

Q32 Please name the top 1-3 local issues that are most important to you, and explain why.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Environmental; Persistent drought threatens my future.	9/20/2020 10:19 AM
2	Coronavirus response. It seems as though many locals are getting quarantine fatigue. We need leadership to remind people the virus is still present, people are still getting very sick, and some dying. 2. Santa Barbara is a very special place and we need to continue to conserve our open spaces.	9/18/2020 4:57 PM
3	personal liberty-local officials should not be able to decide whose jobs are essential . school choice- I have school aged children our public schools are a mess	9/17/2020 11:18 PM
4	Housing, racial justice, and environmental protections. Because Santa Barbara is experiencing an extreme housing shortage that pushes lower classes out and feeds into the wealth and racial gaps of this predominantly wealthy, white area.	9/17/2020 12:40 PM
5	Education. Our children need to be well prepared for the terrible future we're leaving them. Environment. We need to ensure that we are doing our part in the climate change challenge and providing clean air and water to our local residents. Economy. We still want jobs even if we know wages will never keep pace with the cost of education and housing.	9/17/2020 11:40 AM
6	Police reform, racial justice, environmental protections.	9/17/2020 8:18 AM
7	Jobs, removing homeless drug users from the streets, law enforcement	9/17/2020 7:22 AM
8	Environmental protections, racial justice, immigrant rights ALSO because they are immediate threats to people's physical well-being.	9/16/2020 9:56 PM
9	N/A	9/16/2020 9:08 PM
10	Housing, high rent, homelessness	9/16/2020 6:30 PM
11	In Santa Barbara, the stark contrast between classes can be seen. Homeless individuals line State Street while only a few miles away, the huge Clark Estate has sat empty for over 50 years. Our city needs to do more for our low-income and homeless residents.	9/16/2020 2:28 PM
12	affordable housing - people can't afford to live here	9/16/2020 12:47 PM
13	State Street and Homeless issue	9/16/2020 12:35 PM
14	Same as above	9/16/2020 12:10 PM
15	Free drugs/needles to addicts needs to stop. Homelessness is out of control (if you give a mouse a cookie, he's gonna ask for a glass of milk). Crime has gotten out of control	9/16/2020 12:00 PM
16	Public safety, reopening, rebuilding the local economy	9/16/2020 11:48 AM
17	Homelessness. I may leave Santa Barbara due to the homeless issue.	9/16/2020 11:28 AM
18	Health Care, it is important that my family members be able to get quality medical care, particularly now with Coronavirus.	9/16/2020 11:10 AM
19	Racial equality, housing costs, job availability,	9/16/2020 10:51 AM
20	Kids need to go back to school so that parents can return to work. Working parents struggle to find childcare and educate their children at home. I don't have any kids yet, but have so many friends that do and see their struggle. Also - the cost of rent in this town is astronomical. If there was a way to help increase wages to help with cost of living that would be great.	9/16/2020 10:45 AM
21	Reviving State St., addressing homelessness (not pushing them somewhere else), and affordable housing.	9/16/2020 10:38 AM
22	Housing, climate change, racial justice	9/16/2020 10:37 AM
23	HOUSING! It is ridiculously expensive to live in the area and difficult to save money towards a house while renting at such high rates.	9/16/2020 10:15 AM
24	COVID-public safety, jobs, immigrant rights	9/16/2020 10:13 AM
25	N/a	9/16/2020 10:06 AM
26	Racial inequality, police brutality, access to healthcare	9/16/2020 10:05 AM

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27	increased local covid testing, more county environmental measures, more initiative to fund BLM resources for our community, also ban leaf blowers 2020	9/16/2020 10:00 AM
28	Same as above	9/16/2020 9:49 AM
29	Racial Equality, Rent Control	9/16/2020 9:07 AM
30	N/A	9/16/2020 8:52 AM
31	Re-opening the economy, 2) affordable housing, 3) infrastructure improvements (better roads)	9/16/2020 8:42 AM
32	Police reform, economy, health care	9/16/2020 8:35 AM
33	education, rent, Healthcare	9/16/2020 8:15 AM
34	having local government actually care about local citizens needs. stop raising tax, stop ignoring problems, stop allowing pot growth, stop pushing problems onto us	9/16/2020 7:26 AM
35	Cannabis because it's an herb and should be legalized and destigmatized, housing because my husband and I are both public servants in this community yet can't afford to live comfortably or well here, schools because white flight is stark and there shouldn't be haves and have nots in a community we all benefit and live.	9/16/2020 7:26 AM
36	Housing, jobs, homelessness	9/16/2020 6:21 AM
37	economy-health-environment	9/16/2020 6:16 AM
38	Housing for homeless	9/16/2020 6:13 AM
39	Jobs, getting homeless people off our streets, and wildfire mitigation	9/16/2020 5:44 AM
40	Homelessness, sluggish economy, lack of culture: everything about Santa Barbara is stagnant and empty because the city caters to wealthier individuals. Difficult for young, middle class, people to establish themselves	9/16/2020 3:39 AM
41	Water	9/15/2020 10:53 PM
42	Affordable housing	9/15/2020 10:38 PM
43	Environmental protection, funding schools, prison reform	9/15/2020 10:35 PM
44	Homelessness, education. It's no surprise that SB has struggled with homelessness for years. Although there is a lot we've done, we have a long way to go. As for education, it's also no surprise SB is a predominantly white and wealthy city. I went through both the private and public school system in SB and realize how much I didn't learn and still don't know as an adult.	9/15/2020 9:29 PM
45	Lack of quality and affordable housing, lack of political will to support more housing	9/15/2020 9:18 PM
46	Environment, education, housing. Housing in Santa Barbara is not affordable. Even for working people.	9/15/2020 8:31 PM
47	Affordable housing and an actual living wage. It's prohibitively expensive to live in Santa Barbara. If people could make an actual living without having to work 2-3 jobs it would be a great place to live. Nobody should have to spend 60-70% of their income on rent alone. It's a disgrace.	9/15/2020 7:54 PM
48	Healthcare providers, public safety. Healthcare providers is currently most important to me. I have not had a primary care physician in over 2 years. I have insurance, but none of the doctors covered in Santa Barbara are taking new patients and it's made it extremely difficult.	9/15/2020 7:50 PM
49	Homelessness, mental health, urban development	9/15/2020 7:27 PM
50	Homelessness, Police Reform, Environmental protections. There's not enough space to explain just how frustrated I am with the city failing to protect our most vulnerable populations.	9/15/2020 5:52 PM
51	environmental protections, immigrant rights, and housing	9/15/2020 3:54 PM
52	Housing is important to me because there's not enough low-income housing. My older brother has a full-time job and can't afford to move out of our parents' house. Homelessness is an important issue because Santa Barbara County has a habit of covering up the homeless	9/15/2020 3:44 PM

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problem instead of trying to actually help people. There need to be more homeless shelters and accessible programs to help people get back on their feet.

53	Environmental Protection, Racial Justice, Housing	9/15/2020 3:20 PM
54	Keep local businesses and keep out big corporate companies	9/15/2020 2:29 PM
55	Homelessness. We must figure out a solution to the many homeless that panhandle on the street. While most mostly stick to themselves some get aggressive and create safety issues	9/15/2020 12:20 PM
56	Housing in SB costs way too much for low to middle class (the working class) to afford; and Santa Barbara SO needs to work on supporting racial justice work, community-building, homelessness, and bolstering up community resources.	9/15/2020 11:13 AM
57	Immigration, coronavirus, Trump	9/15/2020 10:46 AM
58	Housing/lack of and affordability, Local jobs/economy, environmental protection	9/15/2020 10:36 AM
59	Housing - rent is too high and residential property for purchase is too sparse. Oil projects - oil companies are willing to destroy our beautiful home so they can needlessly extract and transport more oil from the offshore platforms, Cat Canyon, etc.	9/15/2020 10:31 AM
60	Lower taxes and efficient use of existing revenues.	9/15/2020 10:19 AM
61	College students & COVID (as someone who attends SBCC and has grown up here all my life, it angers me to see college students on the Mesa and in IV having large gatherings, not wearing masks, and having really no enforcement. They do not have older relatives here and do not seem to care about Santa Barbara's health at large).	9/15/2020 9:55 AM
62	Climate change- getting rid of single use plastic. I am so disheartened by all the plastic on the beach and in the water.	9/15/2020 9:35 AM
63	Economy/local business. I want to see local businesses thriving through community support and not dependent on tourist driven revenue.	9/15/2020 9:11 AM
64	Environmental, education, health care	9/15/2020 9:09 AM
65	Affordable housing, police reform, homelessness	9/15/2020 9:06 AM
66	state street (we need to stimulate local businesses), schools (administrators are overpaid and as someone who has gone through them i can tell you taxpayers are not getting their moneys worth)	9/15/2020 9:06 AM
67	Small business Economy. Education. Public safety.	9/15/2020 8:00 AM
68	racial justice, schools, public safety	9/15/2020 7:15 AM
69	Local fiber optic/broadband competitors, homelessness, reforming rules around AirBNB	9/15/2020 6:47 AM
70	Taxes,inflation, homelessness.	9/15/2020 1:19 AM
71	Housing, public/alternative transportation infrastructure, schools. These issues are connected to the national issues but are particularly problematic here.	9/15/2020 1:18 AM
72	Opening economy, rehabbing parks, homeless encampments	9/15/2020 12:01 AM
73	Social and racial inequality. Homelessness.	9/14/2020 11:51 PM
74	Racial and representation, income disparity, education	9/14/2020 11:13 PM
75	public safety, police reform, racial justice. Public. Safety because it should be a hot issue with everyone. The community needs to realize that public safety is the responsibility of everyone. But most importantly public safety policies affect public safety employees and how they do their jobs. Which leads me to police reform. Police reform because everyday men and women put on their uniforms to protect the community from bad people. And in a time where law enforcement has become an acceptable target for blame and hatred, those men and women still go do their jobs to make sure protestors and rioters can continue to hate them. What really needs to happen is everyone should realize that law enforcement is a valuable community resource to keep everyone safe regardless of gender, race, serial orientation, age, political affiliation. Law enforcement across the sand country trained well, bit to ask that budgets be cut and that departments/ agencies hire more "educated" candies is unreasonable. A more "educated" candidate costs more to hire and train than the candidate who can actually engage	9/14/2020 10:59 PM

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with the community. Finally racial justice because honestly its both sides blaming each other for the failings of each other. And that accountability for past racial injustices should be on every white person is not reasonable. It makes no sense that racial just is wanted when both sides wont agree to see each others views only to want the other to accept they're wrong; when in reality, the focus is on blaming anyone that fits the bill.

76	Covid 19, economy, safety	9/14/2020 10:35 PM
77	Affordable housing, police reform, homelessness	9/14/2020 8:38 PM
78	Housing and rental prices, state street, and homelessness. Housing prices and homelessness goes hand in hand. State street is a byproduct of unreasonably high rental prices and pushes the best people and shops out of Santa Barbara. It will make this community better if those things are fixed.	9/14/2020 7:51 PM
79	Economy, housing, environment	9/14/2020 7:35 PM
80	Social inequities, education, housing	9/14/2020 7:34 PM
81	Economy, homelessness, reopening schools	9/14/2020 7:15 PM
82	Housing, jobs, biking infrastructure	9/14/2020 7:10 PM
83	Housing, public transportation and education	9/14/2020 6:53 PM
84	Homeless- this is out of control in Santa Barbara and ruining the town. State street because it used to be so amazing to walk and now i am afraid to walk down there.	9/14/2020 6:46 PM
85	Crime, it has become so terrible in north county	9/14/2020 6:37 PM
86	Making housing affordable as it's likely ill never be able to afford a home	9/14/2020 5:53 PM
87	Taxes (stop taxing us!), immigration (The central coast is being over run by criminal immigrants! All you have to do is go to the court & look at the new cases), schools (indoctrination of students)	9/14/2020 5:33 PM
88	Housing security, environmental stewardship, and immigrant rights are all important to me because I love this land and this community and caring for them will lift up every one of us.	9/14/2020 5:26 PM
89	#1 local issue is access to housing. Yes, we live in a finite environment with only so much land - however our local planning and zoning department is severely out of touch with the rest of the world. They want to keep our "cute" town the way it is but they are just holding us back from progress. Property values will be maintained if we add more housing, supply and demand does not apply here, this has been proven many times. The average house for sale is on the market less than two weeks. We can afford to increase supply and we need to in order to solve issue #2.. HOMELESSNESS I mean seriously how is this still a problem? we have enough money in this town to house every single person but capitalism dictates that he with the biggest stick gets to beat everyone with it. Issue #3 should be state street revitalization. If keeping our "cute" town cute is the priority then state street should be at the top of the list for city council.	9/14/2020 5:20 PM
90	Offshore oil, land development, renewable energy	9/14/2020 5:19 PM
91	Homelessness (they are our brothers and sisters), State Street (Backbone of local economy and major employer), Housing (I have friends who struggle to live in the city they grew up in)	9/14/2020 5:13 PM
92	schools, fire mitigation, and economy	9/14/2020 5:10 PM
93	Schools (I am a teacher in SBUSD), Housing (I'm trying to live here on a teacher's salary)	9/14/2020 5:07 PM
94	1. Environmental protections because our climate is already changing and all of our livelihoods depend on it. 2. Police reform because the SB County police office does not adequately protect citizens of all races and funds should be reallocated to health care professionals who can respond to issues instead of the police. 3. Public safety due to fires, COVID-19, racial injustice, and climate change.	9/14/2020 2:43 PM
95	101 traffic, affordable housing, lousy schools	9/14/2020 2:14 PM
96	housing, jobs, coronavirus	9/14/2020 1:21 PM
97	Issue named in #30; need for more low cost housing; better pay for teachers	9/14/2020 1:18 PM

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98	Permitting / Zoning - every single small business I talk to speaks about how impossible our city is to deal with. How hard the process is, how long it takes, the inconsistencies, and ultimately money it costs. This is horrible. Make it easy for small business. State street - make it a permanent promenade.	9/14/2020 1:10 PM
99	Homelessness, racial justice and environmental protections. I believe that is in incredibly important for people of any color, background, and story to receive equal opportunities to housing. Once we address homelessness, we can push for education and eventually the income issue will be handled. As I spoke about earlier, the racial justice issue must be addressed because the black population in Santa Barbara county is only 2% which leads to a minority mindset and racial injustice. Lastly, environmental protection is extremely important to me because by starting in one location, such as SB, we are making a difference in the climate and working towards a broader environmental protection throughout America.	9/14/2020 11:52 AM
100	taxes homelessness. infrastructure	9/14/2020 11:24 AM
101	Homelessness, racial injustice, environmental	9/14/2020 11:08 AM
102	Jobs, affordable housing, Lompoc revitalization. Santa Barbara is an extremely expensive region to live with inadequate job opportunities paying true, livable wages for those who sustain the region's luxury resorts, dining, and tourism industries (even pre-pandemic). As someone who moved to Lompoc to seek more affordable housing and relocated my job because I could not afford Santa Barbara and could not continue to commute, I would like to see other areas of Santa Barbara County flourish. So much focus is placed on the city of Santa Barbara, while there are other communities working for change and revitalization.	9/14/2020 10:11 AM
103	environment, education, housing	9/14/2020 10:10 AM
104	housing and immigrant rights. White people in Santa Barbara like to think that they're not racist but they perform microaggressions all the time. Even people of color that have been here long enough do it. Also, it is absolutely ridiculous that as a young professional I can only afford a 1 bedroom in IV because of how insane rent costs are. Newsflash: I don't want to live with roommates my entire life.	9/14/2020 9:55 AM
105	NA	9/14/2020 8:39 AM
106	climate change, revitalising State street/support of small businesses, COVID-19	9/14/2020 8:20 AM
107	Economy, Liberal bias of Press, Community Safety	9/14/2020 3:34 AM
108	BLM: Santa Barbara is not immune to the systemic harassment, violence, and racism against the BIPOC community. Rent stabilization: 60% of Santa Barbara rents pay more than 30% of their take-home income on rent. Inadequate funding for public schools and community programs: unjust taxation policies, such as Prop 13, from the 1970s have left school and community programs almost entirely dependent on fundraising rather than program outreach and support in the community.	9/13/2020 8:49 PM
109	Defunding police, climate change, corporate taxes	9/13/2020 12:40 PM
110	Housing, schools, public transportation	9/13/2020 11:10 AM
111	Housing and income equality, as a teacher I see the large disparity of access to resources amongst my students. Sexual violence against women, as someone who lived in IV, I think sexual violence is something that needs to be talked about as a major issue in our area. Racial justice, if as a pretty liberal city even we can't get this right that makes me wonder how we will ever do it as a nation.	9/13/2020 11:06 AM
112	Housing, good k-12 schools, help small businesses survive pandemic	9/13/2020 9:34 AM
113	Police reform and defunding the police. We need to rethink how we police our community in order to SERVE that community. Mental illness and the healthcare available for it. It's unbelievable that an affluent community like SB doesn't have adequate facilities and beds for mental health patients. Homelessness. There are far too many people experiencing homelessness in our community, fair housing and mental healthcare are paramount.	9/13/2020 6:46 AM
114	Coronavirus is wrecking our local economy. Get the data straight and handle this situation.	9/12/2020 11:27 PM
115	Environmental care, homelessness	9/12/2020 9:38 PM
116	Housing crisis, crime, government incompetence	9/12/2020 9:27 PM

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117	housing and homelessness	9/12/2020 8:27 PM
118	Police reform, affordable housing, elementary education	9/12/2020 7:54 PM
119	Significantly cutting the local police budget and redistributing the funds to social services and implementing rent control	9/12/2020 6:10 PM
120	Small business, homeless people. Our city should be doing everything in their power to empire small businesses and lift regulations on them. Commercial vans are common place and the city requires a permit for them. Silly regulations like this are pointless and make it more difficult to do business. The number of homeless people in our area seem to be increasing as well as the leniency with them. They litter all over the place and have recently started many fires in our area which fortunately have been taken care of before it became a large fire.	9/12/2020 4:24 PM
121	affordable housing, climate change adaptation, promoting veganism	9/12/2020 4:12 PM
122	Education, increase funding	9/12/2020 3:25 PM
123	1. Defunding the police because Santa Barbara does not need a police force at all. 2. Homelessness because there is such a large unhoused population here, plus we are in the top 3 most expensive housing markets. 3. Immigration because undocumented immigrants make up a huge portion of our workforce but do not have the protections in place to safely raise their families.	9/12/2020 3:00 PM
124	Ending lockdown	9/12/2020 1:38 PM
125	Do not defund the police. You need to open everything up to help state street and boost jobs.	9/12/2020 1:09 PM
126	In order: Climate and environmental issues, homelessness and housing, and education. Climate and environmental issues come first for the same reason I mention above, and because local efforts matter just as much as national efforts and, in some cases, can help national efforts come to fruition (additionally, SB County is one of the fastest-warming counties in the lower 48, largely due to transportation emissions, which are within our local power to change). Next comes housing and homelessness, which has been an issue in SB in particular for as long as I can remember. Housing is super expensive in SB, leaving many people homeless and forcing others to find housing elsewhere and commute to work in SB, increasing the aforementioned transportation emissions that are warming our county so rapidly. We need cheaper, and also denser, housing to fix this. Next comes education, in particular increased focus on educational resources benefiting first-gen children of immigrants, of which there are many in the North County especially. This is one of the surest ways to make sure these groups feel welcome in our county and to make sure their children have the same opportunities for upward mobility available to a family that's been here for several generations.	9/12/2020 11:32 AM
127	FIRES: I don't want my home to burn up; Police Reform: we're not perfect either; small business growth: so many unemployed and so many businesses are empty	9/12/2020 8:01 AM
128	Climate change, environmental protections, homelessness	9/12/2020 7:41 AM
129	Keeping State Street as a promenade, but also safe during covid-19 by strictly enforcing masks.	9/12/2020 2:48 AM
130	Cannabis because a huge reason why the city allowed cannabis in the first place was for taxes. Now we aren't getting nearly the tax revenue that we should because of oversights and mismanagement. State Street should be a permanent walk street and businesses should pay rent to the city for the additional space. Local job growth because Santa Barbara needs to become a place where people of all ages can live and grow a family. I personally plan to leave Santa Barbara because looking forward m, even with a good paying job, I will never afford to buy into the market here.	9/12/2020 12:14 AM
131	Maintaining our tourist appeal/revenue base, Maintaining good schools, and building higher density housing while retaining local character	9/11/2020 9:14 PM
132	Clean out homeless camps	9/11/2020 9:02 PM
133	Housing and homelessness because housing solves homelessness and is key to creating an inclusive and diverse community.	9/11/2020 6:49 PM
134	Housing - we need to provide affordable housing for middle class families to thrive and stay in SB. Homelessness - the epidemic is heartbreaking and basic human decency demands we	9/11/2020 6:44 PM

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find a better way to help our most vulnerable. Small business support - downtown has priced out large and small businesses alike with no plan for changing that, no support to help businesses survive this pandemic is an atrocity.

135	Affordable housing, homelessness, downtown revitalization. The homeless are all over and make our town a crappy place to live. There is no affordable housing and almost no new housing being created. Downtown State Street is half empty and it sucks to walk around down there.	9/11/2020 6:20 PM
136	Defunding the SBPD, stopping gentrification of Milpas, and better tenant protections/more affordable housing	9/11/2020 5:00 PM
137	Homelessness, affordable housing and rent prices for businesses and residential. These are important because Santa Barbara is too expensive for the average person. Locals are being forced out	9/11/2020 4:45 PM
138	educations, housing, jobs	9/11/2020 4:41 PM
139	Public Safety, Police Reform, Homelessness	9/11/2020 4:35 PM
140	Job opportunities - I currently am employed but if that changes it will be hard for me to stay here. Environmental protections: keep Santa Barbara beautiful, that's what keeps it great. This is related to housing, everyone knows that housing downtown is outdated and run down but they charge insane prices anyway. Wish rental housing would be updated with things like solar power and low flush toilets, adequate insulation, trees and green space around them to help keep it cool.	9/11/2020 2:48 PM
141	as a newcomer to Santa Barbara, i am not well versed on local issues	9/11/2020 2:46 PM
142	Homelessness and housing are very important, because we have such a large homeless population here.	9/11/2020 2:30 PM
143	Jobs - support local economy and middle class	9/11/2020 2:24 PM
144	Education, immigration, and homelessness are the most important to me because these are the areas in which I believe SB lacks focus and reform. We need to address the large homeless population with viable solutions such as more alternate housing options, reform our school systems which are significantly behind the times, and make sure that all our community members are safe and have equal opportunities.	9/11/2020 1:52 PM
145	racists painting swastikas on buildings, Karens, and asshole police	9/11/2020 1:51 PM
146	Police abolition, Environmental protections, and immigration	9/11/2020 1:45 PM
147	Oil exploration and transportation, environmental conservation and wildfire prevention, lack of affordable housing	9/11/2020 1:38 PM
148	Housing, Homelessness, Beach Protections	9/11/2020 1:14 PM
149	Environment, Education, Housing Equality	9/11/2020 1:11 PM
150	housing, education, police reform. Housing and education are two issues that are causing a lot of disparity in the community at the moment. Police in this town will not change without community pressure.	9/11/2020 1:01 PM
151	Housing/homelessness, environmental impact, and racial justice. That's where I see SB needing to improve the most.	9/11/2020 12:43 PM
152	Housing, job opportunities and environmental protection. Housing is a huge issue in SB and it influences the ability for younger people to live here.	9/11/2020 12:27 PM
153	Affordable housing and livable wages because more and more locals are getting pushed out and diversity is going down as the wealth gap is increasing. Decolonization efforts and Chumash representation on all levels, land back as well. Because we are occupying this land and it's the only right thing to step back and decolonize. Anti-racist work and full empowerment for BIPOC communities because must no longer uphold white supremacy.	9/11/2020 12:08 PM
154	Homelessness, Housing, Immigration. The amount of homeless people living in the downtown areas and in bushes make it dangerous for me and other young women to be out by ourselves enjoying Santa Barbara. Housing prices are getting extremely pricey, as a 20 year old I have 2 jobs on top of being a full time student to afford my rent.	9/11/2020 11:49 AM

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155	Renewable energy, rain water harvesting And sequestration in the soil, and affordable housing. Santa barbara needs to because a water wise communitiy, build bike infrastructure that is actually safe, and protect the diversity of our community by ensuring affordable housing, hopefully innovating earthquake safe reinforced adobe buildings.	9/11/2020 11:48 AM
156	Defunding the Santa Barbara police department, specifically the gang unit, because focusing on the symptoms of gang activity rather than its causes like poverty simply imprisons young men of color and sets them up for failure. Keeping ICE out of Santa Barbara is a major issue for me because legal immigration is a 20 plus year process and it is unfair to ruin people's chances at a better life simply because they were suffering too much to wait that long. Finally I think after school programs need more funding, because if children are occupied after school they have less time to do things that will negatively impact their futures or our community and can give people productive skills or interests if implemented correctly.	9/11/2020 11:33 AM
157	Affordable housing- as a renter paying more than \$2k for a 'nice' apartment or \$4k for a 'decent' home is unsustainable, especially when factoring in the huge deposit requirements; 2- social inequalities, especially for low income distance learners, 3-the monopoly from Cottage and now Sansum, by having only one hospital provider it takes away the right to chose where to go and where to birth, the VBAC ban needs to go!	9/11/2020 11:27 AM
158	Housing Education Health	9/11/2020 11:11 AM
159	Homelessness, income inequality, education	9/11/2020 11:11 AM
160	Affordable housing, changing how long landlords can write off taxes for vacant commercial spaces, commercial rental costs are too high	9/11/2020 10:46 AM
161	1. Defund the police. 2. Create more support programs for communities that need to extra support. 3. Work on improving local transportation so that there are less cars on the road and less emissions put out.	9/11/2020 10:28 AM
162	Housing, as rent is wildly out of control even - we need more resources for low income families to survive the COL in this area. The corrupt landlords who would rather their lots on State stay empty for 5 years instead of lowering rent and fostering a relationship with local businesses. Creating more space for POC communities (Chumash and Black folks) to support and celebrate their heritage, versus the colonial-inspired holidays we celebrate (like Fiesta) - more accurate historic landmarks and celebrations	9/11/2020 10:10 AM
163	Housing - we need more affordable rental stock and wealthy homeowners should pay more taxes,	9/11/2020 10:00 AM
164	Housing-its astronomical and not affordable for most, homelessness- we treat our homeless like absolute shit. Bringing back defunded education programs such as the arts/music/home ec./drivers ed	9/11/2020 9:29 AM
165	I live in Los Angeles now so I'm not aware of all the issues in SB. I would say education and housing are probably important issues everywhere.	9/11/2020 9:24 AM
166	Housing, Homelessness, Police Reform. These are all related and I believe the most critical for SB.	9/11/2020 9:03 AM
167	Housing/rental market, state st (it should be permanently made into a promenade), income inequality	9/11/2020 8:12 AM
168	Homelessness, More housing,	9/11/2020 7:33 AM
169	Public school education, housing/food equity, and environmentally friendly cities	9/11/2020 7:25 AM
170	Homelessness, social justice, and environmental regulations - I want the Santa Barbara I grew up in to be even better for my kids and grandkids	9/11/2020 7:23 AM
171	; Unregulated cannibus production and distribution, the cost of living in Santa Barbara and the over reach of entities such as the Coastal Commission	9/11/2020 7:21 AM
172	Homelessness because we should be taking care of the people in our city. Housing because everyone should be able to afford a decent place to live. Police reform because we should be caring for people instead of policing them.	9/11/2020 7:09 AM
173	Affordable housing	9/11/2020 7:03 AM

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174	Environment - we are prone to many environmental impacts in SB - sea level rise and extreme weather, friends and wildfires. Homelessness - SB has an infamous homeless population and it hasn't changed. I would love to see these people get help they want and need. State street - make it permanently pedestrian! Better for the economy, better for human physical and mental health, better for all regards.	9/11/2020 1:48 AM
175	Not restricting the freedom of the citizens and respecting private property rights.	9/11/2020 1:12 AM
176	1) coronavirus - especially in terms of equity among different sectors of our community. Why should rich white people be doing so much better than the Latino community? 2) police reform - more action is needed to ensure our police are not causing undue harm to our black and brown neighbors.	9/11/2020 1:12 AM
177	Covid19 - all consuming, jobs/income - many people out of work and can't provide/pay rent, integrity of city/council officials - many are entrenched in party lines instead of doing what is best for the community we need people who put the needs of the community above their party's orthodoxy.	9/10/2020 11:33 PM
178	Racial disparities, covid-19 and immigrant communities, education equity	9/10/2020 11:22 PM
179	Opening business, entertainment choices, schooling	9/10/2020 11:17 PM
180	Coronavirus. People are so bad at following the rules. and homelessness, with the amount of money in Santa Barbara there should be no homeless. Tear down the giant montecito mansions and give them to those in need	9/10/2020 11:03 PM
181	I think homelessness is hugely important here because there are successful programs in this state but Santa Barbara seems to be reluctant to do the work to implement successful policies here on a wide scale, yet everyone complains about the homeless problem.	9/10/2020 10:23 PM
182	Racial justice and police reform; supporting the local antiracism efforts in the SB community	9/10/2020 10:15 PM
183	Housing affordability, and local job opportunities with adequate pay. Santa Barbara has a huge dichotomy between the working lower class and the upper class. Many people struggle to find viable housing options and jobs that pay enough to cover basic expenses.	9/10/2020 10:12 PM
184	Police reform, homelessness, local economy	9/10/2020 10:10 PM
185	Housing, immigrant rights, racial justice	9/10/2020 9:48 PM
186	Cannabis, homelessness, and racial justice because they are big issues in the local community.	9/10/2020 9:47 PM
187	Education - poor public school ratings. Housing - lack of it. Minimum wage - working population lifestyle improvements.	9/10/2020 9:33 PM
188	1. Climate change - this is not a "national/local" issue. Impact begins at the lowest level; 2. social justice - this is not a national only issue. impact begins at the lowest level.; 3. homelessness - start treating people like people and stop NIMBYism.	9/10/2020 9:26 PM
189	Homelessness, defunding and demilitarizing SBPD, environmental protections	9/10/2020 9:25 PM
190	Keeping rent affordable specifically for locals, preserving the environment and open space, and expanding current mental health crisis response team and redirect funds from police	9/10/2020 9:13 PM
191	State Street; this is a stepping stone toward a more vibrant and local SB economy.	9/10/2020 9:08 PM
192	HOUSING HOUSING HOUSING. I cannot afford to live here but I have to for my graduate education.	9/10/2020 9:07 PM
193	Chumash culture acknowledgement and education, SB needs new blood and millennials in office to revamp and give new ideas, initiatives for small business owners	9/10/2020 9:03 PM
194	Housing, Police reforms, Jobs	9/10/2020 8:48 PM
195	Housing, Green Jobs (community wealth/equity), Public Health (including the public health emergency of systemic racism), all of these issues are interconnected, we needed real systemic change now.	9/10/2020 8:41 PM
196	Homelessness, public safety, stopping the mishandling of taxpayer dollars	9/10/2020 8:39 PM
197	Police reform, environmental protections, and racial justice. Again, I don't like people not	9/10/2020 8:27 PM

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treating the environment properly and I want to see plastic bag bans all over. I also want reforms for the police because any other job would be in jeopardy if all those people died from their mistakes. That leads to racial justice and how people need to start treating everyone equally. And also to stop killing Black and Latino citizens.

198	Education and the desegregating of our schools. Santa Barbara schools are incredibly segregated and because of this, resources are not equitable amongst the public schools. Schools also need more funding. And Fair Education, a white supremacist organization, needs to stop harassing SBUSD about their ethnicity studies program and their partnership with Just Communities (a fantastic curriculum that teaches students about racial bias, systemic racism, and empathy - something I didn't learn about until I was an adult.) Homelessness is another important issue. We need more programs to support houseless individuals, especially those with mental illness.	9/10/2020 8:26 PM
199	Environmental policy, Santa Barbara is a major city that sets a precedent to others in California and can catalyze meaningful change	9/10/2020 8:22 PM
200	Environmental protections because they ply a big role in the direct area around us, school/education because that shapes the opportunities for the future, and housing especially living in sb where it becomes harder and harder each year to find an affordable and still private space to live	9/10/2020 7:54 PM
201	Hwy 101 Lane & Train	9/10/2020 7:52 PM
202	Police reform, housing, environmental issues	9/10/2020 7:52 PM
203	Environment because where we live is beautiful and ecologically important and we need adequate protection against drilling and strong anti-pollution legislation as well as sustainability initiatives like banning single use plastic. Healthcare providers because I am one. Police reform and public safety I would put in the same category, because the police need to be defunded and diversified so that mental health and other social issues are addressed by the people who are actually trained to address it instead of ticketing or pointing a gun at them.	9/10/2020 7:49 PM
204	Same	9/10/2020 7:31 PM
205	Education, environmental protection, racial equality	9/10/2020 7:16 PM
206	Climate change, minimum wage, housing	9/10/2020 7:11 PM
207	Homelessness is a huge disgrace in Santa Barbara. A five year old could look at our society with masses of vacant land and housing and masses of homeless people and figure out the obvious solution. Instead, the homeless are considered a nuisance to be kicked out of wherever they are but given no alternative. This new issue with the Bacara trying to close Haskell's at night is a new disgrace. And I imagine almost all local residents would be against it, but since the capitalists who run the show are for it, they may succeed in taking over our local public beach. This speaks to a larger issue of gentrification and development over nature. The lack of COVID testing is also disgraceful, and blame for this is mostly on the federal government, but also the local and state levels are guilty. Why is it so confusing to figure out how to get a test, and almost all the options require a referral. The only local one open to everyone takes up to 6 days to get results (and a few days to get an appointment), which makes it barely worth it. There is also a rapid test in ventura for anyone that can pay the \$150, so just the rich.	9/10/2020 7:10 PM
208	For SB: wage quality and cost of living - Santa Barbara is a cool place, how can we make it more affordable for more people to live there.	9/10/2020 7:05 PM
209	Police reform, housing, jobs	9/10/2020 6:55 PM
210	Public safety/criminal justice reform, mental health/addiction services, and homelessness. We have a huge problem with homelessness and crime. These issues are rooted in our poor mental health and substance use disorder treatment options. We must tackle the opioid crisis, reform the criminal justice system to rehabilitate those w substance use/mental health issues rather than simply locking them away, and ensure police have necessary resources to interact positively and helpfully with those w substance use/mental illnesses. This is how we can tackle homelessness and crime in our area.	9/10/2020 6:55 PM
211	Education because COVID has ravaged education for the most vulnerable. Police reform because defund them. Immigrant rights because they are humans and a crucial component of our city's economy and community.	9/10/2020 6:47 PM

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212	Police Reform, Criminal Justice reform, Environmental protection	9/10/2020 6:39 PM
213	Police reform, housing, environment	9/10/2020 6:35 PM
214	Housing/rent control- despite the amount of low-wage workers that live here, the rental situation is insane. SB should enact a higher minimum wage than the rest of the state, like San Francisco. Discrimination against the homeless- chasing them off State St., Enacting laws against parking camper vans on certain streets... It's blatant discrimination against some of the most vulnerable people that live in our city. Really, a camper van is the only affordable way to live around here. Development- not showing beach privatization, not allowing our wild areas to be damaged.	9/10/2020 6:33 PM
215	Fossil fuel extraction (want renewables), farmworker protection,, housing access	9/10/2020 6:27 PM
216	1. Natural Disaster response and safety - to protect lives. 2. Belligerent vagrants - I am sick and tired of being threatened every time I walk down State Street. It's getting old. 3. Coronavirus response - preventing further loss of life is important to me.	9/10/2020 6:26 PM
217	Housing, economy, environment. We need to manage SB's growth in a way that is sustainable environmentally, economically and culturally	9/10/2020 6:19 PM
218	housing, jobs, schools	9/10/2020 6:12 PM
219	AFFORDABLE HOUSING... Racial inequality, environmental protection.	9/10/2020 6:02 PM
220	Coronavirus cases because there is an insane amount in the United States and there are many ways to prevent it. Climate change because it is dangerously hot right now to the point random fires are igniting and creating a dangerous atmosphere for everyone. Having school available for everybody because I think it's important for everyone to get a more equal chance to get an education.	9/10/2020 5:53 PM
221	Homelessness, either improve mental health care / drug addiction treatment. If homeless refuse, they must be handled differently.	9/10/2020 5:31 PM
222	Racial justice, police reform, housing affordability	9/10/2020 5:13 PM
223	Homelessness, as I have witnessed, is a dire issue in Isla Vista, and while the community is largely generous and kind, I'd like to work towards more forthcoming solutions.	9/10/2020 4:40 PM
224	homelessness, police reform, schools	9/10/2020 4:34 PM
225	1) homelessness, because SB has a significant homeless population and I think every human deserves a comfortable place to call home. 2) police reform, because I want to live in a city that sets an example for what needs to be done across the country. 3) racial justice, same reason as #2.	9/10/2020 4:28 PM
226	Healthcare, housing, jobs	9/10/2020 4:26 PM
227	Same	9/10/2020 4:22 PM
228	housing/tenants rights/homelessness, environmental justice,	9/10/2020 4:21 PM
229	Police reform bc SBPD sucks, rent control bc landlords suck and the rent is too dang high, income equality and access to education whoops that's 4 but I want all SB residents to have basic rights and humane living conditions cuz duh??	9/10/2020 4:09 PM
230	State Street because rents are too high for businesses to stay in place, environment because Santa Barbara is beautiful place that needs to stay that way, low income housing because the housing market outprices many who are a vital part of our community	9/10/2020 4:00 PM
231	Obvious lack of care for covid protections and keeping things open juuuust on the bare legal minimum to keep getting profits and not just forcing everyone to quarantine until its gone.	9/10/2020 3:49 PM
232	Environmental protections, public safety, schools (recently graduate high school and there are a lot of reform that should be made to the entire educational system, especially the college application process)	9/10/2020 3:43 PM
233	Housing, police reform, environmental justice. Housing needs to stay affordable for students and lower income families in SB. Also police reform and racial justice needs to be focused on at the lower stages of government and build from there.	9/10/2020 3:36 PM

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234	1) police reform. Our police should be held accountable for their actions here in SB 2)Housing. Enough million dollar condos, more affordable housing options for the working class 3)Environmental protections I think sb does an okay job so far with efforts to save the environment	9/10/2020 3:24 PM
235	climate, housing prices, overbuilding	9/10/2020 3:22 PM
236	State street, housing cost, housing availability	9/10/2020 3:03 PM
237	Environmental issues (I.e. wildfires, cliff erosion); taking care of the homeless community and boosting the economy during and after the pandemic. Again I feel these are the issues that are most visible to me when living in the Santa Barbara area and I feel that addressing them will help this already beautiful region thrive even more.	9/10/2020 3:00 PM
238	Livable wages are important to keep up with the ever increasing cost of rent. If rent goes up 5% every year yet wages haven't reflected that at all, we can't possibly continue to serve the elite in town let alone blue and white collar workers. Affordable housing options is the 2nd most important, with many month-to-month rentals sneaking in higher rent rates per year than what's allowed. Homelessness is the 3rd most important issue. For people experiencing homelessness, the restrictions to stay in shelters are illogical. I'd we don't reform the restrictions of how many belongings they can store while at the shelter, we'll continue to have cooking fires in homeless encampments across town.	9/10/2020 2:53 PM
239	Police reform, environmental protection, homelessness- we need to be there for our neighbors (animal and human) and focusing on this will help	9/10/2020 2:48 PM
240	Police reform	9/10/2020 2:37 PM
241	I work in homeless services and rent in Santa Barbara so homelessness and rent prices are a huge issue for me.	9/10/2020 2:33 PM
242	Housing and climate change. I am stressed every day about being unable to live on my own in Santa Barbara. It is impossible for me to afford to live here without being rent burdened even with multiple roommates.	9/10/2020 2:28 PM
243	1. Homelessness. We have a duty to protect everyone in our community, including the homeless. These are humans facing adversities just like the rest of us and we need to offer services to provide basic necessities for these people. It is especially concerning when considering UCSB students who are facing homelessness as well. 2. Environmental protections. Our local community is situated in an environmentally beautiful yet fragile area, it is important that we protect and tend to our wonderful home. 3. Racial Justice. Once we finally fix the racial injustices in our community, so many opportunities for everyone can open up and we can function better together.	9/10/2020 2:16 PM
244	Homelessness, police reform, economic equality	9/10/2020 2:11 PM
245	Housing, Homelessness, Public Safety. Rent in Santa Barbara makes it nearly impossible for young professionals to move into the area and start their career, even more so, when they find housing it is usually below quality and has issues in either the area (crime) or quality (health issues from lack of care). I prefer the term "unhoused" when talking about the community without housing, but there is a major stigma in this city that the unhoused populations deserve the life they currently live, many do not realize the quantity of issues and problems the unhoused community faces when trying to piece their lives together. Many have given up hope on the broken system and found comfort in the community of unhoused because the system just linearly thinks of ways to put them into housing instead of focusing on individual root problems like mental health, inadequate education, and systemic oppression (NIMBY). Public safety should be increased and given a larger platform and funding to address these issues.	9/10/2020 2:10 PM
246	Homelessness; the UC system planning massive layoffs of staff workers; public health: Because we all deserve to live with dignity and safety	9/10/2020 2:09 PM
247	Housing: housing is needed but it seems lime building codes are being ignored what happens to 3 stories max? Also why no encourage green building like solar power. Also these housing complex ideas are being suggested in areas that are already congested with not enough parking for the complex. Cannabis: seems like it is no regulated enough or taxed. New taxes are coming off of it but how are these tax dollars being implemented back in the communities.	9/10/2020 2:00 PM
248	Police reform, Racial justice, Environmental Protections	9/10/2020 1:55 PM

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249	government should try and control what it can control, and not try and be a force of social change. That is not democracy. Thus, I would say that issues like State Street and homelessness are probably 1 and 2.	9/10/2020 1:53 PM
250	Santa Barbara's housing crisis is entirely artificial and solvable with higher density and more affordable housing, both of which are feasible options to lower rent without invasive controls. The job situation is also very important for graduating students who need income. State street should remain closed to traffic so that stores can remain safely open and grow in the future.	9/10/2020 1:53 PM
251	1. Keeping our food local and regenerative and healthy food accessible to all in our community. 2. Providing social programs focusing on providing opportunities for homeless to acquire life skills that help them to become valuable and thriving members of society. 3. Healthcare services available to all without influence of big pharma or insurance.	9/10/2020 1:51 PM
252	Climate change, immigration rights, police reforms	9/10/2020 1:49 PM
253	1. State Street -- we need rent control on the buildings to allow new businesses to open up and have a chance of succeeding; rather than letting State Street die or be inhabited only by businesses that cater to the much wealthier. Mid/ Upper State street has had a growing number of vacant spots in the past 3+ years that is beneficial to nobody. 2. Homelessness / Police Reform - the budget that was released for 2020 and showcased how much of the public's money was going towards the police, let's instead, make sure that money can be put back in the community towards educational programs / bettering our environment, lowering the city's carbon footprint, and communities etc.	9/10/2020 1:46 PM
254	Racial injustice and climate change: these two issues clearly interact. Environmental consciousness should not be divided by privilege, nor should access to other resources.	9/10/2020 1:41 PM
255	racial inequity/police reform, housing costs/access, climate change efforts	9/10/2020 1:37 PM
256	Fire, Fire, and Fire (for obvious reasons),	9/10/2020 1:36 PM
257	Homelessness, education, and police reform.	9/10/2020 1:32 PM
258	Affordable housing, healthcare and environmental protection, because I'm third generation born and raised here and I want to be able to have my own family one day.	9/10/2020 1:32 PM
259	Racial justice, police reform, homelessness	9/10/2020 1:27 PM
260	Homelessness, police reform, and public safety. Police reform needs to happen everywhere so that we stop having trigger-happy police deciding to override due process and kill black individuals at an alarming rate. Homelessness and public safety are important to me because they are both prevalent issues in Isla Vista. There are many homeless in IV and it would be nice if more initiatives were put in place to find them more permanent shelters, jobs, and resources to get back on their feet. Public safety is a big concern in IV as there are constant break-ins and thieves.	9/10/2020 1:26 PM
261	Addressing White supremacy and racial inequality because it is the root of many other issues in our community. More specifically getting Fair Education out of our community and stopping their toxic influence our schools/school board.	9/10/2020 1:25 PM
262	Environmental protections, police reform, and racial justice	9/10/2020 1:25 PM
263	Celebrate local arts more like the ballet company and other performers, stop advertising SB in social media inviting people to come vacation during a pandemic (city cares more about tourist money than the lives of locals)	9/10/2020 1:19 PM
264	Covid response- IV is still a hotspot and the behavior of many students will prevent us from being able to return to candidate	9/10/2020 1:18 PM
265	Homelessness, racial justice, environmental protection	9/10/2020 1:18 PM
266	Affordable Housing, Income Inequality, Economic Revitalization. The vast majority of my peers in this survey's targeted age demographic cannot afford to live here. Downtown Santa Barbara as we know it is dying, and has been for a long time. Santa Barbara is rapidly becoming a city that caters only to tourists and the wealthy, while ignoring the needs of the majority of its citizens (especially young adults, service industry workers, the Hispanic population, and the homeless). The various attempts made by the city to address this problem seem half-hearted and tone deaf.	9/10/2020 1:12 PM

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267	Jobs, economy, affordable housing	9/10/2020 1:06 PM
268	Home and job stability for working class, local efforts to fight climate change, more funding for low income schools and educational programming and child services	9/10/2020 1:06 PM
269	Community services, racial inequality, healthcare access	9/10/2020 1:03 PM
270	Climate Change/Environment, Homelessness, Racial/Economic Inequality	9/10/2020 1:02 PM
271	Racism, Healthcare, environmental protection	9/10/2020 1:01 PM
272	Affordable housing, climate change, inequality	9/10/2020 12:54 PM
273	Natural disaster planning, small businesses, homelessness	9/10/2020 12:52 PM
274	Sex trafficking, crime, jobs/economy	9/10/2020 12:52 PM
275	climate, police abolition, immigration. see above + we need to work with our immigrant community to prevent ICE human rights abuses / abolish ice	9/10/2020 12:51 PM
276	Housing, economic inequality, state street	9/10/2020 12:50 PM
277	Creating more affordable & middle tier housing!!!!!! (That means throwing out the anti-development mindset that the richest in SB continue to cling to). Reducing restrictions and permitting/building code inefficiencies that stifle small businesses and nonprofits.	9/10/2020 12:38 PM
278	Climate change I don't thing banning straws are nearly enough!	9/10/2020 12:38 PM
279	the housing crisis. we need to start helping people experiencing homelessness, and start subsidizing real public housing. public schools. we need to tax the rich and eliminate loopholes with prop 15 to fund schools. climate. we need to create more regulations and taxes to fund programs to help SB become more green.	9/10/2020 12:21 PM
280	Replace liberals/conservatives with socialists, reforming schools to be help disadvantaged students, increase renters' rights.	9/10/2020 12:21 PM
281	Crime (reduction of violent crime rates), State St (keep it pedestrian, i think it will help local businesses), Homelessness (rather, more progessive mental health and drug rehabilitation services)	9/10/2020 12:21 PM
282	Environmental protection (stopping more oil pumping and production in the county), accessible housing (prices are driving out many and add to traffic and carbon emissions), and expanded public transportation.	9/10/2020 12:10 PM
283	Children safe in schools	9/10/2020 12:10 PM
284	Racial injustice, covid-19, schools	9/10/2020 12:08 PM
285	1. Uncontrollable cost of living 2. Homelessness 3. The limits on building. Santa Barbara housing and rent prices are out of control and th city just makes it so difficult for anyone to obtain permits to build. Also, homelessness. I work on state street and it's wrong how many drugged out homeless people there are. Especially during covid the local services have basically abandoned them	9/10/2020 12:02 PM
286	Covid regulations, because LA tourists shouldn't threaten our own safety.	9/10/2020 11:57 AM
287	Police reform, homelessness, and environmental protections. I was very disappointed by the way that the police and mayor handled the police reform protests over the summer. SB has a large homeless population that needs more help than ever amid the pandemic and added financial hardships. Every year, fire season gets worse and I think that we need to readdress how the country prepares for, prevents, and manages the fires.	9/10/2020 11:54 AM
288	Immigration, wealth Gap, Institutional racism	9/10/2020 11:49 AM
289	Just moved here, not sure	9/10/2020 11:47 AM
290	1) Racial Justice, 2) Homelessness, 3) Housing - Like the rest of the country we need to deal with racial inequality. And, homelessness and housing are connected due to differences in income and expenses of living in Santa Barbara. We need to make Santa Barbara a reasonable place to live for all residents, not just the top 0.1% of earners	9/10/2020 11:43 AM
291	affordable housing, defund SBPD and fund social programmes	9/10/2020 11:39 AM

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292	1. Homelessness because it's so apparent 2. COVID because we need to look out for one another 3. Education because this impacts our future	9/10/2020 11:37 AM
293	Corona virus, Racial Inequality, Income Inequality	9/10/2020 11:34 AM
294	Defunding the Police, Removing Deputy Rogers, Equitable enforcement of Coronavirus mandates.	9/10/2020 11:32 AM
295	overcrowding of cities, gentrification, race/class/gender issues	9/10/2020 11:31 AM
296	Healthcare, Immigration, Housing	9/10/2020 11:29 AM
297	Defund SBPD and the sheriff - SB could fund a better social worker program and really put work into addressing our local issues with homelessness and poverty and create a new template policy/city for others to follow. Getting more equal representation wherever possible in local government because it's dominated by white people right now. Stopping drilling and protecting the coast because it's a shit show out there.	9/10/2020 11:23 AM
298	Police reforms, environmental protection, jobs	9/10/2020 11:17 AM
299	Making the town bigger, like bringing in a Walmart or Costco gas station so that we don't have to drive to Oxnard for those things.	9/10/2020 11:13 AM
300	Preserving the local environmental and green space because it's important for our mental and physical health to go outside and be in nature. Food security because there are families, homeless, children who are food insecure and I believe that they need nutrition to be on their feet.	9/10/2020 11:08 AM
301	Same (COVID, climate change, justice)	9/10/2020 11:07 AM
302	Affordable Housing, Cost of Living	9/10/2020 11:01 AM
303	Locally, I would say police reform, housing and schooling are the most important. In the midst of civil unrest there has been lots of information about the police department revealed that was troubling to hear. There needs to be changes made in how much money the department receives, the targeting of people of color, and the sexual assault that takes place in the jails. Moreover, housing is also extremely important to me locally because there is simply no affordable housing in Santa Barbara, therefore forcing former locals, mainly people of color, to move away and commute or pack ten people into a small house. Everyone deserves to live here. Lastly, I want to acknowledge the schools and youth as important too as they're also being heavily policed with regard to police in schools. Moreover, I would like to see students get the ethnic studies education they deserve. I was both policed in school and didn't receive education about my people growing up in Santa Barbara and I would like to see that change for future generations.	9/10/2020 10:52 AM
304	State Street, police reform, homelessness	9/10/2020 10:50 AM
305	rinconskyport.org Uber Air and for SB to be included in the plan and future proof SB and the coastal communities up to Vandenberg and Carbajal initiatives there.	9/10/2020 10:49 AM
306	Housing - as a single person with an advanced degree, I cannot afford to stay in Santa Barbara much longer because rent and housing prices are exorbitant. Imagine how much more difficult it is for people with families or without advanced degrees to make a sustainable life here.	9/10/2020 10:44 AM
307	landlords, racial inequality, gentrification. look at ventura! look at solvang! look at carmel! we could be taking measures so we can still live in a town built on local businesses! we could be taking measures to PROTECT local businesses! Also another big thing for me is why the hell do we not require spanish classes in public schools when half of our community are spanish-speakers?	9/10/2020 10:32 AM
308	Housing availability, keeping small businesses alive (especially helping them to afford rent id they have a brick and Morter location), and ensuring teachers have the support they need to keep educating kids during this crisis	9/10/2020 10:30 AM
309	Affordable housing, help for homelessness, help for locals as Santa Barbara gets more expensive	9/10/2020 10:19 AM
310	Climate change, Jobs, Housing because those are critical to a sustainable and secure future for my and future generations	9/10/2020 10:09 AM

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311	Again, climate change--this is both a national and a local issue, as the wildfires have made clear	9/10/2020 10:08 AM
312	Housing shortages and inflated rent (it stunts the economy and exacerbates inequality);	9/10/2020 9:57 AM
313	Jobs, Immigrant rights, Environmental Protections	9/10/2020 9:48 AM
314	housing, climate change, and homelessness	9/10/2020 9:47 AM
315	Housing, public health	9/10/2020 9:45 AM
316	homelessness and housing - Santa Barbara is not doing enough to support its houseless population	9/10/2020 9:42 AM
317	1. Voting and ELections: I think at the local level we need to start implementing new election policies like ranked choice to move away from bipartisanship. 2. Police Reform: While SB doesn't seem that bad, I have a hard time believing that less patrol cars will mean more crime. 3. Cultural Appropriation: There are a lot of racist white people celebrating the spanish architecture and fiesta, while also keeping in place street names like indio muerto.	9/10/2020 9:42 AM
318	Environmental protection. Income inequity and the economic disparity between rich & poor.	9/10/2020 9:41 AM
319	Affordable housing	9/10/2020 9:27 AM
320	Affordable housing, affordable housing, affordable housing. I can't afford to live here	9/10/2020 9:21 AM
321	Dismantle and Defund the Police, getting all of the trump supporters out of montecito, reparations in the form of Housing, jobs, racial justice.	9/10/2020 9:10 AM
322	Jobs, Housing, & School - These are things that directly impact me right now & are areas I'm most worried about for the future.	9/10/2020 9:02 AM
323	Housing affordability is important to me so that people who are working to keep our community vibrant can actually live here.	9/10/2020 9:00 AM
324	Homelessness, affordable housing and commercial spaces, and environment safety	9/10/2020 8:57 AM
325	Housing, Municipal Fiber, Health Care. The internet is essential now - there is no reason Santa Barbara, as wealthy as it is, should not be in the process of doing municipal fiber.	9/10/2020 8:56 AM
326	Businesses and schools being closed due to Covid. The number of deaths in accordance to covid alone just does not support the number of people losing their businesses, students being out of the classroom, and all the mental illness that has gotten so much worse bcz people can't cope then turn to drugs/alcohol etc.	9/10/2020 8:41 AM
327	Housing, Jobs, racial justice - The inequality in these across our county are important and will stunt the area's ability to really grow in the long run (IMO).	9/10/2020 8:35 AM
328	Rich taking over, housing prices, high taxes	9/10/2020 8:27 AM
329	Environmental Protection and Education	9/10/2020 8:16 AM
330	Homelessness and housing in Santa Barbara are huge issue, we can pretend to be a glorious beautiful city when so many of our citizens have no place to live and minimal access to clean water.	9/10/2020 8:11 AM
331	Schools, housing	9/10/2020 8:05 AM
332	housing-- too expensive for people to live here; schools-- SB Unified is a joke; jobs-- too many people are out of work	9/10/2020 8:00 AM
333	Locally, housing and the environment are my main issues. California needs more housing, especially in places like Santa Barbara that are objectively desirable and could support more people in the relative comfort of coastal weather. Mediterranean climate should not be a wholly unaffordable luxury. I do care deeply about the local environment, though. I support any and all measures to prevent development of new extractive industries, onshore and offshore, including drilling, mining, and logging. (But not wind, to which objections are mostly aesthetic!) I believe that our nearby wilderness is an incredibly valuable treasure that we should seek to expand in size where possible. I vehemently oppose logging on Pine Mountain and Tecuya Ridge.	9/10/2020 7:52 AM
334	Housing and transportation. High costs and lack of decent housing options keep so many people either living super far from their jobs, paying so much for rent that they're always on the	9/10/2020 7:50 AM

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edge, or altogether having to move away. Our region is so dedicated to making people who drive in their cars not feel a bit of discomfort that there's a collective agreement to ignore the smart planning that other cities do to incentivize transit use and make parking a less than breezy option. This also ties back to climate.

335	Housing cost	9/10/2020 7:45 AM
336	Earl warren show ground possibly being sold or closed makes me sad because I love rodeo, covid in the county is an issue that people are still attending places with no masks and IV seriously is just disgusting it needs to be cleaned up or something.	9/10/2020 7:41 AM
337	Housing affordability, managing tourism/density (summer crowds are out of hand), public schools	9/10/2020 7:31 AM
338	Cost of living	9/10/2020 7:23 AM
339	Climate change: this city clearly suffers its consequences and needs to be part of the solution. Housing: it's unaffordable and the market needs to be stabilized, otherwise middle and low income residents are going to be boxed out.	9/10/2020 7:14 AM
340	Jobs are needed businesses need to open. FUND the police! Keep me safe and stop any/all riots.	9/10/2020 7:13 AM
341	Housing, income inequality, education/schools	9/10/2020 7:11 AM
342	Coronavirus and homelessness. Santa Barbara sweeps homelessness under the rug, and hundreds are suffering because of it. I work in a local business on State St., and people are not respecting the mask policies. While tourism is important for the economy of this town, getting our numbers down and keeping people safe should be the priority.	9/10/2020 7:05 AM
343	Homelessness, education and environment	9/10/2020 6:54 AM
344	1. Preserving State Street--core of local culture. 2. Affordable housing--super rich and servers of super rich is not a healthy balance. 3. Equal access to justice--system won't worked if it is rigged. .	9/10/2020 6:48 AM
345	Jobs,	9/10/2020 6:40 AM
346	Housing, Homelessness, Health Care	9/10/2020 6:38 AM
347	Local business survival, fixing homelessness, public safety issues.	9/10/2020 5:58 AM
348	Affordable Housing, Education-Inclusive	9/10/2020 3:37 AM
349	Environmental protections because (much like with the Coronavirus) what we do and don't do now determines the severity of the environmental problems we'll be facing in 10 years, and there must be a coordinated response at all levels of society; organized labor because I'm a local union steward, and I believe that the power to create change lies with the workers; anti-austerity because in every crisis, we are told that we must make do with less while the rich and powerful run away with even more money and power and dictate policies that preserve their money and power rather than the lives and humanity of everyone else	9/10/2020 3:02 AM
350	COVID-19, homelessness, environmental issues	9/10/2020 12:52 AM
351	Controlling the coronavirus spread in the county, economic health of santa barbara small businesses, funding for schools	9/10/2020 12:37 AM
352	Sustainability, Racial equality, housing	9/10/2020 12:06 AM
353	Environmental protections, homelessness, and maybe housing. Environmental protections - lots of reasons, but fire prevention tops the list right now. Homelessness is very visible in my neighborhood. They aren't doing any harm - I just want them to be safe. Housing prices our getting out of hand. I'm worried we'll turn into San Francisco.	9/10/2020 12:04 AM
354	Rent prices, job security/availability, racial justice	9/10/2020 12:01 AM
355	Rising costs, housing costs too high, more housing	9/10/2020 12:00 AM
356	Same as above	9/9/2020 11:58 PM
357	homelessness - golets freeway looks like Skidrow. Crime and disease are factors	9/9/2020 11:53 PM

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358	Homelessness and income inequality, Santa Barbara is home to some of the richest people in the world, why should anyone have to live in the street. Myself and many of my peers can barely afford to live in this city despite doing essential jobs	9/9/2020 11:52 PM
359	Banning new fossil fuel development, halting new construction, protecting wetlands and beaches	9/9/2020 11:48 PM
360	COVID 19 and local policies to keep our community safe; Racial equality because our population is majority latinx and should feel free to speak their mind; and schooling our schools are too divided with Lower and higher income communities with too many differences in even K-12	9/9/2020 11:46 PM
361	Defunding the police department, providing adequate housing for the homeless, ensure that schools reopen safely.	9/9/2020 11:26 PM
362	Income inequality, shortage of affordable housing, racism	9/9/2020 11:20 PM
363	Fires, PG&E/SCE, lack of affordable housing for locals	9/9/2020 11:15 PM
364	economy, police reform, environmental	9/9/2020 11:10 PM
365	Housing prices, forest management, school quality	9/9/2020 11:01 PM
366	NA	9/9/2020 10:15 PM
367	1) Protecting our police and emergency services 2) lack of housing 3) out of control homelessness	9/9/2020 10:05 PM
368	Housing issues!!!	9/9/2020 9:52 PM
369	1. Homelessness, the homeless population is too high and people deserve to have better cleaning facilities to get jobs. 2. Lower rent	9/9/2020 9:39 PM
370	This City needs to build housing - lol the state is going to cram 8,000 units down our throats so we might as well stop lollygagging. Also, the Pandemic has rendered the 1980 jobs/housing report utterly useless. We can no longer do city planning based on jobs per commercial zone square footage. First, retail has changed significantly and second, everyone now works from home (not everyone, but you get it). This City needs to start major infrastructure investments for dealing with climate change (rising sea levels will prove very problematic for our infrastructure). Finally, the City needs to modernize - we don't do anything creative, our sidewalks are crumbling, and State Street is nearly dead.	9/9/2020 9:26 PM
371	The city's handling of the homeless population is upsetting, as well as gentrification	9/9/2020 9:10 PM
372	Bums, bums, reopening the economy	9/9/2020 9:05 PM
373	Housing, homelessness, racial justice	9/9/2020 8:54 PM
374	Prosecution of rioters	9/9/2020 8:53 PM
375	Corona virus- I don't know why it wasn't listed as a local issue in this survey. It is. The actions our local leaders take affect the health and safety of SB residents. I was extremely disappointed with how quickly bars and restaurants were allowed to reopen earlier in the summer. People died because of that.	9/9/2020 8:50 PM
376	Abolish the police, protect the environment, rent control	9/9/2020 8:48 PM
377	Housing, Defund Police, Equitable COVID-19 Recovery	9/9/2020 8:47 PM
378	Coronavirus, Housing	9/9/2020 8:36 PM
379	Affordable housing--The rent in Santa Barbara is too damn high; Homelessness--Because we have a duty to care for our most vulnerable citizens, get them off the streets, and give them the treatment and tools to turn their lives around; and revitalizing downtown/investing in arts and entertainment--because Santa Barbara needs to get its groove back. Make Santa Barbara cool again.	9/9/2020 8:25 PM
380	Education, Police Reform, Affordable Housing. I think education is really important in our community, and giving people better access to it can change lives. I benefitted from the SBCC Promise, and I know what a blessing that has been for people like me as well as others who perhaps wouldn't have been able to afford any higher education at all. I think we need to	9/9/2020 8:23 PM

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redirect money from policing into community programs that will help the same communities that are targeted by police. I think law enforcement needs to stop working with ICE. I think affordable housing is very important too, because as I've grown up, I've watched Santa Barbara and Goleta property values and rents soar. As a 22 year old who hopes to pursue a career in the arts, it is very unlikely that I will be able to afford to live anywhere in my hometown. The more gentrified Santa Barbara becomes, it will have less culture, diversity, and variety in economic class.

381	Unhoused population (“homeless” is a poor term to describe a population—people have a home, it’s Santa Barbara), emergency preparedness, and police reform. I think things are pretty good here but we are failing our unhoused population. I worry about disasters and police response. Your article on that sheriff’s deputy was such necessary journalism; why are we paying these people?	9/9/2020 8:17 PM
382	Housing justice to protect locals and people who live in poverty, are POC. Our community deserves to be able to live here! immigration and farm worker rights, they help keep us fed and keep our Society thriving. There is relatively no protection or regard for the people that are the backbone of our food supply. The deserve respect and protections and living wages.	9/9/2020 8:11 PM
383	Preservation. Quit building over history and above height.	9/9/2020 8:07 PM
384	Climate change, affordable housing, protection of natural areas	9/9/2020 8:06 PM
385	Police reform, maintaining or creating affordable housing and cost of living, ending school segregation	9/9/2020 7:51 PM
386	Economic health, immigration, housing	9/9/2020 7:46 PM
387	Housing & Economy. We need to come up with some creative solutions for more housing. Along with that we need to strategize on economic stability (not necessarily growth) for the future.	9/9/2020 7:41 PM
388	Improve housing accessibility for young adults; public safety; and homelessness in the city. Homelessness seems to be becoming a bigger problem here in SB and these people need help.	9/9/2020 7:37 PM
389	Disaster preparedness, housing affordability, ending fossil fuel extraction	9/9/2020 7:23 PM
390	Debt and budget	9/9/2020 7:22 PM
391	Environmental protections, education, racial justice	9/9/2020 7:17 PM
392	Housing costs are just way too high. Gentrification is an important issue. This city has a strong Latino heritage but the economic disparity is large and noticeable. Let’s live a city where people don’t have to feel like they can’t afford it and need to look for a new home.	9/9/2020 7:15 PM
393	State street, jobs, environmental protections. Need to revitalize local economy and attract new, young families	9/9/2020 7:03 PM
394	Energy resilience, housing cost, jobs	9/9/2020 7:00 PM
395	Beach access, property taxes and landlord protections	9/9/2020 6:58 PM
396	Goleta should remain Goleta and should not be a copy of Santa Barbara. Small businesses that focus on the trades should be allowed to remain. / People should be encouraged to exercise and/or simply be outdoors. Sunlight is a great defense against covid and against illness in general.	9/9/2020 6:48 PM
397	Housing prices	9/9/2020 6:47 PM
398	Wealth inequality, city planning, and public safety. For too long Santa Barbarians have suffered under expensive costs of living and reduction of public services. Not enough has been done to deal with these issues which is why homelessness is growing. The government has failed and there is simply no excuse, it is a one party city. Their incompetence is proof that their political ideology must be disbanded. We need better jobs, we need better wildfire protection, and we need better city planning. Catering to tourists and the elite is why there is such a disparity of inequality.	9/9/2020 6:34 PM
399	Housing and Infrastructure- for too long SB has been a “pull up the ladder” kinda place. The Historic Preservation Committee members belong in a museum.	9/9/2020 6:30 PM

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400	Housing is huge when we are talking about income equality. Owning a home (equity) versus renting a home (expense) can make all the difference to someone's future/current financial status. Environment is big for SB because it attracts tourists and high income earners (higher property values=more tax revenue). We also need to open more trails and provide more thorough maintenance of already existing infrastructure. More people hiking and recreating means more tourists and more people donating to environmental causes, potentially. Education (I don't consider this as being the same as "school" from the earlier multiple choice selections). I would like to see something set up locally that would allow for low-income individuals to receive occupational training or an AA for little to no cost. This would be more of a program to allow people that want help in receiving a degree that allows them to enter a professional field, professional development.	9/9/2020 6:24 PM
401	Affordable housing, homelessness, food insecurity	9/9/2020 6:18 PM
402	wealth inequality, there are two santa barbaras, 1 for the rich and 1 for the immigrant and working class people; housing, the cost of housing is ridiculous in this town and the landlord lobby blocks any potential resolutions	9/9/2020 6:15 PM
403	local economy, coronavirus response, state street	9/9/2020 6:14 PM
404	Economy, State Street, and Homelessness.	9/9/2020 5:53 PM
405	High rent, lack of homeownership, state street businesses	9/9/2020 5:40 PM
406	Racial justice and housing. Both police reform and immigrant rights are directly related to racial justice. Every member of our community equally deserves to feel safe, to feel they belong here, and have the same opportunities available to them as any other community member. Santa Barbara clearly takes pride in its ultra-wealthy residents while it shoves aside its real community. Race and class inequality plague our entire country, but we can take action at the grassroots level. The housing in Santa Barbara is going to continue to push away younger talent who would prefer to live somewhere more affordable. People should be able to live where they work without holding 3 jobs.	9/9/2020 5:26 PM
407	Immigrant rights(I think we have a lot of residents with uncertain/undocumented status, and I want them to have the same access to resources I do- including access to health insurance and health care), police reform (I want an independent review board for SBPD, plus and agreement we will not share resources with other counties/areas who do not have a review board, and also a review board for sheriff's as well), homelessness (I want radical free housing, food and social services for anyone experiencing housing insecurity),	9/9/2020 5:18 PM
408	Climate change, covid19, housing	9/9/2020 4:58 PM
409	Construction, more buildings do not need to be built more than 2 stories high downtown	9/9/2020 4:48 PM
410	Racial justice and economic equality.	9/9/2020 4:38 PM
411	Housing (truly affordable housing so people and families are not displaced from their community), Jobs (a local economy with enough variance to support a wide array of people), Gentrification (it is happening in SB and it would ruin our community)	9/9/2020 4:33 PM
412	Homelessness, corona virus, state street, we must worry about our community and how to better serve them	9/9/2020 4:23 PM
413	Income inequality, housing, and education	9/9/2020 4:13 PM
414	Small businesses, environmental protections, social services	9/9/2020 4:13 PM
415	Getting and keeping people in office who will expand resource access to low income people and poc. Especially in education, where poc are consistently overlooked.	9/9/2020 4:02 PM
416	As stated above, the pandemic. Close everything down. We'll live. Also, we need more affordable housing.	9/9/2020 3:58 PM
417	education, housing, racism due to the inequality, bureaucratic hurdles, and and lack of social justice that can incur as a result of disproportionate access	9/9/2020 3:40 PM
418	Affordable housing shortage. Police reform.	9/9/2020 3:40 PM
419	Lack of Affordable housing (yet more luxury condos being built), higher risk of COVID for under paid essential employees that are largely POC.	9/9/2020 3:15 PM

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420	Racial justice, housing, jobs	9/9/2020 3:15 PM
421	Mental health services. They're prohibitively expensive for many people and the ripple effects are gigantic for public safety, homelessness, etc.	9/9/2020 3:14 PM
422	Emergency Preparedness, infrastructure, education	9/9/2020 3:05 PM
423	The most important local issue to me is affordable housing. If more affordable housing isn't built, more and more folks in SB will be pushed out and it will have huge consequences for this community. Related to this, we need to be housing our houseless population, not criminalizing them or pushing them out. The second most important issue is police reform, including establishing community oversight of the SBPD and reallocating money from the police into other services that would either reduce crime or that are more suited to respond to issues than the police. Lastly, the third most important issue for me is what's happening in local schools. I've been shocked at the backlash to including ethnic studies and comprehensive sex ed as part of local curriculum. These are two programs that I believe help better prepare students for the world and I hope the school district stands firm in their decisions.	9/9/2020 3:00 PM
424	Housing, Homelessness, cost of existence. This city has the fortune of being relatively well off, which means we are more equipped to provide for those that are not. I am very tired of NIMBY policy when it comes to housing and homelessness. And I wish elected representatives would not be bullied by NIMBY constituents. Please note: I am not eligible to vote in the City of Santa Barbara or the City of Goleta. I am part of Noleta, which means the only local representation I have is the county supervisors. This should be criminal as all of the decisions that the cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta make directly affect me and my family. I have no representation or standing to off my opinions as a constituent, but I am still bound by the decisions of these cities. It's not right.	9/9/2020 2:59 PM
425	Housing-it's too expensive Homelessness we have too many that are thugs and are using the system Street Parking- get rid of these people housing renters in their garages, our streets are a mess	9/9/2020 2:53 PM
426	Economy, jobs, housing	9/9/2020 2:52 PM
427	Housing, local impact of climate change, economy	9/9/2020 2:47 PM
428	Climate change, healthcare, homelessness - these are driving inequality even further down.	9/9/2020 2:43 PM
429	Housing (which in my mind is the same as homelessness).	9/9/2020 2:34 PM
430	Lompoc prison center reforms, houseless people support and mental health support, implementing a logical community protection plan that listens to environmental ecologists, environmentalists, and not the forest service who don't listen to science	9/9/2020 2:31 PM
431	NA	9/9/2020 2:30 PM
432	Police Reform, Housing, and Racial Justice	9/9/2020 2:26 PM
433	Affordable housing, police reform, and accessible healthcare. All are barriers to successful living and responsible financial management in Santa Barbara County.	9/9/2020 2:25 PM
434	Climate change, Localizing the economy, and affordable housing.	9/9/2020 2:25 PM
435	Housing costs - my family makes almost 200k but with cost of childcare and rent we will not be able to buy for a long time, downtown,	9/9/2020 2:16 PM
436	Housing, its ridiculously expensive to live here. Climate policy, we can help the environment even at a local level.	9/9/2020 2:14 PM
437	Housing - I've been lucky enough to live in Santa Barbara for most of my life, and would like to continue living here however rising rent costs make it more and more difficult to justify. Homelessness/Police Reform - reducing police funding and putting a greater emphasis on other forms of community support. Environmental Protection - this is a beautiful place to live and I don't want to see it paved over.	9/9/2020 2:11 PM
438	Housing- it is so expensive to live here. And if you can find a normalcy priced apartment it is most likely still over priced for what you are getting. If I ever wanted to buy a house it would have to be out of California. Or in a lesser city in California.	9/9/2020 2:10 PM
439	Housing: SB is hard to afford, especially if I ever want to own a home. Jobs: I'd like to stay	9/9/2020 2:09 PM

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employed and hope others can stay working in our area. Environmental Policy: it's important that we step up protections locally since env protections are being gutted on a federal level.

440	Police Reform, Racial Justice and Immigrant Rights	9/9/2020 2:06 PM
441	Education (I have a young child)	9/9/2020 2:04 PM
442	1. Climate change 2. Affordable housing 3. Defunding the police	9/9/2020 2:03 PM
443	Public safety, education, environment	9/9/2020 1:59 PM
444	Housing, environment, and homelessness. I could put housing down three times, it's that important to me. Young people don't have the income to purchase a house. They say Santa Barbara is for newly weds and retirees. Not sure it's for either now. The city (Goleta included) provide a lot of assistance in retirement or (+55) communities. Everyone else gets new apartments that we can't afford to rent. I can't imagine being a student and having to not rent a room, but just a bed.	9/9/2020 1:58 PM
445	Climate Change (because we have the power to make an impact here in SB), Racial & ethnic inequality (because SB is not exempt from injustices, and has a long way to go to create systematic equality), Cannabis (because why should a natural plant be hard to obtain when alcohol and cigarettes are not, and it has significant economic impacts)	9/9/2020 1:57 PM
446	Severely curtailing rent and providing no-cost public housing for area workers, because rent and housing are the linchpin of our oppression and exploitation in day to day life	9/9/2020 1:55 PM
447	Political reform its starts too to bottom	9/9/2020 1:54 PM
448	Less regulation leading to more jobs, focus on economy and opportunities, tackle homelessness	9/9/2020 1:53 PM
449	housing, police reform, schools	9/9/2020 1:52 PM
450	1) Production of housing and decreasing appeal to the NIMBYs, this is a state/local issue. We need to build more housing, period. Things are improving but not enough. 2) Fundamental change of government approach to public safety and public wellbeing, there is no plan at all for those two things holistically and therefore so much is put on the police; while at the same time the police as an organization are fiscally inefficient with taxpayer money (massive spending on overtime), harbor many issues culture-wise in addressing problems like racial equity/justice, and are ill equipped to deal with many of the actual problems in the community. Thanks to the independent for shedding light on this issue. 3) Huge failure of local and state government (because the failure of the feds is a given and expected under Trump) to properly address the coronavirus pandemic and I could write an essay about that so I'll stop there.	9/9/2020 1:48 PM
451	Economy, jobs creation, and business opportunities. See above.	9/9/2020 1:48 PM
452	Wildfires because of the amount of damage, the blackouts to prevent fires because many of us rely on that power for our work, school, or health, and increasing housing prices/rent since it's going to price most working class families out of the county	9/9/2020 1:48 PM
453	Homeless- get them off the street	9/9/2020 1:45 PM
454	Housing. I commuted to SB for 3 years to work before I was able to afford a place to rent. I have a pretty good job at UCSB and I can still only afford a small studio. Having my boyfriend move in with me has been a huge help but we still struggle to find an affordable rental even with two well paying careers. We hope to buy one day but that process also feels far out of reach. We contribute to this community and would hope we could have property here too. 2) Downtown used to be a lively place with lots of open store fronts. My family used to come from Santa Maria just to spend the day here. Now it's becoming more and more empty. It's sad. 3) Diversity inclusion. Proper representation. I love living on the East side but I worry it's becoming gentrified. I don't want to push out culture and communities of color. This ties back to housing a bit.	9/9/2020 1:45 PM
455	Urban planning, climate change, police reforming	9/9/2020 1:42 PM
456	Infrastructure, environmental protection, income inequality	9/9/2020 1:39 PM
457	Cost of living (my salary's sufficient, but many who work here cannot afford to live here or nearby), Keeping local favorites (i.e. Press Room instead of more expensive housing), lack of	9/9/2020 1:36 PM

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enforcement for COVID-related precautions (e.g. why not fine people who don't wear a mask instead of attempting to educate people who don't believe in being educated?)

458	Renting and housing, better work environments	9/9/2020 1:35 PM
459	Police reform, Homelessness, Housing, because my husband (who's Black) has been stopped by police numerous times and never ticketed, there are so many issues related to Homelessness but we need to take care of our community and not ignore hard problems, and housing is so unaffordable it's not even funny.	9/9/2020 1:34 PM
460	Racial justice, housing, and homelessness	9/9/2020 1:34 PM
461	Housing - ~40,000 students, 30,000 commuters for work, rents too high. This isn't an income problem, landlords are charging too much and giving housing to students instead of local workers. Bums/Cleanliness - Need to keep people off the street, too many reports of stolen bikes and trash left all over town where these people reside. Recreation - Not enough local options (paintball, mountain biking, go carts, etc...).	9/9/2020 1:29 PM
462	1) racial equity 2) housing 3) education	9/9/2020 1:29 PM
463	The needs to be more affordable housing and less worried about protecting rich Baby Boomers property values or even rich Millennial gen Z property values.	9/9/2020 1:28 PM
464	Housing, income inequality, and the climate crisis. Basically the same as above, but Santa Barbara's diversity feels next to none.	9/9/2020 1:26 PM
465	Racial Justice. Wealthy inequity. Political oligarchs.	9/9/2020 1:25 PM
466	Defunding SB police, taking them out of schools, public safety with COVID and beyond, since county has stopped contact tracing with no explanation.	9/9/2020 1:25 PM
467	Local issues I really see here is racism towards us Hispanics. Homeless need homing or help. Better housing for people with financial needs because santa Barbara is a expensive place to live.	9/9/2020 1:24 PM
468	Local economy	9/9/2020 12:51 PM
469	Housing because people should be able to afford to live where they work. Rising sea level because we are a coastal town.	9/9/2020 12:44 PM
470	climate action, affordable housing, diverting funds from police to mental health, education, job programs	9/9/2020 12:24 PM
471	Schools and Environmental Protections.	9/9/2020 11:59 AM
472	Housing, funding schools/services, defunding police. Resources are managed to benefit the upper middle and upper classes in Santa Barbara and because of that the City has lost much of it's workforce, character, and culture. I don't know if I can afford to live here in the future, but if things don't change I don't know why I'd want to stay.	9/9/2020 11:56 AM
473	Local jobs/economy, housing costs and homelessness are the most important to me. It is incredibly difficult to manage the cost of living in Santa Barbara with the local economy and limited job opportunities.	9/9/2020 11:38 AM
474	Access to COVID testing at UCSB and at a local level, road and infrastructure investment in Goleta e.g. more than one internet provider, attracting retail investment into Goleta and SB	9/9/2020 11:27 AM
475	Housing - we need rent control to make sure that landlords can't raise rent at a whim. We need affordable housing not more luxury condos. Economy - we need to stop stifling emerging economies like cannabis that can bring in revenue and good jobs. We need more than tourism to keep this city afloat. Police reform - we need to seriously evaluate and defund our police.	9/9/2020 11:26 AM
476	Jobs, housing, environmental protections	9/9/2020 10:37 AM
477	Environmental protections, racial justice, homelessness	9/9/2020 10:32 AM
478	Affordable Housing; environmental protection; access to organic local food - Housing is impossible to come by. I live in an overpriced apartment with no other option in the city.	9/9/2020 10:21 AM
479	Power of public sector unions dominating local elections; public person short fall; vagrancy destruction of parks and downtown retail	9/9/2020 10:04 AM

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480	Police demilitarization, climate change, community services	9/9/2020 9:57 AM
481	homelessness, state street, economy	9/9/2020 9:52 AM
482	Affordable Housing, Homelessness, Seasonal Worker protections	9/9/2020 9:48 AM
483	COVID-19, Economic Stability, Homelessness. These issues are important to me because COVID-19 is killing people specifically homeless people at an alarming rate and causing a huge downturn in our economy that it will be hard to bounce back from. Santa Barbara is a very service industry based city and seeing these businesses close and friends/family lose their jobs is concerning.	9/9/2020 9:35 AM
484	Law enforcement being ridiculed for doing a great job. Masks should be an option. Open the county!	9/9/2020 9:21 AM
485	Environmental protections, food security, education	9/9/2020 9:20 AM
486	Housing - Like most of California, SB desperately needs to increase its housing stock	9/9/2020 9:18 AM
487	Homelessness, Small business sustainability and safety	9/9/2020 9:15 AM
488	Climate change, homelessness, income inequality. With all the fires we are already seeing this year, anyone who doesn't feel panicked about climate change has their head in the sand. Anyone who doesn't feel extreme shame and anger over California's homelessness crisis is totally heartless. There are more empty homes in this state than there are homeless people and yet more people than ever are sleeping on our streets. The lack of affordable housing in Santa Barbara and throughout California is an immoral travesty that Santa Barbara's wealthy residents need to wake up to. Housing is a human right, and at the very least, the minimum wage needs to be raised so that it allows working people to afford to live in the communities where they work.	9/9/2020 9:10 AM
489	Police reform, housing, and education. Police unions are far too powerful and as a result, police officers and departments don't serve the public. Income inequality contributes to the housing issue but housing can be dealt with at a local level (particularly low income housing, housing for the homeless, and limitations on home ownership).	9/9/2020 9:00 AM
490	Climate change (fires, rising sea levels), wealth disparity (homeless camps vs extreme wealth, local/small businesses struggling to make due), Coronavirus spreading	9/9/2020 8:54 AM
491	Homelessness, Housing, Police Reform	9/9/2020 8:52 AM
492	racial inequalities - Santa Barbara could be much more diverse and I would love to see it do so. state street - so much of what makes Santa Barbara unique is tied to how special our small businesses are and we need to protect them and bring them back to State Street.	9/9/2020 8:45 AM
493	Affordable housing/rent control - I had to live with a roommate in a bad apartment to afford to move out of my parent's house even when I was making \$20 an hour, \$8 more than the current minimum wage!	9/9/2020 8:38 AM
494	COVID-19, Food insecurity, housing insecurity	9/9/2020 8:35 AM
495	Affordable housing - because I make 90k a year and can barely afford it. Seriously considering moving at the end of the year; Dirty beaches - it's ridiculous to have so much tar and trash on the beach; city/police reform - both the city & our police department aren't open to new ideas and are extremely hostile	9/9/2020 8:05 AM
496	School, gun, health care	9/9/2020 8:01 AM
497	conservation of natural habitats because we are losing our connection to nature and destroying the planet (I think we need to think of this as a local issue, not just international). Housing equity because of Santa Barbara's massive wealth inequality and negligence of people without houses. Equality in education as well, for teachers and students.	9/9/2020 7:38 AM
498	The waste of money on bicycle lanes rather than infrastructure. The homeless situation because it is so sad. The lack of leadership and citizen participation	9/9/2020 7:35 AM
499	1) Housing in SB is ridiculous and something needs to be done about it instead of just building more places that don't fit into our needs. 2) Homelessness: No one likes to see the problem, but we need to see them as people and build solutions around that not just their lack of	9/8/2020 10:40 PM

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housing. 3) State Street: Having grown up in Santa Barbara, State street needs to be improved so that it doesn't continue going down hill.

500	Public transportation	9/8/2020 9:25 PM
501	affordable housing, not just for low income households but also middle class. Rent is out of control in santa barbara and even with a decent salary, many people struggle to afford it or build savings. Homelessness and availability of shelter and housing options to get them on their feet.	9/8/2020 9:25 PM
502	Affordable housing. Santa Barbara is notorious for being incredibly expensive for housing. We need reform and construction of affordable housing to make sure our neighbors are taken care of.	9/8/2020 8:48 PM
503	coronavirus, natural disasters, homelessness	9/8/2020 8:18 PM