

Group #1 Ambriz/Robles- Where is the greatest improvement needed in our City?

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1. Affordable housing
2. Youth support
3. Streets
 - Andrea – Streets, crosswalks and sidewalks
 - Andrea – Community centers
 - Andrea – Street lighting
 - Liliam – Streets
 - David – Streets, roads, crosswalks
 - David – Trash, maintenance, weeds on roads
 - David – Community centers and recreational centers
 - David – Parks, restrooms, play equipment, facility upgrades
 - Karla – Education system
 - Karla - Defund police department to fund education and services
 - Karla – Diversity in government
 - Karla – Affordable housing; particularly farmworkers
 - Christina – Support for emotional and support services
 - Christina – Youth empowerment programs
 - Charlene – Parks, trash
 - Charlene – Help homeless
 - Ezequiel – Prevent homelessness
 - Ezequiel – Youth, education, trade schools
 - Ezequiel – Affordable housing, create townhomes instead of single family homes
 - Liliam – Schools need more funding
 - Liliam – More apartments and condos for lower income housing.
 - Ezequiel – What do we really need for funding the police? Is the need to have all the "bells and whistles" or funding more police officers?
 - Fey – Schools and update to date textbooks and technology
 - Fey – Pay teachers and school staff adequately
 - Aime – Check police funding, too much

Group #2 Casillas/Sandoval - Where is the greatest improvement needed in our City?

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1. Homeless
 2. Education, Workforce, Youth development
 3. Parks and Recs
- Good Evening!!!
 - Hector Juarez-Homeless - high numbers – displaced - What will the City do to help the homeless? Concerned about the working homeless. More services or improvement, reducing Homeless.
 - Sharee Armstrong – Tentative timeline for Hotel conversion
 - Mitchell Huerta-Dist 5- homeless issue. Would like to see multi agency, non profits and community groups work together on the issue. Also need mult geographic engagement.
 - Israel Villa – Parks and Rec centers for youth. Safe spaces for them. Insufficient staff for parks. Roads are bad need maintenance. More youth programs or part time jobs for youth. Summer jobs for youth.
 - Sandra- agrees with Israel. Importance of funding schooling in our community. Support our students. STEM. More enrichment programs for East Salinas neighborhood.
 - Jackie Cruz - Economic and workforce and youth development strategies. Homeless. Increasing grad rates. Redirect efforts- investment in our City "Upstreaming". Ag industry is automating and may displace workers. Invest in our workforce. Support educations and skill development. Collaborate with wrap-around services. Economic Dev and Workforce and Youth development.
 - Mitchell Huerta-Dist 5 – COVID19. Educating residents and work with governments. Testing, tracing and access to vaccines. Maintaining and Econ Dev.

Group #3 Soto/Brinton- Where is the greatest improvement needed in our City?

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- Police funding
- Education important – how much does the city receive from the state/federal government
- What can the city do to supplement education resources. District budgets cut
- Health resources also critical for youth. Again, what can the city contribute
- Invest in increasing youth opportunities versus punishment
- Housing is a critical. Not affordable, overcrowding. Education funds cannot pay for housing
- Opinion regarding city budget. Struggles and problems in the city. Police budget is high (45%). Police needed, but budget needs to be allocated in another way. Safe community that we can rely on resources and services. Budget for community.
- Need more education for citizens so that they are able to participate.
- Also feels safe, funds could be used for other needs.
- Future of children – growth and empowerment focus. Counselors vs Police.
- More focus – need for resident empowerment and capacity
- Defunding police has had negative consequences in other cities.
- Police doing a good job. Additional funding is not needed and should be shifted to other areas that are in need; housing and programs for youth. Not about defunding – reducing.
- PW sidewalks and streets
- Cost of rent/housing too high
- Limited programs for youth
- Conversation focus on police is stemming from recent salary increase for police.
- Homeless, sick, these issues cannot be ignored; education, and other resources for community like public spaces. Violence is not the thing.
- Need more transparency with police budget and spending.

Group #4 Lizaola/Garcia- Where is the greatest improvement needed in our City?

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- Events/activities where youth can go
 - Weekend parties at public school
- Recreation Centers
 - Including after school services
- Housing
 - Education re: tenant protections, vouchers, relocation services
 - Services for people facing homelessness
- Alisal Vibrancy Plan
 - Supporting business
 - Implementing recommendations already brought up on latest community gathering
- Parks & Recs Master Plan
- Infrastructure including Parks, including maintaining current infrastructure
 - Maintenance of roads equally throughout City
- Continue support for Police resources and City Safety
- Additional lighting throughout City
 - Reduces crime
- Investment in alternatives to first response
 - Trauma informed, reduces crime
- Job development, youth programs

Group #5 Arreola/Sanchez- Where is the greatest improvement needed in our City?

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- Investing in the Community
- Affordable housing
- ADA crossing

Jose Garcia Shop owner in Salinas

Gloria Moore - Personal attitude – criticize rather than compliment

David – lifetime resident – sidewalks fixed – traffic at Alvarez HS – pedestrian crossing bridge

Maribel Gutierrez – money for education tech, internet. fix roads, more youth activities in eastside bowling alleys etc. Stroller and ADA access ramps for pedestrians

Erin Peck – low income housing, creativity, money back to the people, Police oppress people, cops make it worse, create jobs for people to prevent poverty. people to succeed in life.

Airam Coronado – Salinas does not feel like home, better crosswalks for pedestrians (more like flashing crosswalks downtown)

Ricky Camarena – East Salinas resident

Natalie- money to students and education

Jose Arreola - Funding is through the State

Georgine Blackwell – Loving on Salinas

Emma Garcia – 21 year resident – repaved Alisal a number of times re invest and beautify just like south Salinas, more affordable housing, not condensed

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Group #6 Gurmilan/Lagasca- Where is the greatest improvement needed in our City?

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Top 3 Answers

- Affordable housing, homeless issue
- Youth programs, after school programs
- Education, parks and recreational activities

- Matt – create healthy, affordable housing opportunities
- Improved communication for services – ex. Libraries help make covid appts
- After school opportunities
- Jessica – education and parks-rec
- Education and parks and rec
- Claudia – mental youth services and housing
- Harry - affordable housing and youth programs
- Tom – public safety
- Alejandro – after school and youth programs driven by youth
- Belen – Housing for homeless
- City Website – more covid resources
- Dominic - Dashboard – number of requests in Salinas Connect and progress on those cases; city council meetings to start after work hours
- Elizabeth – affordable housing, education, improving broadband access for City
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Group #7 Resendiz/Rianto- Where is the greatest improvement needed in our City?

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1. Affordable housing
 2. Infrastructure funding
 3. Reallocating funding from police to address mental health, housing, community investing
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- Infrastructure – Parks/Rec program
 - Infrastructure – Street & quality of life
 - Equitable infrastructure
 - Building facilities/ bringing up the standard / invest in the employee vs contracting out
 - Take care homeless, effort to house them
 - Affordable housing – support for financial literacy to help people buy home
 - Salinas Chinatown
 - More police
 - Youth services
 - Affordable housing
 - Less funding for police – reallocate to community development/public works
 - Reallocating funding from police to program/efforts to address mental health and housing issues
 - More funding for public works, parks, street repairs
 - Affordable housing as city council priority (not just create house but, affordable housing)
 - Get budget under control, balance budget by reallocating funds from police to community investing and creating opportunity
 - Affordable housing
 - Public safety collaboration with mental health
 - More housing opportunities – funding for safe shared space for women (example Monterey)
 - Better historic preservation effort for increased historic tourism

Group #8 Rome/Peñaloza- Where is the greatest improvement needed in our City?

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- Sustainable services for homeless population
- Affordable Housing
- Transportation

Christine Duncan – more affordable housing

Maria – housing for the homeless; parks have been taken over by homeless population. People want to exercise out there and are unable to due to lack of cleanliness. Lack of sanitation in the parks.

Diane Carrasco – there needs to be a larger conversation. Offer sustainable options. Mental health resources and cultural support to homeless. Not just using the land, but how are we offering use? What about children of farmworkers? Support for more skateparks. We cater to Silicon Valley. Use land for purpose and service of people and not corporations and franchises.

Maria – don't invest in new stuff, just use what we have. Can't use Sherwood Park because homeless are there. Bike lanes along City can't be used because people don't feel safe on the roads.

Paul Farmer – thank the City for efforts for businesses to thrive. Once those businesses are lost it is hard for them to come back .

Aurelio Salazar – COS operates golf courses. What is the ROI? Has the City considered other enterprise ventures? Like City of Gilroy took over Gilroy Gardens.

Christine Duncan – homeless people are human beings. They have nowhere else to go. Unless we provide accommodation for them they are going to be there. Need to refocus education.

Maria – need more funding for homeless to have a home.

Diana Carrasco – concerned with amount of money allocated to language, culture and arts. Curious how much is intentionally directed toward that part of community. Amplify the inclusion of languages. English and Spanish is not enough. Investing in language translation. Investment in self-expression (skating/art).

Aurelio Salazar – Amazon is building facility in San Benito County. He sees the traffic from Silicon Valley. Traffic impact with regard to maintaining roads.

Omar – Traffic concern. This will be an ongoing issue. Provide more robust green transportation. Need a better bus system, train and light rail. Less use of cars. Reduce carbon emissions. This provides an economic benefit to our community. Access to higher paying jobs in local industry. Ag-tech community of the world, but that industry is lowest-paid.

Maria – agrees about transportation issues, but Salinas needs better bus transportation. Panhandling issues. Need stronger police presence to be safer.