the editor if they go in there and don't like what they see then we can fight. We can fight together this cold county instead of telephone surveys let vote on all of this and show us the \$ the whom the where how much lets give it all the facts.

Are they going to publish results?

As I've traveled I feel we have a remarkable jewel of a place to live.

Change the way the roads are designed!

From my experience they are fascist and paranoid, and racist, the government and the people.

Get your poop together.

Good luck.

Happy New Year.

How about a news talk radio, where the county presents the ideas and people can respond. When the voting materials come in the mail, I've got 30 other things to do instead of keeping up on the issues. I usually get most of my information through conversation with the workers.

I am heavy into educating the public on renewable resources. The people in the local government don't do anything. They get grants to go to school to learn how to get grants. I have given up trying to participate. They don't change or progress or act on anything that the people desire and ask them for.

I didn't think that the county fair was as important, the people involved could pay more themselves. A lot of Californians moved up here, and they brought their prices and mentality. So what was affordable has become unaffordable. We're disabled, and there's a lot of folks like us, some older, some younger, and we don't get the breaks. I got disappointed in people working on grassroots, when they got involved in government. I got discouraged. You have to search to find a really good doctor.

I don't know.

I don't think so.

I don't think so.

I enjoyed this. I think you're doing great job.

I guess not.

I had a shed on my land that blew down, and I replaced it and then found out I needed a permit, and I was surprised because I didn't expect to have to pay to replace a building that was already there, and now the county is making me pay through the nose for it.

I have heard of the good ol' boy network. There have been plenty of cases where depending on who you are you can get what you want. This is not right. Everyone should be treated the same under the law and according to policies.

I hope it reaches its mark.

I hope somebody pays attention to the figures and people's opinions, and not just how our ideas relate to their agendas.

I hope you got some good answers.

I like living here and they do a good job with what they have but they are too interested in being a bigger town.

They think that will make it more prosperous, but that is not the case.

I need a job.

I think it's great that you called.

I think or needs taxes they are constantly searching for new sources of revenue as a retiree I only get a small cost of living increase the only way to increase income is a sales tax because property taxes are not covering new costs someone needs to wake up to the fact that people especially the elderly are suffering, because of rapidly rising taxes.

I think some of the things that you have covered need to be addressed and I hope I have helped.

I think that people take advantage of the community health programs, so they should get less, but animal protection and regulation should get more resources.

I think that's it.

I think they need to do something about the traffic.

I think this is a great county. I think this is a great place to live. I don't want it to look like California. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

I want the county to improve the library. It needs a larger facility and longer hours.

I want to know how much the survey costs and long it takes to get completed and analyzed by govt. Will the public hear about the results and action or not.

I was a college teacher and I had occasion to express myself through objective and subjective tests. Multiple choice questions do not allow for a true expression of values and I have to decline to answer in this format for many of these questions.

I would just like to add a question that should be asked by govt. - what area would you be interested in getting involved in the community?

I would thank for giving me the opportunity for saying what I think.

If I had been more awake I could have given better answers.

If we could get the buses on more routes and more frequent stopping, more bus stops for public busing, not school buses.

I'm just surprised that they are doing this.

It would be a good idea to send a pamphlet a lot of people have to think about it.

It would be nice to get more specific on issues like growth issues. It's too general. It would be nice to advertise a web site and update it with issues and details on certain issues so if people want to participate they can on certain issues or not.

It's a pretty good county.

Just basically I wish they would address the environmental issue of our air quality, water as well but the biggest thing is air quality its being affected by the local mills in the area and the factories because air qualities affects water, our health and our very being nature and everything.

Just appreciate everything the people do and have always been pleased with the way it has been run.

Just do what is in your hearts.

Just like to let them know they should get info to public, they will get more public feedback.

Just thank you so much for doing it. I hope to see some improvements in the business community here.

Just that there needs to be more public inquiry into what goes on in government. More outside eyes to see what is going on and government need to be more accountable for what goes on, on their actions.

Keep on doing surveys. If you could make your announcements on public radio it would really help me out a lot.

Overall I do like living here, I get aggravated with city and county government from time to time.

No. / No, not really. / No not that I can think of. / No thank you. / Nope. / Not really. / Nothing I can think of. / Nothing. *(138 answers removed to save space)*

No (P) tell them that I feel that only the builders get the breaks on dividing the land, and that's an honest opinion (P) no, that's enough, you might add that if they get rid of Snyder in the planning department We might get more equal opportunity.

No, that was it.

No I don't think so.

No I don't think so. That covers everything, I think.

No I just appreciate the effort that you are trying to do something.

No I'm satisfied living here, I have good health, my family lives nearby. I'm ok.

No, absolutely not, that was very good.

No, but it was excellent.

No, except that I think this is a survey is a good idea now that it's over.

No, got to go!

No, I don't think so.

No, I feel like we covered it all.

No, I think I've spoken enough.

No, I think we've about covered it.

No, I think you've covered everything.

No, just to tell you happy New Year.

No, not a thing, you have a happy New Year!

No, other than I think you did a good job.

No, thanks.

No, that's I all.

No, you have covered everything.

No, can't think of anything, where are you calling from?

Only that they might do these surveys by form made available to public at county offices.

Please ask people what they want. It seems like a law gets around and no one knows about it.

Public transportation and vocational education!

She was very insightful, had a lot of good ideas and well aware of the problem ahead, the O and C funds running dry.

Something should be done about the cost of building permits the current cost is outrageous the cost should be limited to the cost of generating the permit and not a penny more.

Thankful to be here.

Thanks for doing it and baring with me.

The government is crooked. (P) The law enforcement are involved in crooked behaviors. The is no one to tell about this because nobody is going to do anything about it.

The lack, on the part of the retired people moving in from other areas, wanting to pay the higher taxes to help support the schools--that's my one major dissatisfaction with this area, a lack of concern with the common good and civic mindedness.

The language of the survey is confusing; especially to seniors who might not understand the jargon. I wouldn't want to see the few businesses left in cave junction go under due to more taxes. We need new fresh people, instead of just voting in the people that you might know personally. This county need to change all of the faces that we see year after year. Get them all out.

The survey is too long to be effective.

There's a couple of questions that could be phrased better. For example, [qservip1-5 & qresourc1-5] there are a number county services included in some of the answer categories that I supported & some that I didn't.

Perhaps they should've been separated out.

They have a beautiful state of the art senior center here, and there's an elite group that runs it and it seems an exclusive club and I thought it was funded with public money they won't even allow the senior meal program to use the building, so I don't participate anymore.

They should listen to the people in the county more.

This goes back to the time of the noise ordinance meeting, we held meetings around the county, it became apparent to me at that time, that this was a county at war between two cultures. There are the people who want to live here because they think they can do anything they please and there are people who want to live here as a last refuge from the noise and violence of the city. If the Wild West people win in the county, it will remain an ugly place to live.

This survey is a starting point, but there needs to be some roundtable discussions in order to give it more meaning and effectiveness. Some of the questions in this survey are limiting, and with black and white answers. There needs to be more discussion, rather than just asking support or not support questions. Questions like these leave out other opinions that might get closer to better solutions. Blanket, all encompassing solutions are not solutions.

We need a bus system or some mode of transit.

Well uh just to indicate where I come from I was a city councilman and mayor in Burbank California I try to keep up with what is going on.

Well, I am glad I took the time to do the survey.

Well, I was wondering how many people you are calling? Is this helping in anyway? Hope you get the answers you need. Good luck on getting those calls!

Well, I'm mentally and physically exhausted from this survey. That's pretty much.

Well, like I said, us out here don't feel like we have any protection. The county sheriff's just sit out on the highway and write tickets, but whenever anyone calls for help they don't want to hear it. My neighbor, who was shot, they caught the guy, but it was the Grants Pass police department that did it. Most people out here feel that the state should take care of this area, and would call the state patrol before calling the county. And it's absurd that the sheriff gets paid \$120,000 a year in an area like this. Nobody gets paid.

Yeah, problem areas: lack of transportation - adequate transportation. There are not very many living wage jobs. Roads have been improved, but there still are many that need improvement. And to stress that sales tax would be okay.

Yeah, it takes a long time to do it.

Yes, do you know that Jesus is God?

Yes, I'm very proud of our football team.

You did a very professional job.

Q: INTOBS2

INTERVIEWER OBSERVATIONS

PLEASE ADD ANY OTHER COMMENTS PERTINENT TO THE STUDY.

Has a very positive outlook on the county and the government.

At a few points in the survey, respondent expressed that she had tried to get involved in county government, but that she got discouraged about the "corruption" and lack of responsiveness on the local level. She echoed this sentiment when I asked ending2, and said that the survey won't help to make needed changes in for example housing and transportation. She talked about how hard it is to make ends meet, because she and her husband are both disabled, and his SSI was cut when they got married, and they only get thirty-six dollars a month in food stamps.

Felt it was unfair of him to comment on county government since he didn't care and didn't pay much attention to it. He seemed pretty suspicious about the purpose of the survey and consequently refused to answer many questions - or claimed to have no opinion.

He works for the school district, and is upset that community activities (like parks, libraries, and the fairgrounds) is better funded than the schools.

Initially the R said she did not have the patience to do survey. But I was able to coax her into trying a few questions. She ended up saying that she was glad that she took the time to do it!

Is R was not very uneducated and didn't seem to completely understand many of the questions and I don't consider many of her answers to be valid.

Lived in area for only a month.

One of the first persons I've spoken to who was actually aware of the o and c tax coming to an end, and one of the few who was pro sales tax.

R appeared to be a disgruntled retired logger with a populist distrust of government regulations interfering with citizen's opportunities to earn decent livings through natural resource extraction. R described himself as actively involved with counties issues and was one of the only respondents I've interviewed who understood that Josephine county government is funded by O and C lands. Knowledgeable in some ways but "one-sided" in others.

R had only lived in the county for nine months and didn't feel like he had lived there long enough to really be able to answer the questions.

R says that she's also spoken with other people in the county who have taken part in this survey, and they all appreciate that it is being done.

R was very cooperative at first but in the last third if the survey became very rushed.

Refused to answer any personal questions.

Respondent was very pessimistic about the influence of this survey on county government decisions.

She felt a bit bad about the voting question, because she doesn't vote often in county elections. She is your classic "super mom" who has no spare time, running house hold and raising three kids, full time work and going to school.

She has lived in the county for over 30 years and is very concerned about the number of people moving here and whether the infrastructure can handle the increased population, especially where the roads are concerned.

She is not an employee of the county, but her husband is.

She was very interested in this project. She is very concerned about the future of the county. It's good to talk to people who really care.

The R is was very upset about the sheriff's department Apparently his neighbor was shot and bled to death waiting for the sheriffs to show up. Another neighbor, an elderly and "reasonable person and rather involved in county government" carries a gun at all times because he feels he's on his own for physical protection. "All they do is write tickets, and don't want to hear calls for burglary or other things".

The R seemed bored with some of the repetitive sections of the survey, giving perhaps repetitive, unthinking answers in those sections.

The R was pretty angry about people being prosecuted for driving with very low alcohol levels and that these people are then compelled to enter diversion programs at great expense to themselves.

They had just moved to JoCo 2 months ago, therefore lots of don't know answers.

This person has only lived here for about a month.

This woman is very active in her local area.

Was initially not going to participate - mainly because he moved only 3 weeks ago to the county.