

# Okaloosa County Survey

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## OKALOOSA COUNTY SURVEY 2009 Rev4

**Intro:** May I speak to [32][33]? (If not available ask, “Do you reside at this address? If “yes” proceed, otherwise schedule a call back.) (Goes to Intro2.)

**Intro2:** Hello, my name is [11] and I am calling on behalf of the Okaloosa County to ask your opinion about the services and programs provided by the County. This is an opportunity for you to help the County improve its services to you. We are not selling anything, and your individual answers will be completely confidential. Can you help me out? (Goes to Qualifier1.)

{34} **Qualifier1.** Do you live within the limits of the Okaloosa County? (Y/N) ( If “yes” goes to Qualifier2; if “no” goes to Q33.) If Yes, continue, if NO, thank you and terminate survey. **qualifier\_1**

{35} **Qualifier2.** Are you or any member of your immediate family employed by the Okaloosa County? (Y/N) (If “yes” goes to Q34; if “no” goes to Q1.) If NO, continue, if YES, thank you and terminate survey. **qualifier\_2**

### General Questions about key County services:

{48} Q1. On a scale from one to five, with 5 being “Very SATISFIED: and 1 being “Very DISsatisfied,” how would you rate your level of satisfaction with LIVING in Okaloosa County? (Avg 1-5) (Leave blank if no response.) (Goes to Q2.) **avg1**

{49} Q2. On a scale of one to five, with 1 being VERY POOR and 5 being VERY GOOD, how would you rate the QUALITY OF LIFE in your neighborhood? (Avg 1-5) (Goes to Q3.) **avg2**

{50} Q3. Using that same scale, how would you rate Okaloosa County government in terms of responsiveness to complaints? (Avg 1-5) (Goes to Q4.) **avg3**

{51} Q4. On a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being VERY PROFESSIONAL and 1 being VERY UNPROFESSIONAL how would you rate the professionalism of County government employees? (Avg 1-5) (Goes to Screen Q5.) **avg4**

### Specific County Services:

Q5. I’m going to mention a series of County facilities and infrastructure. Please rate the level of IMPORTANCE to you for each using a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 is VERY IMPORTANT and 1 is NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT: (Average 1-5) (Note: leave blank if “Don’t know” or “No opinion.”) (Goes to Q5x1 Variables Screen 1.)

Q5x1. (Variables Screen 1)

{52}	Q5a.	Ambulances/Emergency Medical Services	avg5	Avg	
{53}	Q5b.	Animal Control	avg6	Avg	
{54}	Q5c.	Beach Safety Unit	avg7	Avg	
{55}	Q5d.	Code Enforcement	avg8	Avg	
{56}	Q5e.	Emergency Management Services and Disaster Preparedness	avg9	Avg	
{57}	Q5f.	Extension Services	avg10	Avg	
{58}	Q5g.	Information Systems	avg11	Avg	
{59}	Q5h.	Law Enforcement/Jail	avg12	Avg	
{60}	Q5i.	Libraries	avg13	Avg	
{61}	Q5j.	Mosquito Control	avg14	Avg	(Goes to Q5x2 Variables Screen 2.)

Q5x2. (Variables Screen 2)

{62}	Q5k.	Museums	avg15	Avg	
{63}	Q5l.	Parks	avg16	Avg	
{64}	Q5m.	Building Planning & Zoning	avg17	Avg	
{65}	Q5n.	Public Assistance	avg18	Avg	
{66}	Q5o.	Public Health Services	avg19	Avg	
{67}	Q5p.	Public Transportation	avg20	Avg	
{68}	Q5q.	Roads and Bridges	avg21	Avg	
{69}	Q5r.	Stormwater and Flood Management	avg22	Avg	
{70}	Q5s.	Veterans' Services	avg23	Avg	(Goes to Q6.)

Q6. For the same series of County facilities and infrastructure, Please rate your level of SATISFACTION with the County's PERFORMANCE for each on a 1 to 5 scale where 5 is EXCELLENT and 1 is VERY POOR.: (Average 1-5) (Note: leave blank if "Don't know" or "No opinion.") (Goes to Q6x1 Variables Screen 1.)

Q6x1. (Variables Screen 1)

{71}	Q6a.	Ambulances/Emergency Medical Services	avg24	Avg	
{72}	Q6b.	Animal Control	avg25	Avg	
{73}	Q6c.	Beach Safety Unit	avg26	Avg	
{74}	Q6d.	Code Enforcement	avg27	Avg	
{75}	Q6e.	Emergency Management Services and Disaster Preparedness	avg28	Avg	
{76}	Q6f.	Extension Services	avg29	Avg	
{77}	Q6g.	Information Systems	avg30	Avg	
{78}	Q6h.	Law Enforcement/Jail	avg31	Avg	

- {79} Q6i. Libraries avg32 Avg
- {80} Q6j. Mosquito Control avg33 Avg (Goes to Q6x2 Variables Screen 2.)

**Q6x2. (Variables Screen 2)**

- {81} Q6k. Museums avg34 Avg
- {82} Q6l. Parks avg35 Avg
- {83} Q6m. Building Planning & Zoning avg36 Avg
- {84} Q6n. Public Assistance avg37 Avg
- {85} Q6o. Public Health Services avg38 Avg
- {86} Q6p. Public Transportation avg39 Avg
- {87} Q6q. Roads and Bridges avg40 Avg
- {88} Q6r. Stormwater and Flood Management avg41 Avg
- {89} Q6s. Veterans' Services avg42 Avg (Goes to Q7.)

Q7. On a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 is "VERY WILLING" and 1 is "NOT AT ALL WILLING," please tell me how willing you would be to have the county levy additional taxes to improve services in the following areas: (Average 1-5) (Note: leave blank if "Don't know" or "No opinion.") (Goes to Q7x1 Variables Screen 1.)

**Q7x1. (Variables Screen 1)**

- {90} Q7a. Ambulances/Emergency Medical Services avg43 Avg
- {91} Q7b. Animal Control avg44 Avg
- {92} Q7c. Beach Safety Unit avg45 Avg
- {93} Q7d. Code Enforcement avg46 Avg
- {94} Q7e. Emergency Management Services and Disaster Preparedness avg47 Avg
- {95} Q7f. Extension Services avg48 Avg
- {96} Q7g. Information Systems avg49 Avg
- {97} Q7h. Law Enforcement/Jail avg50 Avg
- {98} Q7i. Libraries avg51 Avg
- {99} Q7j. Mosquito Control avg52 Avg (Goes to Q7x2 Variables Screen 2.)

**Q7x2. (Variables Screen 2)**

- {100} Q7k. Museums avg53 Avg
- {101} Q7l. Parks avg54 Avg
- {102} Q7m. Building Planning & Zoning avg55 Avg
- {103} Q7n. Public Assistance avg56 Avg
- {38} Q7o. Public Health Services yn1 Avg

- {39} Q7p. Public Transportation      yn2      Avg
- {40} Q7q. Roads and Bridges      yn3      Avg
- {41} Q7r. Stormwater and Flood Management      yn4      Avg
- {42} Q7s. Veterans' Services      yn5      Avg      (Goes to Q8.)
- {43} Q8. Using our 1 to 5 scale, please rate your level of satisfaction with the County's efforts to keep citizens informed about what the County is doing? (Avg 1-5) (Goes to Q9.)      yn1  
yn6
- {104} Q9. Where do you get MOST of your information about Okaloosa County? (Lookup) (Note: It is OK to read choices.) (Requires hlp\_mostinfo2.) (Goes to Q10.)      quest\_1\_look
1. County website
  2. Internet news sources
  3. The County's quarterly newsletter
  4. Word of mouth
  5. Commission meetings
  6. Libraries
  7. Local Newspapers
  8. Local TV/Radio
  9. Other
- {44} Q10. Have you ever applied for a building permit or had a building inspected by the County's Building Department? (Y/N) (If "yes" goes to Q11; if "no" goes to Q12.)      yn7
- {45} Q11. Please rate your level of satisfaction of the County's Building Department on a 1-5 scale, where 5 is VERY SATISFIED and 1 is VERY UNSATISFIED? (Avg 1-5) (Goes to Q12.)      yn8

**How concerned are you with any of the following issues:**

- {46} Q12. How would you rate your level of satisfaction with how the County prepares for and responds to hurricanes? (Avg 1-5)(Leave blank if no response.) (Goes to Q13.)      yn9
- {105} Q13. Which of the following do you believe is the most important challenge facing Okaloosa? (Lookup)  
(Note: PLEASE read choices.) (Requires hlp\_impchall2.) (If "Other – specify" goes to Q13x; if anything else goes to Q14.)      quest\_2\_look
- 1.) managing growth
  - 2.) improving transportation
  - 3.) promoting tourism
  - 4.) attracting jobs and economic development
  - 5.)affordable housing
  - 6.) good relations with the military
  - 7.) Other – specify

{119} Q13x. Specify “Other” important challenge: (Comment1) (Leave blank if no response.) (Goes to Q14.) (RA NOTE: Don’t simply repeat if their answer fits one of the choices on the drop-down list! Try to keep answers short – at 1 or 2 words.) comm1

### Future Planning and Expectations

{120-122} Q14. Name the top 3 things you would like to see in Okaloosa in the next five years. (Comment3) (Goes to Q15.) (Note: Allow the respondent to think. Only give examples if they need clarification.)(for example, another children’s park, additional access to the beaches)?comm2-comm4

{123-126} Q15. Are there any existing County services that you would recommend the County discontinue? (Comment4) (Goes to Q16.) comm5-comm8

{127-130} Q16. Are there services, which the County currently does not provide, that you would recommend implementing? (Comment4) (Goes to Q17.) comm9-comm12

### Overall Satisfaction Rating

{47} Q17. Returning to our scale from one to five, with 5 being “Very SATISFIED,” and 1 being “Very DISsatisfied” how satisfied are you with the OVERALL QUALITY of the job that the County is doing? (Avg 1-5)(Leave blank if no response.) (Goes to Q18.) yn10

### Specific Demographics

{114} Q18. Are you, or is anyone in your household, ACTIVE DUTY military? (Y/N) (Requires help table hlp\_admilitary. Choices will be “Yes,” “No,” “Refused” and “No response.”) (If “Yes,” goes to Q19; if “No,” goes to Q21; If “Refused,” goes to Q21; if “No response,” goes to Q21.) quest\_11\_look

{140} Q19. What is your (their) rank? (Comment1) (RA NOTE: Input short, one or two word answer.) (Goes to Q20.) comm22

{37} Q20. How many children live in your household? (Small Int.) (Goes to Q21.) qualifier\_4

{12} Q21. How many years have you lived in Okaloosa? (Avg. Integer response.) (Goes to Q22.) attempt\_counter

{36} Q22. Are you a full-time resident? (Y/N) (Goes to Q23.) qualifier3

{106} Q23. Do you own or rent your residence? (Lookup) (Requires help table hlp\_ownrent.)(Goes to Q25.) 

Own	Rent	Refused to answer
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quest\_3\_look

{107} Q24. [NOTE: THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN BRANCEHD AROUND AT CLIENT'S REQUEST. IT WILL NOT BE ASKED DURING THE 2009 SURVEY.] What type of residence do you live in? (Lookup) (Requires help table hlp\_typeres.) (RA NOTE: OK to read choices; make absolutely sure their response won't fit one of the choices before selecting "other!") (If "Other – specify" goes to Q24x; if anything else goes to Q25.) quest\_4\_look

House            Condo            Townhouse    Apartment    Other – specify    Refused to answer

{131} Q24x. [NOTE: THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN BRANCEHD AROUND AT CLIENT'S REQUEST. IT WILL NOT BE ASKED DURING THE 2009 SURVEY.] Please specify what "other" type of residence you live in: (Lookup not inclusive only) (RA NOTE: Don't simply repeat if their answer fits one of the choices on the drop-down list! Try to keep answers short – at 1 or 2 words.) (Goes to Q25.) comm13

### Standard Demographics

{108} Q25. Because this is pure research, I need to ask you some demographic questions to ensure that we speak with a broad range of respondents. Remember, all of your answers are confidential and will not be attributed back to you. Which of the following age ranges do you fall into? (Lookup) (Requires use of hlp\_agerange) (Note: OK to read choices.) (Goes to Q26.) quest\_5\_look

1. Under 18
2. 18-25
3. 26-35
4. 36-45
5. 46-55
6. 56-65
7. Over 65
8. Refused to answer

{109} Q26. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? (Lookup) (Requires use of help table hlp\_educat) (RA NOTE: Aided response ok here.) (Goes to Q27.) quest\_6\_look

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|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. None                                     | 10. 1 yr college or less |
| 2. Nursery school - 4 <sup>th</sup>         | 11. 1+yr college no degr |
| 3. 5 <sup>th</sup> or 6 <sup>th</sup> grade | 12. Associate degree     |
| 4. 7 <sup>th</sup> or 8 <sup>th</sup> grade | 13. Bachelor's degree    |
| 5. 9 <sup>th</sup> grade                    | 14. Master's degree      |
| 6. 10 <sup>th</sup> grade                   | 15. Professional degree  |
| 7. 11 <sup>th</sup> grade                   | 16. Doctorate degree     |
| 8. 12 <sup>th</sup> , No Diploma            | 17. Don't Know           |
| 9. High School Graduate                     | 18. Refused to answer r  |

{110} Q27. What is your present marital status? (Lookup) (Requires use of help table hlp\_marital) (Goes to Q28.) quest\_7\_look

(NOTE: Aided response - It is ok to read the choices to the respondent.)

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|------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Now married   | 5. Separated         |
| 2. Divorced      | 6. Don't know        |
| 3. Never married | 7. Refused to answer |
| 4. Widowed       |                      |

{111} Q28. Which of the following ethnic groups best describes your race? (Lookup) (Requires use of hlp\_race2) (Builder's note: required field; NULLs not allowed.) (RA Note: OK to read choices.) (Goes to Q29.) [quest\\_8\\_look](#)

1. African American/Black
2. Asian/Pacific Islander
3. Hispanic/Latino
4. Native American
5. Caucasian/White
6. Other
7. Don't know
8. Refused to answer

{112} Q29. Please tell me when I read the category that best describes your total household income before taxes last year:(Lookup) (Requires use of help table hlp\_income) (Goes to Q30.) [quest\\_9\\_look](#)

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Under \$10,000      | 7. \$75,000 - \$99,999   |
| 2. \$10,000 - \$14,999 | 8. \$100,000 - \$149,999 |
| 3. \$15,000 - \$24,999 | 9. \$150,000 - \$199,999 |
| 4. \$25,000 - \$34,999 | 10. \$200,000 or more    |
| 5. \$35,000 - \$49,999 | 11. Don't know           |
| 6. \$50,000 - \$74,999 | 12. Refused to answer    |

{113} Q30. (NOTE: record Respondent's gender. It is NOT necessary to ask a question here!) (Lookup) (Requires use of help table hlp\_gender1) (Goes to Q31.) [quest\\_10\\_look](#)

M=Male                      F=Female                      U=Unknown

{132-139} Q31. We're almost done, but let me ask you something; back on question 1 (Q1) you rated your satisfaction with LIVING in Okaloosa County as a [48]. If you were given a choice to live elsewhere, where would that be and why? (Comment8) (Goes to Q32.) [comm14-comm21](#)

{141-148} Q32. Is there ONE particular issue you feel strongly about or do you have any additional comments? (Comment8) (Goes to CDS) [comm23-comm30](#)

Q33. I'm sorry but we are only surveying residents who live within the Okaloosa County Limits. Thank you very much for your time. (Out of Survey.)

Q34. I'm sorry but we are only surveying residents who are not employed by, or who do not have immediate family employed by Okaloosa County. Thank you very much for your time. (Out of Survey.)

CDS (Standard Call Disposition Screen) Thank you very much for your time and your input! I appreciate your participation. (Note: Terminate the call using a status of "S" Survey Taken.)

## **Rebuttal Screens (REB #Screens)**

Rebuttal Screens are used to allow the Research Associate to access the “helper” and “comment” screens at any point during the survey. By clicking the “Objections” button, a menu containing these choices appears. The RA then selects the appropriate choice and proceeds to that screen. This will primarily be used to access the comment input areas after the interview. This feature allows the RA to proceed more briskly through the interview than if he or she had to stop and make the respondent wait as they typed in the response for each variable, because he or she can come back and enter the comments from their notes after the respondent is off the line.

### **{119} REB\_1. Q13x. SPECIFY “OTHER” IMPORTANT CHALLENGE**

Specify “Other” important challenge: (Comment1) (Leave blank if no response.)  
(RA NOTE: Don’t simply repeat if their answer fits one of the choices on the drop-down list!  
Try to keep answers short – at 1 or 2 words.)

comm1

### **{120-122} REB\_2. Q14. NAME THE TOP 3 THINGS**

Name the top 3 things you would like to see in Okaloosa in the next five years. (Comment3)  
(Note: Allow the respondent to think. Only give examples if they need clarification.)(for example,  
another children’s park, additional access to the beaches)?

comm2-comm4

### **{123-126} REB\_3. Q15. SERVICES RECOMMEND DISCONTINUE.**

Are there any existing County services that you would recommend the County discontinue?  
(Comment4)

comm5-comm8

### **{127-130} REB\_4. Q16. SERVICES RECOMMEND IMPLEMENTING.**

Are there services, which the County currently does not provide, that you would recommend  
implementing? (Comment4)

comm9-comm12

### **{132-139} REB\_5. Q31. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Is there ONE particular issue you feel strongly about or do you have any additional  
comments? (Comment8)

comm14-comm21

<b>Mean Response Value for each Question</b>	<b>Valid</b>	<b>Mean</b>
Okaloosa County Commission district of residence	430	
Q1: How would you rate your level of satisfaction with living in Okaloosa County?	429	4.2
Q2: How would you rate the quality of life in your neighborhood?	430	4.5
Q3: How would you rate Okaloosa County government in terms of responsiveness to complaints?	304	3.4
Q4: How would you rate the professionalism of City government employees?	385	3.7
Q5a: Rate the level of importance to you of ambulances/emergency medical services	421	4.8
Q5b: Rate the level of importance to you of animal control	418	3.8
Q5c: Rate the level of importance to you of the beach safety unit	410	3.9
Q5d: Rate the level of importance to you of code enforcement	415	3.8
Q5e: Rate the level of importance to you of emergency management services and disaster preparedness	420	4.5
Q5f: Rate the level of importance to you of extension services	385	3.6
Q5g: Rate the level of importance to you of information systems	407	3.8
Q5h: Rate the level of importance to you of law enforcement/jail	423	4.5
Q5i: Rate the level of importance to you of libraries	417	4.1
Q5j: Rate the level of importance to you of mosquito control	418	4.2
Q5k: Rate the level of importance to you of museums	412	3.5
Q5l: Rate the level of importance to you of parks	421	4.2
Q5m: Rate the level of importance to you of building planning & zoning	411	3.8
Q5n: Rate the level of importance to you of public assistance	410	3.8
Q5o: Rate the level of importance to you of public health services	413	4.1
Q5p: Rate the level of importance to you of public transportation	410	3.5
Q5q: Rate the level of importance to you of roads and bridges	428	4.4
Q5r: Rate the level of importance to you of stormwater and flood management	418	4.2
Q5s: Rate the level of importance to you of veterans' services	408	4.3
Q6a: Rate the performance of ambulances/emergency medical services	345	4.5
Q6b: Rate the performance of animal control	333	3.8
Q6c: Rate the performance of the beach safety unit	325	4.1
Q6d: Rate the performance of code enforcement	337	3.5
Q6e: Rate the performance of emergency management services and disaster preparedness	379	4.2

Q6f: Rate the performance of extension services	277	3.9
Q6g: Rate the performance of information systems	347	3.8
Q6h: Rate the performance of law enforcement/jail	392	4.0
Q6i: Rate the performance of libraries	380	4.2
Q6j: Rate the performance of mosquito control	378	3.7
Q6k: Rate the performance of museums	318	3.5
Q6l: Rate the performance of parks	398	4.0
Q6m: Rate the performance of building planning & zoning	348	3.2
Q6n: Rate the performance of public assistance	303	3.7
Q6o: Rate the performance of public health services	333	3.8
Q6p: Rate the performance of public transportation	330	3.3
Q6q: Rate the performance of roads and bridges	415	3.7
Q6r: Rate the performance of stormwater and flood management	377	3.7
Q6s: Rate the performance of veterans' services	321	3.8
Q7a: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve ambulances/emergency medical services?	420	2.8
Q7b: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve animal control?	416	2.1
Q7c: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve the beach safety unit?	417	2.4
Q7d: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve code enforcement?	413	2.2
Q7e: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve emergency management services and disaster preparedness?	422	3.0
Q7f: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve extension services?	398	2.0
Q7g: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve information systems?	415	2.1
Q7h: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve law enforcement/jail?	419	2.9
Q7i: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve libraries?	420	2.6
Q7j: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve mosquito control?	417	2.5
Q7k: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve museums?	416	2.2
Q7l: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve parks?	421	2.6
Q7m: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve building planning & zoning?	415	2.2

Q7n: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve public assistance?	415	2.4
Q7o: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve public health services?	419	2.6
Q7p: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve public transportation?	417	2.3
Q7q: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve roads and bridges?	420	2.8
Q7r: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve stormwater and flood management?	419	2.7
Q7s: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve veterans' services?	416	2.9
Q8: Rate your level of satisfaction with the County's efforts to keep citizens informed about what the County is doing	411	3.2
Q9: Where do you get most of your information about Okaloosa County?	428	
Q10: Have you ever applied for a building permit or had a building inspected by the County's Building Department?	428	
Q11: Rate your level of satisfaction with the County's Building Department	142	3.7
Q12: Rate your level of satisfaction with the County's preparation for and response to hurricanes	393	4.2
Q13: Which of the following do you believe is the most important challenge facing Okaloosa?	426	3.9
Q17: How satisfied are you with the overall quality of the job that the County is doing?	424	3.8
Q18: Are you, or is anyone in your household, active duty military?	430	
Q20: How many children live in your household?	430	
Q21: How many years have you lived in Okaloosa?	426	
Q22: Are you a full-time resident?	429	
Q23: Do you own or rent your residence?	430	
Q25: Which of the following age ranges do you fall into?	430	
Q26: What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?	430	
Q27: What is your present marital status?	430	
Q28: Which of the following ethnic groups best describes your race?	430	
Q29: Which category best describes your total household income?	430	
Gender	430	

<b>Okaloosa County Commission district of residence</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	District 1	85	19.8	19.8
	District 2	85	19.8	39.5
	District 3	85	19.8	59.3
	District 4	85	19.8	79.1
	District 5	90	20.9	100
	Total	430	100	

<b>Q1: How would you rate your level of satisfaction with living in Okaloosa County?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very dissatisfied	3	0.7	0.7
	Somewhat dissatisfied	11	2.6	3.3
	Neutral	75	17.5	20.7
	Somewhat satisfied	149	34.7	55.5
	Very satisfied	191	44.5	100
	Total	429	100	
	Missing	1		
Total		430		

<b>Q2: How would you rate the quality of life in your neighborhood?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Neutral	47	10.9	10.9
	Somewhat good	143	33.3	44.2
	Very good	240	55.8	100
	Total	430	100	

<b>Q3: How would you rate Okaloosa County government in terms of responsiveness to complaints?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	21	6.9	6.9
	Somewhat poor	42	13.8	20.7
	Neutral	94	30.9	51.6
	Somewhat good	90	29.6	81.3
	Very good	57	18.8	100
	Total	304	100	
	Missing	126		
Total		430		

<b>Q4: How would you rate the professionalism of County government employees?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very unprofessional	24	6.2	6.2
	Somewhat unprofessional	41	10.6	16.9
	Neutral	85	22.1	39
	Somewhat professional	121	31.4	70.4
	Very professional	114	29.6	100
	Total	385	100	
	Missing	45		
Total		430		

<b>Q5a: Rate the level of importance to you of ambulances/emergency medical services</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all important	9	2.1	2.1
	Somewhat unimportant	2	0.5	2.6
	Neutral	13	3.1	5.7
	Somewhat important	33	7.8	13.5
	Very important	364	86.5	100
	Total	421	100	
	Missing	9		
Total		430		

<b>Q5b: Rate the level of importance to you of animal control</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all important	23	5.5	5.5
	Somewhat unimportant	31	7.4	12.9
	Neutral	115	27.5	40.4
	Somewhat important	97	23.2	63.6
	Very important	152	36.4	100
	Total	418	100	
	Missing	12		
Total		430		

<b>Q5c: Rate the level of importance to you of the beach safety unit</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all important	32	7.8	7.8
	Somewhat unimportant	30	7.3	15.1
	Neutral	57	13.9	29
	Somewhat important	102	24.9	53.9
	Very important	189	46.1	100
	Total	410	100	
	Missing	20		
Total		430		

<b>Q5d: Rate the level of importance to you of code enforcement</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all important	30	7.2	7.2
	Somewhat unimportant	30	7.2	14.5
	Neutral	101	24.3	38.8
	Somewhat important	108	26	64.8
	Very important	146	35.2	100
	Total	415	100	
	Missing	15		
Total		430		

<b>Q5e: Rate the level of importance to you of emergency management services and disaster preparedness</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all important	5	1.2	1.2
	Somewhat unimportant	9	2.1	3.3
	Neutral	28	6.7	10
	Somewhat important	94	22.4	32.4
	Very important	284	67.6	100
	Total	420	100	
	Missing	10		
Total		430		

<b>Q5f: Rate the level of importance to you of extension services</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all important	35	9.1	9.1
	Somewhat unimportant	40	10.4	19.5
	Neutral	88	22.9	42.3
	Somewhat important	121	31.4	73.8
	Very important	101	26.2	100
	Total	385	100	
	Missing	45		
Total		430		

<b>Q5g: Rate the level of importance to you of information systems</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all important	30	7.4	7.4
	Somewhat unimportant	24	5.9	13.3
	Neutral	99	24.3	37.6
	Somewhat important	116	28.5	66.1
	Very important	138	33.9	100
	Total	407	100	
	Missing	23		
Total		430		

<b>Q5h: Rate the level of importance to you of law enforcement/jail</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all important	13	3.1	3.1
	Somewhat unimportant	3	0.7	3.8
	Neutral	27	6.4	10.2
	Somewhat important	83	19.6	29.8
	Very important	297	70.2	100
	Total	423	100	
	Missing	7		
Total		430		

<b>Q5i: Rate the level of importance to you of libraries</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all important	17	4.1	4.1
	Somewhat unimportant	24	5.8	9.8
	Neutral	65	15.6	25.4
	Somewhat important	108	25.9	51.3
	Very important	203	48.7	100
	Total	417	100	
	Missing	13		
Total		430		

<b>Q5j: Rate the level of importance to you of mosquito control</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all important	14	3.3	3.3
	Somewhat unimportant	15	3.6	6.9
	Neutral	81	19.4	26.3
	Somewhat important	94	22.5	48.8
	Very important	214	51.2	100
	Total	418	100	
	Missing	12		
Total		430		

<b>Q5k: Rate the level of importance to you of museums</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all important	36	8.7	8.7
	Somewhat unimportant	51	12.4	21.1
	Neutral	107	26	47.1
	Somewhat important	109	26.5	73.5
	Very important	109	26.5	100
	Total	412	100	
	Missing	18		
Total		430		

<b>Q5l: Rate the level of importance to you of parks</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all important	12	2.9	2.9
	Somewhat unimportant	11	2.6	5.5
	Neutral	78	18.5	24
	Somewhat important	122	29	53
	Very important	198	47	100
	Total	421	100	
	Missing	9		
Total		430		

<b>Q5m: Rate the level of importance to you of building planning &amp; zoning</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all important	24	5.8	5.8
	Somewhat unimportant	33	8	13.9
	Neutral	103	25.1	38.9
	Somewhat important	113	27.5	66.4
	Very important	138	33.6	100
	Total	411	100	
	Missing	19		
Total		430		

<b>Q5n: Rate the level of importance to you of public assistance</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all important	23	5.6	5.6
	Somewhat unimportant	35	8.5	14.1
	Neutral	91	22.2	36.3
	Somewhat important	97	23.7	60
	Very important	164	40	100
	Total	410	100	
	Missing	20		
Total		430		

<b>Q5o: Rate the level of importance to you of public health services</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all important	16	3.9	3.9
	Somewhat unimportant	25	6.1	9.9
	Neutral	78	18.9	28.8
	Somewhat important	89	21.5	50.4
	Very important	205	49.6	100
	Total	413	100	
	Missing	17		
Total		430		

<b>Q5p: Rate the level of importance to you of public transportation</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all important	49	12	12
	Somewhat unimportant	51	12.4	24.4
	Neutral	101	24.6	49
	Somewhat important	80	19.5	68.5
	Very important	129	31.5	100
	Total	410	100	
	Missing	20		
Total		430		

<b>Q5q: Rate the level of importance to you of roads and bridges</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all important	4	0.9	0.9
	Somewhat unimportant	11	2.6	3.5
	Neutral	54	12.6	16.1
	Somewhat important	98	22.9	39
	Very important	261	61	100
	Total	428	100	
	Missing	2		
Total		430		

<b>Q5r: Rate the level of importance to you of stormwater and flood management</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all important	12	2.9	2.9
	Somewhat unimportant	15	3.6	6.5
	Neutral	64	15.3	21.8
	Somewhat important	100	23.9	45.7
	Very important	227	54.3	100
	Total	418	100	
	Missing	12		
Total		430		

<b>Q5s: Rate the level of importance to you of veterans' services</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all important	23	5.6	5.6
	Somewhat unimportant	14	3.4	9.1
	Neutral	41	10	19.1
	Somewhat important	91	22.3	41.4
	Very important	239	58.6	100
	Total	408	100	
	Missing	22		
Total		430		

<b>Q6a: Rate the performance of ambulances/emergency medical services</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	7	2	2
	Somewhat poor	3	0.9	2.9
	Neutral	28	8.1	11
	Good	95	27.5	38.6
	Excellent	212	61.4	100
	Total	345	100	
	Missing	85		
Total		430		

<b>Q6b: Rate the performance of animal control</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	20	6	6
	Somewhat poor	22	6.6	12.6
	Neutral	85	25.5	38.1
	Good	101	30.3	68.5
	Excellent	105	31.5	100
	Total	333	100	
	Missing	97		
Total		430		

<b>Q6c: Rate the performance of the beach safety unit</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	5	1.5	1.5
	Somewhat poor	12	3.7	5.2
	Neutral	53	16.3	21.5
	Good	123	37.8	59.4
	Excellent	132	40.6	100
	Total	325	100	
	Missing	105		
Total		430		

<b>Q6d: Rate the performance of code enforcement</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	25	7.4	7.4
	Somewhat poor	35	10.4	17.8
	Neutral	96	28.5	46.3
	Good	97	28.8	75.1
	Excellent	84	24.9	100
	Total	337	100	
	Missing	93		
Total		430		

<b>Q6e: Rate the performance of emergency management services and disaster preparedness</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	5	1.3	1.3
	Somewhat poor	7	1.8	3.2
	Neutral	58	15.3	18.5
	Good	151	39.8	58.3
	Excellent	158	41.7	100
	Total	379	100	
	Missing	51		
Total		430		

<b>Q6f: Rate the performance of extension services</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	6	2.2	2.2
	Somewhat poor	13	4.7	6.9
	Neutral	78	28.2	35
	Good	100	36.1	71.1
	Excellent	80	28.9	100
	Total	277	100	
	Missing	153		
Total		430		

<b>Q6g: Rate the performance of information systems</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	12	3.5	3.5
	Somewhat poor	16	4.6	8.1
	Neutral	106	30.5	38.6
	Good	102	29.4	68
	Excellent	111	32	100
	Total	347	100	
	Missing	83		
Total		430		

<b>Q6h: Rate the performance of law enforcement/jail</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	17	4.3	4.3
	Somewhat poor	18	4.6	8.9
	Neutral	65	16.6	25.5
	Good	137	34.9	60.5
	Excellent	155	39.5	100
	Total	392	100	
	Missing	38		
Total		430		

<b>Q6i: Rate the performance of libraries</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	10	2.6	2.6
	Somewhat poor	13	3.4	6.1
	Neutral	68	17.9	23.9
	Good	108	28.4	52.4
	Excellent	181	47.6	100
	Total	380	100	
	Missing	50		
Total		430		

<b>Q6j: Rate the performance of mosquito control</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	21	5.6	5.6
	Somewhat poor	32	8.5	14
	Neutral	103	27.2	41.3
	Good	110	29.1	70.4
	Excellent	112	29.6	100
	Total	378	100	
	Missing	52		
Total		430		

<b>Q6k: Rate the performance of museums</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	32	10.1	10.1
	Somewhat poor	32	10.1	20.1
	Neutral	88	27.7	47.8
	Good	79	24.8	72.6
	Excellent	87	27.4	100
	Total	318	100	
	Missing	112		
Total		430		

<b>Q6l: Rate the performance of parks</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	10	2.5	2.5
	Somewhat poor	22	5.5	8
	Neutral	81	20.4	28.4
	Good	140	35.2	63.6
	Excellent	145	36.4	100
	Total	398	100	
	Missing	32		
Total		430		

<b>Q6m: Rate the performance of building planning &amp; zoning</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	39	11.2	11.2
	Somewhat poor	53	15.2	26.4
	Neutral	109	31.3	57.8
	Good	85	24.4	82.2
	Excellent	62	17.8	100
	Total	348	100	
	Missing	82		
Total		430		

<b>Q6n: Rate the performance of public assistance</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	17	5.6	5.6
	Somewhat poor	25	8.3	13.9
	Neutral	83	27.4	41.3
	Good	100	33	74.3
	Excellent	78	25.7	100
	Total	303	100	
	Missing	127		
Total		430		

<b>Q6o: Rate the performance of public health services</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	14	4.2	4.2
	Somewhat poor	28	8.4	12.6
	Neutral	77	23.1	35.7
	Good	114	34.2	70
	Excellent	100	30	100
	Total	333	100	
	Missing	97		
Total		430		

<b>Q6p: Rate the performance of public transportation</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	38	11.5	11.5
	Somewhat poor	57	17.3	28.8
	Neutral	94	28.5	57.3
	Good	63	19.1	76.4
	Excellent	78	23.6	100
	Total	330	100	
	Missing	100		
Total		430		

<b>Q6q: Rate the performance of roads and bridges</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	12	2.9	2.9
	Somewhat poor	27	6.5	9.4
	Neutral	136	32.8	42.2
	Good	142	34.2	76.4
	Excellent	98	23.6	100
	Total	415	100	
	Missing	15		
Total		430		

<b>Q6r: Rate the performance of stormwater and flood management</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	11	2.9	2.9
	Somewhat poor	30	8	10.9
	Neutral	107	28.4	39.3
	Good	129	34.2	73.5
	Excellent	100	26.5	100
	Total	377	100	
	Missing	53		
Total		430		

<b>Q6s: Rate the performance of veterans' services</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very poor	16	5	5
	Somewhat poor	26	8.1	13.1
	Neutral	77	24	37.1
	Good	85	26.5	63.6
	Excellent	117	36.4	100
	Total	321	100	
	Missing	109		
Total		430		

<b>Q7a: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve ambulances/emergency medical services?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all willing	149	35.5	35.5
	Somewhat unwilling	33	7.9	43.3
	Neutral	83	19.8	63.1
	Somewhat willing	65	15.5	78.6
	Very willing	90	21.4	100
	Total	420	100	
	Missing	10		
Total		430		

<b>Q7b: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve animal control?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all willing	202	48.6	48.6
	Somewhat unwilling	65	15.6	64.2
	Neutral	82	19.7	83.9
	Somewhat willing	34	8.2	92.1
	Very willing	33	7.9	100
	Total	416	100	
	Missing	14		
Total		430		

<b>Q7c: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve the beach safety unit?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all willing	169	40.5	40.5
	Somewhat unwilling	57	13.7	54.2
	Neutral	87	20.9	75.1
	Somewhat willing	51	12.2	87.3
	Very willing	53	12.7	100
	Total	417	100	
	Missing	13		
Total		430		

<b>Q7d: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve code enforcement?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all willing	189	45.8	45.8
	Somewhat unwilling	57	13.8	59.6
	Neutral	90	21.8	81.4
	Somewhat willing	40	9.7	91
	Very willing	37	9	100
	Total	413	100	
	Missing	17		
Total		430		

<b>Q7e: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve emergency management services and disaster preparedness?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all willing	132	31.3	31.3
	Somewhat unwilling	38	9	40.3
	Neutral	77	18.2	58.5
	Somewhat willing	65	15.4	73.9
	Very willing	110	26.1	100
	Total	422	100	
	Missing	8		
Total		430		

<b>Q7f: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve extension services?</b>			
	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Not at all willing	201	50.5	50.5
Somewhat unwilling	58	14.6	65.1
Neutral	85	21.4	86.4
Somewhat willing	32	8	94.5
Very willing	22	5.5	100
Total	398	100	
Missing	32		
Total	430		

<b>Q7g: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve information systems?</b>			
	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Not at all willing	201	48.4	48.4
Somewhat unwilling	63	15.2	63.6
Neutral	80	19.3	82.9
Somewhat willing	46	11.1	94
Very willing	25	6	100
Total	415	100	
Missing	15		
Total	430		

<b>Q7h: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve law enforcement/jail?</b>			
	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Not at all willing	142	33.9	33.9
Somewhat unwilling	33	7.9	41.8
Neutral	70	16.7	58.5
Somewhat willing	79	18.9	77.3
Very willing	95	22.7	100
Total	419	100	
Missing	11		
Total	430		

<b>Q7i: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve libraries?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all willing	163	38.8	38.8
	Somewhat unwilling	50	11.9	50.7
	Neutral	89	21.2	71.9
	Somewhat willing	49	11.7	83.6
	Very willing	69	16.4	100
	Total	420	100	
	Missing	10		
Total		430		

<b>Q7j: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve mosquito control?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all willing	164	39.3	39.3
	Somewhat unwilling	55	13.2	52.5
	Neutral	80	19.2	71.7
	Somewhat willing	49	11.8	83.5
	Very willing	69	16.5	100
	Total	417	100	
	Missing	13		
Total		430		

<b>Q7k: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve museums?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all willing	195	46.9	46.9
	Somewhat unwilling	64	15.4	62.3
	Neutral	80	19.2	81.5
	Somewhat willing	36	8.7	90.1
	Very willing	41	9.9	100
	Total	416	100	
	Missing	14		
Total		430		

<b>Q7l: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve parks?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all willing	151	35.9	35.9
	Somewhat unwilling	56	13.3	49.2
	Neutral	92	21.9	71
	Somewhat willing	63	15	86
	Very willing	59	14	100
	Total	421	100	
	Missing	9		
Total		430		

<b>Q7m: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve building planning &amp; zoning?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all willing	196	47.2	47.2
	Somewhat unwilling	68	16.4	63.6
	Neutral	73	17.6	81.2
	Somewhat willing	42	10.1	91.3
	Very willing	36	8.7	100
	Total	415	100	
	Missing	15		
Total		430		

<b>Q7n: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve public assistance?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all willing	178	42.9	42.9
	Somewhat unwilling	48	11.6	54.5
	Neutral	88	21.2	75.7
	Somewhat willing	50	12	87.7
	Very willing	51	12.3	100
	Total	415	100	
	Missing	15		
Total		430		

<b>Q7o: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve public health services?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all willing	156	37.2	37.2
	Somewhat unwilling	40	9.5	46.8
	Neutral	89	21.2	68
	Somewhat willing	68	16.2	84.2
	Very willing	66	15.8	100
	Total	419	100	
	Missing	11		
Total		430		

<b>Q7p: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve public transportation?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all willing	185	44.4	44.4
	Somewhat unwilling	53	12.7	57.1
	Neutral	80	19.2	76.3
	Somewhat willing	53	12.7	89
	Very willing	46	11	100
	Total	417	100	
	Missing	13		
Total		430		

<b>Q7q: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve roads and bridges?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all willing	137	32.6	32.6
	Somewhat unwilling	40	9.5	42.1
	Neutral	101	24	66.2
	Somewhat willing	72	17.1	83.3
	Very willing	70	16.7	100
	Total	420	100	
	Missing	10		
Total		430		

<b>Q7r: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve stormwater and flood management?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all willing	142	33.9	33.9
	Somewhat unwilling	48	11.5	45.3
	Neutral	98	23.4	68.7
	Somewhat willing	61	14.6	83.3
	Very willing	70	16.7	100
	Total	419	100	
	Missing	11		
Total		430		

<b>Q7s: How willing would you be to have the County levy additional taxes to improve veterans' services?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Not at all willing	141	33.9	33.9
	Somewhat unwilling	34	8.2	42.1
	Neutral	72	17.3	59.4
	Somewhat willing	67	16.1	75.5
	Very willing	102	24.5	100
	Total	416	100	
	Missing	14		
Total		430		

<b>Q8: Rate your level of satisfaction with the County's efforts to keep citizens informed about what the County is doing</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very dissatisfied	43	10.5	10.5
	Somewhat dissatisfied	68	16.5	27
	Neutral	136	33.1	60.1
	Somewhat satisfied	109	26.5	86.6
	Very satisfied	55	13.4	100
	Total	411	100	
	Missing	19		
Total		430		

<b>Q9: Where do you get most of your information about Okaloosa County?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	County website	31	7.2	7.2
	Internet news sources	34	7.9	15.2
	The County's quarterly newsletter	3	0.7	15.9
	Word of mouth	38	8.9	24.8
	Commission meetings	4	0.9	25.7
	Libraries	2	0.5	26.2
	Local newspapers	226	52.8	79
	Local TV/radio	89	20.8	99.8
	Other	1	0.2	100
	Total	428	100	
	Missing	2		
Total		430		

<b>Q10: Have you ever applied for a building permit or had a building inspected by the County's Building Department?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	No	283	66.1	66.1
	Yes	145	33.9	100
	Total	428	100	
	Missing	2		
Total		430		

<b>Q11: Rate your level of satisfaction with the County's Building Department</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very dissatisfied	10	7	7
	Somewhat dissatisfied	12	8.5	15.5
	Neutral	33	23.2	38.7
	Somewhat satisfied	42	29.6	68.3
	Very satisfied	45	31.7	100
	Total	142	100	
	Missing	288		
Total		430		

<b>Q12: Rate your level of satisfaction with the County's preparation for and response to hurricanes</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very dissatisfied	6	1.5	1.5
	Somewhat dissatisfied	12	3.1	4.6
	Neutral	58	14.8	19.3
	Somewhat satisfied	155	39.4	58.8
	Very satisfied	162	41.2	100
	Total	393	100	
	Missing	37		
Total		430		

<b>Q13: Which of the following do you believe is the most important challenge facing Okaloosa?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Managing growth	89	20.9	20.9
	Improving transportation	33	7.7	28.6
	Promoting tourism	6	1.4	30
	Attracting jobs and economic development	144	33.8	63.8
	Affordable housing	40	9.4	73.2
	Good relations with the military	80	18.8	92
	Other	34	8	100
	Total	426	100	
	Missing	4		
Total		430		

<b>Q17: How satisfied are you with the overall quality of the job that the County is doing?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Very dissatisfied	3	0.7	0.7
	Somewhat dissatisfied	22	5.2	5.9
	Neutral	115	27.1	33
	Somewhat satisfied	211	49.8	82.8
	Very satisfied	73	17.2	100
	Total	424	100	
	Missing	6		
Total		430		

<b>Q18: Are you, or is anyone in your household, active duty military?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	No	366	85.1	85.1
	Yes	64	14.9	100
	Total	430	100	

<b>Q20: How many children live in your household?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	None	388	90.2	90.2
	One	11	2.6	92.8
	Two	23	5.3	98.1
	Three	5	1.2	99.3
	Four	3	0.7	100
	Total	430	100	

<b>Q21: How many years have you lived in Okaloosa?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	0 to 2 years	53	12.4	12.4
	3 to 6 years	85	20	32.4
	7 to 10 years	46	10.8	43.2
	11 to 20 years	81	19	62.2
	21 to 40 years	119	27.9	90.1
	More than 40 years	42	9.9	100
	Total	426	100	
	Missing	4		
Total		430		

<b>Q22: Are you a full-time resident?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	No	8	1.9	1.9
	Yes	421	98.1	100
	Total	429	100	
	Missing	1		
Total		430		

<b>Q23: Do you own or rent your residence?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Own	302	70.2	70.2
	Rent	122	28.4	98.6
	Refused to answer	6	1.4	100
	Total	430	100	

<b>Q25: Which of the following age ranges do you fall into?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	18 - 25	42	9.8	9.8
	26 - 35	70	16.3	26
	36 - 45	67	15.6	41.6
	46 - 65	72	16.7	58.4
	66 - 65	55	12.8	71.2
	Over 65	118	27.4	98.6
	Refused to answer	6	1.4	100
	Total	430	100	

<b>Q26: What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Less than high school	6	1.4	1.4
	High school diploma or GED	83	19.3	20.7
	Some college or AA degree	168	39.1	59.8
	College degree or higher	164	38.1	97.9
	Don't know	1	0.2	98.1
	Refused to answer	8	1.9	100
	Total	430	100	

<b>Q27: What is your present marital status?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	Now married	274	63.7	63.7
	Divorced	47	10.9	74.7
	Never married	61	14.2	88.8
	Widowed	33	7.7	96.5
	Separated	2	0.5	97
	Don't know	6	1.4	98.4
	Refused to answer	7	1.6	100
	Total	430	100	

<b>Q28: Which of the following ethnic groups best describes your race?</b>			
	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
African American/Black	20	4.7	4.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	6	1.4	6
Hispanic/Latino	4	0.9	7
Native American	9	2.1	9.1
Caucasian/White	374	87	96
Other	7	1.6	97.7
Refused to answer	10	2.3	100
Total	430	100	

<b>Q29: Which category best describes your total household income?</b>			
	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Under \$15,000	21	4.9	4.9
\$15,000 - \$24,999	31	7.2	12.1
\$25,000 - \$49,999	85	19.8	31.9
\$50,000 - \$74,999	105	24.4	56.3
\$75,000 - \$99,999	53	12.3	68.6
\$100,000 - \$149,999	42	9.8	78.4
\$150,000 or more	21	4.9	83.3
Don't know	14	3.3	86.5
Refused to answer	58	13.5	100
Total	430	100	

<b>Gender</b>			
	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Female	229	53.3	53.3
Male	193	44.9	98.1
Unknown	8	1.9	100
Total	430	100	

### **Q13 Other. Specify “Other” important challenge facing Okaloosa County**

roads

rebuild trust of elected officials

economic dev., growth other than tourism

Fiscal responsibility with budget spending

The cost of living needs to go down.

need a sheriffs dept.

affordable housing & good relations w/military

developing of roads

all of the above are important

growth & jobs

Schools.

schools, buses, transportation to schools

Better law enforcement

can't pick one

roads and transportation

I have no idea

More efficient operating cost.

Building permitting

attracting jobs, affordable hsg & military

Roads/Traffic

community events

safety from crime and hurricanes

all of the above

improving the highways, especially Hwy 98-widen it

maintaining the infrastructure we have

all of the above

County Financial Efficiency

all of the above

All of the above

control taxes and fees

high speed internet access, libraries in baker

all of the above

better traffic control

jobs & transportation

**Q14. Name the top 3 things you would like to see in Okaloosa County in the next five years.**

Additional shopping in Crestview, Hwy 85 improvements and better road maintenance

Wal-Mart in Niceville, more cat catchers, lower gas prices

The sheriff's department to have all new personnel, more utilities to help the disabled, and more jobs

Better roads, expansion of the industrial park and No bureaucracy restricting new businesses

New officials, more services in the county seat, elected officials should maintain their offices

Better senior services, improving street signs and traffic police

See the F-35 project come to town, keep our schools with high standards, new courthouse needs to go to Crestview

Improved road system, public transportation increased and better zoning to stop the building on the beach

Sustainable homeless shelter, low income access to health care, and transparency in government

New Destin bridge, better transportation, and more mass transit

Another children's park near Escambia Farms, upgrade of electricity service, and upgrade of telephone service

Mosquito control and public transportation

Our roads improved (namely, Highway 98). Don't ignore SW county. Get some businesses

Pay attention to abandoned buildings used or destroyed

Museums, parks, and public assistance

They need more family activities to do

More shopping centers and sidewalks

Drastic cut in low income housing, less welfare handed out, and less animosity towards the military

Better roads, better communication, and better zoning

Pay more attention to Crestview area, more playgrounds and more schools

More money to the north end of the county, managing growth more effectively, and public transportation

More money spent for educational systems, transportation issues resolved, better roads, and economical growth & development

More neighborhood playgrounds, bridges need to be fixed better, and tourist based economic sustainment

I don't know

An art museum, more public relations, and a wildlife preserve

Public transportation, more transparency in county government, and more cooperative job development

More family entertainment, more opportunities for small business, and better traffic management

More jobs and better housing

More infrastructure (roads, etc.), more stores & businesses to support the population

More businesses in the area, transportation resolutions, and better education facilities

More children's community centers, better repairing of pot holes and roads, and more D.A.R.E. and drug awareness for children

Better roads, less traffic, and less corruption in government

More job opportunities, more non-beach, non-water recreation

Better paying jobs, more cultural entertainment, and better weather

More roads to access I-10 or a bypass, more affordable housing and a Culinary Institute of America here!!!

More job possibilities, do things to promote industry here, and the need for more economic development

Department for Hispanics rights, more jobs and better housing

Better traffic control, lower taxes and an enhanced Airport

Better family activities and attractions and more traffic enforcement (especially during Spring Break)

Better roads, dog parks, and re-evaluation of property taxes in an effort to lower them

Improved roads, better traffic control and stronger police presence

More jobs and affordable housing

More jobs and economic development, continue good relationship with military, and improve HWY 98 congestion

More jobs and traffic control

Alternate route around Crestview, bypass to south side of Eglin AFB, and comprehensive storm-water treatment

Clean up

More parks, more development of growth management, and preventing more condos from being put up.

NA

Economic development and public transportation

Streamline county operations, financially streamline schools and the personnel employed by the county, and have the county handle all the Municipal elections

Another high school in Crestview, road improvement on Hwy 85 in Crestview, and get other stores besides Wal-Mart

More jobs, more public transportation and more affordable housing

Pollution in the bay cleaned up, trash picked up off of beaches, and more children's parks

More choices of shopping places and restaurants, better traffic control, and better control of taxpayer money.

Hwy 85 -Niceville to Laurel Hill to Crestview

Do away with the tolls on the bridges

Shopping mall, Target and movie theater

More bike lanes aside the roads, more children's parks, and more accesses to the beaches

More highways/interstates something beside HWY 98

A Sports Complex, put the park together by the Conference Center, and fix our roads once for our all

Get rid of run down properties & mobile home parks

A bridge to connect Ft. Walton to San Destin, no toll on the new bridge for residents.

NA

Additional access to the beach and continuance of public transportation services

Traffic control, speed control, and better law enforcement

More entertainment for the family and elderly, traffic control on Hwy 98, and, more financial support for the schools

Better roads, more controlled growth and better building control

Property taxes and congestion on roads reduced

More jobs, activity for children, and more government assistance

Please lower the cost of living. We need to do something with Hwy 98, improve traffic, and make the highway larger.

Something done with the transportation, something done to help the traffic flow, job growth needs, and new opportunities here

Better job opportunities, better infrastructure, better public transportation and better bike paths

NA

Improving education, jobs and quantity of jobs

NA

More jobs, more services to the poor, and more entertainment places

Better jobs here and more entertainment for families

Improve highway 98 and increase jobstaken off the death list!more jobs

Better road structure, better parks and recreation for youth soccer and for a new courthouse in Okaloosa to be put in Crestview.

Improved beach management, erosion decreased and improved hurricane response

Improve libraries, road system, and growth management

More jobs, more parks, and more museums

Better infrastructure to include transportation, roads, realistic zoning plan for residential property assessing through fair market values on homes

Better growth management and the redo of the local judicial system

Better management of growth for shopping, managing traffic, and improving esthetic looks in downtown areas

Limiting high rise buildings, improving transportation, and improving police services

Better roads, less people, and lower taxes

Bringing in more military, better government, and less condominiums

Improvement of Hwy 85 for hurricane evacuation, managing the money available to the county, and making a better Hwy 98

Road improvement in a more timely manner

Road improvement in the north end of the county, bypass traffic for Crestview for emergencies, and more industry in lieu of tourism

A much better school system, better fire department response time and more qualified teachers teaching more discipline

I want the S-22 Raptor here to stimulate economy and better police enforcement in smaller neighborhoods

Increase in business and traffic control

Better traffic flow, something for children to do and more education and employment.

Better road systems, youth programs and school activities, and find a way to attract employment, besides malls and gas stations

More jobs, airport in Crestview, and all county offices moved back to Crestview

More trains and buses, no more tree burning, and better traffic control.

Overpass by airport to alleviate traffic, a possible mall in Crestview, and a big theatre on the north side of Crestview

The library van coming through more neighborhoods, a bigger library and more public transportation

Better roads, reestablishment of county seat in Crestview, and better management of growth for commercial establishment

K-Mart, another pre-k school, more entertainment for children

Better access to Crestview, amusement parks and more shopping malls

Less corruption in the local government, improve the roads and better disaster preparedness

More jobs, more bus transportation, and more help for the homeless

Better programming for schools like art & music and the student teacher ratio needs to be kept down

More efficient government, more money being used by county should be public recorded and someone should oversee the sheriff's budget.

More sidewalks, more parks, and more public transportation

More routes going outside (other than 98 & 85). Better enforcement for spring break time.

More industry for employment, more improvement of the condition of the roads and more family entertainment in Crestview

NA

More retail shopping and better traffic control

Better roads, better jobs, and better military relationships

Solution for traffic on HWY 98 and the improvement of evacuation on storm services; management of growth and building

More jobs, more consumer based businesses and more of a variety

More job opportunities, more affordable art and cultural experiences and more affordable recreational facilities

NA

Improvement of buildings in terms of value and transportation needs improvement

F-35 program for local military, housing industry go back to normal, and taxes decreased

More affordable housing and recycling

Better public transportation, more information from the commission, working more with the citizens--more polling

Children's parks, recycling centers and curb side recycling, and more children's functions at the library

More tax money put into the school system, more resources for department of children & family and more job opportunities

Recycling.

Do something with highway 98

NA

Batting cages and other similar family activities including a better mall

Rebuilding or fixing up courthouse, add a second Brooks Bridge and improve traffic flow

Less homeless walking around and less drug population

More veterans programs, more relationship with EGLIN AFB/BRAC

Affordable housing, public safety - more law enforcement, and better traffic control and transportation

NA

Improvement on road structure, street lights and parks

Cheaper houses, better jobs and less waste of resources

A Veteran facility at Eglin, affordable public transportation for everyone and no more stray cats, dogs, and opossums

Better transportation systems.

More oversight of the constitutional officers, more efficiency-less good ole boy networking

Taxes lowered (property taxes) and get rid corruption

Let the joint strike fighter mission happen, more recreational programming for children, and more money spent to provide better school lunches

Long range transportation program, new courthouse and support for Eglin Air Force base expansion

Infrastructure for roads & bridges taken care of and more effective emergency evacuation routes

Better public transportation system, increased growth of jobs and a better thought out hurricane evacuation plan for county

Better job opportunities and more weekend hours for banks for people who work

Stronger enforcement of zoning rules

Infrastructure improvements on roads and bridges, more industry jobs and a higher promotion of tourism

More military

Activities for senior citizens, computer classes for senior citizens and more theatrical arts

Better transportation, better local management of town government, and sustaining a good relationship with the military

More businesses in Crestview, more representation in the South end of the county and better road system

Honest politicians, better traffic management and mosquito management

Better jobs, Immigration control and stopping public assistance abuse

Better roads, more public parks and redo all of the boat ramps

Better health care, stop putting down animals for no good reason and I wish that cops were not so retarded!

Like to see more department sand outlet store as well as the improvement of parks in

Crestview

NA

Better transportation and roadways and maintaining a good relationship with the military

Fewer Wal-Marts and the improvement on parks and streetlights

Better support for education, constant beautification of the community, and traffic control.

NA

Better jobs for locals

More focus on the communities and not just Main St. maintenance of education facilities & teachers.

Road extension built off the Mid-bay Bridge, traffic easement on HWY 98 and improvement on parks and recreation for kids.

More job opportunities and county expansion

Affordable housing for the Military to continue their mission

High speed internet, libraries, more parks and recreation for Blackwater community

A park, better jobs with better pay, and ability to revitalize the community

Honest leaders, better way to fine Pre-k services on the internet, and improved education.

NA

Better education, more youth programs that are affordable, and the fix of the major traffic problem on Hwy 85 South

Affordable housing, more jobs and better zoning

Better road system, better zoning and more diverse businesses

Recycling, better access roads to Crestview, and better schools

Improved traffic flow, better law enforcement and stronger growth planning

Less traffic, better road conditions and needed drainage control in certain areas

More job growth, beautification of the county, and more children's programs

Do something with Hwy. 98

NA

Some more power boat racing like Sarasota, work more with Eglin with an air show, and possibly other routes for hurricane evacuations

Bigger shopping centers

More sources for jobs, more public transportation and more recreational programming for children

More jobs and more affordable housing

More roads, tourism and housing

NA

Major construction to fix HWY 98, cut back on programs instead of raising taxes and more internet programs to handle county needs

Better hurricane evacuation routes, road improvements and public transportation.

Affordable housing, something done about the traffic on HWY 98 and improvement in the school systems

Better roads.

Expansion on library, parks and museums

Improve traffic and Hwy 98 bypass

Thorough investigation of tax collector's office, hurricane evacuation routes running north and a thorough investigation of the county Sheriff's department

More jobs, better ability to work with the military, better campaigning for people coming to visit

Growth of new businesses in the area, more outlets in Destin area and increased public housing

More entertainment (cultural), traffic flow solutions and diminish the price on Midway Bridge

Police force straightened out, improvement of secondary roads in the county and improvement in animal control

Better storm water drainage, better law enforcement, and better drug traffic control

More jobs, less foreclosures, better response from the government on 1 & 2

Better roads, more employment opportunities and ability to stop illegal immigrants from coming and taking jobs

Better public transportation, better parks, parking, boat access and improved traffic flow US98

More jobs, more parks, more help to veterans without assistance

More dog parks, proper use of school funds, and better judgment of who get building permits

Solution with traffic flow and the lowering of property taxes

Military bring F-35 squadron here and sell the convention center

Better travel systems and better roads, better parks and more family organizations around the county

More money for animal welfare

Roads improved, another Mid-bay Bridge and a shopping center in Niceville

More efficient use of tax dollars, ensure that military will stay and work to have property taxes go back down

Property Taxes lowered, promote tourism and better managed growth

Improved disaster preparedness, improved schools, improved roads and bridges

More activities for children and teens

More jobs and better paying jobs, more economical housing and easier access to public assistance

More and better roads

More businesses and more jobs

Better job opportunities for young people and good relations with the military.

NA

Beach refurbishing, dredging the harbor in Destin, and better roads

Steady taxes, no increase in taxes, limited growth, and reinforce the beaches with more sand

Clear acknowledgement of God, commitment to do things according to His standards and provide the function of a free market system

NA

HWY98 widened, a VA hospital, and additional roads through Destin

Better code enforcement (building/construction), more friendliness towards new businesses and more control of county expenditures

Better transportation and better paved roads

Improved infrastructure, improve zoning, improve architectural appearance (Uptown

Station)

Lower housing taxes, the parks, and get rid of public transportation

Property values go up, more jobs, and better roads

Hwy 98 west being expanded, expanded public transportation system and recycling

NA

Speed limit reduced on HWY 98 from Destin to San Destin, better lights along the roadways and a change in the garbage service

Increase of military presence

A Six Flags and a community pool

Additional access to the beaches and more parks

More parks, more museums, and more culture (concerts, plays, etc.)

Better traffic control

More arts, job opportunities and better economy

More roads and stronger recognition of property rights

More jobs, more beach access parking and less Beal Parkway traffic

More parks, additional access to the beaches and the need to promote tourism

Better industry for jobs and improved road systems

More restaurants, better traffic control and more industry

NA

We need sidewalks

Road improvement, hurricane preparedness, and the ability to keep us better informed before they do anything

NA

Better bus transportation, YMCA, and more senior day care

More parks, increasing things for families to do and more jobs

The economy to pick up again

More tourism opportunities, better public transportation and better job opportunities

Jobs and economic development to our area as well as protecting the environment

Longer library hours, more tourism and affordable housing

Better roads and more budget control

Another road to access Crestview, more business coming to the area and more military assistance

More decent paying jobs, a movie theater, and a nice shopping center in the north end of County.

Better affordable housing, better transportation and better economic situation

NA

Better roads through Crestview and more controlled growth management

More malls commercial area like Destin Commons

More stop signs and more buses

Make sure the military continues to exist, control of property taxes and increased road maintenance

Better infrastructure, a mall in north Okaloosa County and a higher level of accountability for elected officers

A bypass around Crestview to alleviate traffic, expansion of Hwy 123 and the cleanup of properties in the area

Shopping Center in Crestview and the expansion along Highway 123

Street lights, parks, and boat ramps

Having a lake built and getting their good records straight

More jobs, better traffic control and more military support

Improvement in traffic in Crestview, different employment places, and recreational center for the teenagers

More department stores, more restaurants and bringing in discount airlines

Revamping of county government and the ability to stop paying for toll bridges

Little more patriotism for the troops, confidence in the community with the new sheriff, and more friendly with the military

Lower county property taxes and an increase budget for education

More jobs, more affordable housing, and better roads

Better traffic control, street lights, and more parks for children

Better job market, more affordable housing and better assessment of property taxes

Reliable sheriff, easy access out of here to escape hurricanes and no teachers cut from the budget

Affordable housing, pre-school and early childhood education funding and grants for teachers

Managing growth, be wiser with the budgets and spending and don't waste money on studies we don't need

Planning and zoning be more organized, improve the parks and help unemployed people find jobs

Improvements on Road Systems, job growth and equal representation on our councils and boards

Lower taxes, limited growth and better more efficient government

Better infrastructure for storm water and sewage, Joint Strike Fighters and a HWY 98 bypass

More education for the kids

Medians on Okaloosa Island maintained, better flyover for where HWY123 meets 85, and completed tourism department with an overall better maintenance of funds

Better responsibility with tax dollars, more emphasis on public education and economic development

More job opportunities and another bridge over to Destin.

More jobs and economic growth

Improvement in the roads and bridges

Improve traffic issues as well as have police enforce laws on streets more

Improved infrastructure, better accountability of government agencies and better communication between government officials and residences

More jobs, another children's park and additional beach access

Better recreational facility, a technology center and better beach preservation

The bridge on 98 enlarged.

More control of beach/waterfront development, more responsible public officials and better roads

More jobs, more tourism and better roads

More roads, lower property taxes and more stronger affordable housing

Property value to go back up to what I owe, more streetlights, another bridge from Okaloosa Island to Ft. Walton

Better job opportunities, better for people climate and keeping good relations with the military

Parks, museums, and streetlights

Comprehensive, county-wide transit system, improving roads and better growth management

Improved road systems, better and higher paying jobs and maintaining tourism and attracting tourists

Jobs, affordable housing and homeless shelter

Accommodate the military, continued economic growth and better promotion of tourism

A cut around through Hurlburt to stay off 98A, better way to get to the beaches, widening roads and improving growth down town

NA

NA

An emergency trauma center at hospital, some kind of illegal immigration constraints, and more control of people who are operating boats

More jobs, more capital improvements in the area and better teacher and student relationships

Help the military, improve transportation, increase buses and provide veterans more benefits

Recycling, better entertainment and activities for public

NA

Less condos, more cultural programs and more managed traffic on HWY 98

Bigger movie theater like the one in Destin, a shopping mall extended, and a consistency of placement of school zone warnings

Transportation and jobs

Good honest government, work well with the local military, and quality health & safety

NA

Have direct flights to major cities, restrict condos on beaches, improve infrastructure

(bridges and roads)

NA

More industry and more code enforcement in the city

NA

Ft Walton Beach Landing upgrade and traffic light timing

Beach safety, organized lifeguard system for improvement while stopping wasteful spending i.e., the Judicial center.

More bus service and more information when at the museum, more police services regarding drug trafficking

Amusement park and more public transportation

I'd like to see the F-35 program up and running.

More jobs

NA

Better public bus system, traffic control and managed growth

We need a mass transit system here.

NA

More public transportation

Larger police force

More public transportation

More job opportunities and lower property taxes

A new bridge on Okaloosa Island, a new sheriff and a widened Hwy 98

More law enforcement and better roads

More schools, more school districts for children and more jobs

More jobs, more affordable living, less bums. Panhandlers getting on my nerves

Courthouse needs to be in County Seat-Crestview. Crestview needs a bypass road around it and the County needs to stop wasting taxpayer's money

NA

Cleaner/more growth in downtown area, more intrusive law enforcement and need to provide a place for people that isn't a party

Public transportation departments on same level, more uniformity with building and zoning

More transportation, jobs, and places for homeless

NA

NA

Improvement to schools, more funding for college and increased affordable housing

Better flow of traffic, better law enforcement of existing laws and growth management

More public transportation for the elderly

NA

Better library system, nicer parks and increased crime protection

More decent paying jobs, more routes out of town and change 98 to a Highway

Do something with vacant lots, keep citizens a little more informed and keep the military here

NA

NA

improving Hwy 98 marina on the west side of Okaloosa county

Stimulus packages for the County 85 needs to be attended to

More access to the beaches and more affordable housing

Stricter building codes, code enforcement, i.e. picking up trash and better guidelines between county and city

Lower property taxes, better road repair, better knowledge of local issues

More facilities for family activities, more beach access and better public transportation

NA

Alt. 98 on south end of Eglin, fix Brooks Bridge, median all the way through and improve on the rail system from Pensacola to Panama City

Hwy 98 traffic problem resolved, better representation from officials and taxpayer money needs to be better spent

Real estate pickup, better access to beaches in Destin and a new public golf course

NA

Demonstrate more responsibility, more openness in government and listen to the citizens more

More public transportation and more hurricane awareness for assistance

Public swimming pool

Better transportation

More jobs made available

Dog park, maintaining quality with beaches and life guards and need more things to do, like concerts

More business, more parks and recreation and more museums & libraries

More public access to beaches and more shelters for the homeless

Planned development (zoning)the sanitation better, garbage off the streets, and a much better job with roads and grounds maintenance

Fewer political signs, tighter rules for springs breakers, and more enforcement for underage drinkers

Something to improve traffic, i.e.; Hwy 98 fixing some the of the roads

Improve HWY 98, improve education money for the students and bring more jobs to community

More kids' museums and more indoor things for kids along with better malls

Better roads, more senior citizen assistance and more jobs

NA

NA

Better, safer parks, traffic help for Hwy 98, and building a trauma medical center

Lower taxes

Cheaper housing, better roads and improving school buildings

NA

NA

better traffic control

More roads out of Okaloosa County, improving sheriff services and allowing more beach access

Honest politicians

NA

Improving transportation, managing growth and promoting tourism

A shelter for the homeless, improving transportation-- mass transportation—and improving and promoting tourism

Sidewalk on Redwood continued

Ease permit requirements, early release at school omitted, and build an alt. 98 from Pensacola to Panama City

Good transportation, more public beaches, and better mosquito control

Wal-Mart in Niceville, good shopping centers, good restaurants..buffets...in Niceville

Bypass around Ft. Walton, expand the Mid-bay Bridge, and create alternate route versus Hwy 98 in Destin

Better traffic control, more police officers and more effective use of money

Toll rescinded for the Mid-bay Bridge, Home Depot and Wal-Mart built in Niceville and Recovery for falling housing prices

More active police work in illicit drug trafficking, more emphasis on Veterans and Veteran's Affairs and more attention toward Emergency Management

Improve transportation systems, increase the attracting of jobs & economic development throughout the community and finally, get a handle on the budget

A race track, activities for kids and young adults during year and better restaurants

NA

Better schools systems, better public beach accesses and honest governments

More jobs and Valparaiso fighting the F35 resolved

Have more county jobs available, bring back the par 3 golf course and add a water park

Better paying jobs, affordable housing and good schools

Parks, streetlights, museums

Bring new business in via tax breaks, increase affordable housing projects and streamline real estate developmental process

Additional beach parking, Emerald Coast Parkway improvements and the improvement of streetlights

Improvement in traffic control, roads and bridges combined with better support of our military

NA

Better schools, better parks, better roads

NA

Less taxation, less politics and a decent budget

More traffic control and less growth in Destin

Better management of taxes, more discretionary spending within budget and more current value with tax base

Elementary, Middle, and High School in Destin and lower real estate taxes

Preserve the beaches for the public, do not tamper with Okaloosa County and leave alone what belongs Air Force

Valparaiso needs to drop their lawsuit; we need a recreational center for soccer and a way to manage growth better

Better public transportation, more art activities and more adult learning

Improved public transportation

More public transportation, improvements to the schools and more industrial businesses to attract jobs

Affordable housing, traffic prevention and public beach restoration and access

County high schools start a little later than 7:00am

Property values go back up, infrastructure improvement, and improved relations with the military

Growth of Eglin, higher technology jobs and better traffic management

The county should be more watchful over their growth

More accountable elected officials, create a bypass off toll bridge and help schools keep good teachers

Create a bypass of HWY 98, Valparaiso needs to get their act together and there needs to be more paving of dirt roads

Traffic issues resolved during tourist season

Improved transportation, better budgeting and control of tax payers funds

Promoting tourism safeguarding the community with thorough background checks for law enforcement applicants

**Q15. Are there any existing County services that you would recommend the County discontinue?**

I think that there's a lot of code enforcement that is unnecessary.

Drive to build more low income Section 8 housing

I feel that they could discontinue the Animal Control, because whenever I've needed them, they didn't show up.

Public Assistance

Code Enforcement on the water

Mosquito Control

Reduce the county library system and drastically the number of unused parks.

I don't think anyone goes to the museums so they could get rid of those.

They need to relook everything and try to cutback so we can put the money towards something we need.

Discontinue museums and libraries so that there are better roads and transportation to bring better paying jobs to the area.

Museums

Get rid of anything that would have to do with an abortion clinic.

Landscaping in Destin that requires continuous maintenance; they do not do things with an eye for the economy and they spend money on things not needed and on signs and stuff

The County has overlapped itself in code enforcement, law enforcement, and environmental enforcement. There is too much government, and we could do with less.

Zoning and planning offices

The Ft. Walton Beach commercial area is too much. There is no infrastructure to support it and it doesn't contribute to the county. It has a bad environmental impact and reduces resident comfort.

Tourism Development Council

Public transportation

Extension services

Animal Control, because they don't do anything.

Public transportation and museums

If they're involved in affordable housing, I don't think they need to be. That should be a private sector solution.

I don't think they should give handouts to people who are here illegally.

I think they should discontinue a couple of services because lots of services aren't more important than helping out and feeding the homeless.

The bonuses the tax collector has paid his employees.

People who take advantage of resources for a free ride should stop.

I think instead of raising taxes, we should reduce taxes on some of these services.

Code Enforcement and Building Planning and Zoning

Having and giving jobs to illegal immigrants.

Animal Control seems to be on the back burner, so maybe we should discontinue that.

Animal control

I think DCF could be done away with.

In the school system, only teach basics, not so many electives. There is far too much bloating in the government.

I do not want to see the jails move to the fairgrounds. I would like the convention center privatized.

Waste management could be reduced to once a week.

Beach Safety Unit, I really don't understand it; when they put the warning flags up, they create a liability issue. I am for the reduction of some of these services but not the elimination.

D.E.P. and the good ole boys' network

There are duplicate services from the city and county. The police only come around my place once a year!

Everything but mosquito control

**Q16. Are there services, which the County currently does not provide, that you would recommend implementing?**

Bus transportation and service in Niceville

Prisoner workforce, if not already implemented.

An improved transportation system

Homeless assistance

An oversight committee to come in and clean up the County government

Recycling program

Services for education and health for preschoolers

I'd like to see them try to clean out and dig out some of these ditches in front of our house, for drainage purposes.

I would like to see public transportation offered from Northern Okaloosa County to Southern Okaloosa County. It would save money on commuting.

We need more childcare & more children's parks!

Better public transportation.

A V.E. special education program offered in ALL schools in Okaloosa.

Curbside recycling

They should have better pedestrian pathways.

More public transportation for the elderly

We need a better dog park system.

Make Hwy. 98, three lanes going east and three lanes going west.

They should implement a welcome committee.

More police patrol on my street.

Improve public transportation in Okaloosa.

Dental services

I'd like to see meals on wheels for the elderly and handicapped. Also, there need to be more restaurants that are for handicapped citizens!

Not that I could think of.

I think their zoning & city planning hardly exists at all!

Better garbage disposal and pick-up. I'm on the outside of the county, so I don't have those advantages.

Higher pay for the teachers

They should have temporary shelters for the needy.

Just improve the existing ones

More help for the elderly.

Recycling center

More availability to public transportation

We need an Enhanced mass transit system; a better bus system or equivalent service.

Not that I can think of right now

They should implement volunteers to advise the county commission on what the engineer department needs money for.

More public transportation

More health and dental clinics for middle to lower income citizens

Public swimming pool, improve conditions of parks.

Certain school zones don't have crossing guards. So I would like to see more crossing guards for the school district.

We need recycling, facilities to do this. It's a shame absolutely. We take everything to Eglin!

We need to provide more mental health services for veterans here. I don't think it's appropriate for veterans' mental health to be privatized with Ridgeway.

I would like to see affordable healthcare for indigents.

Get us out when there is a disaster.

A better information system

Animal control should be under the counties

Some adolescent youth programs

I have no recommendations.

Financial assistance to cover the emergency medical for the poor

More mosquito control

Garbage pick-up should be improved

Work more with the homeless.

Free Wi-Fi zones at parks and libraries.

More transportation options

Reinforce disaster preparedness

They need more public transportation for elderly and for people unable to drive.

There are derelict boats in our harbor. Somebody needs to have them removed.

More public meetings and a more democratic forum

More extensive public transportation

The county needs to clean up the whole county, not just certain areas. There are places where there is trash and debris not being picked up.

More fundraising for the veterans

More activities for children

More public childcare services to help women get off welfare

More education about sexual relationships, for teens in public schools

Provide help to seniors & who can't afford it. Hospice is good but need other sources. Not enough love in the world. Need more jobs so people don't have to work 2-3 jobs.

We should work toward more efficient public transportation.

Improving public transportation

There should be something better for the homeless, perhaps a new home.

Clearing litter from the roads, we need a more hazardous material waste disposal access.

I'm very big into recycling. I'd like that to be in place again!

We should have recycling services like we used to.

We need more bus schedules and routes, and we need a bus route service on the weekend.

Recycling pickup program

Bus service

We have a limited busing system, and there's no route to the base.

A better public transportation system

We need a service that provides better public transportation.

More culture and arts

More volunteer programs.

The Sheriff's Public Information Office will post officer reports on a website, and I see that as useful. I can see crime in my neighborhood, that way. Michelle Nickelson does that herself.

Go back to the recycling

Recycling center

Health care for the uninsured and under-insured used as with a mobile unit like a blood drives

More public recreation

Zoning for housing should be improved

Please build a hospital or trauma center because we don't have one I our community.

Buses for the public

Public bus transportation

I think they need to get funding to get county prisoners back on the streets to help clean up the areas in the county.

More public transportation

Clean the drain systems in subdivisions.

I want the property value back the way it was. I'd like an overall view of our budget to be looked at by outside auditors.

I think they should provide transportation from high school to college for students who wish to participate in dual enrollment.

**Question 31. "If you were given a choice to live elsewhere, where would that be and why?"**

Because of the job situation my wife and I are leaving the area. We are moving to Texas. If they had more opportunities, we would not want to leave.

Walton County, I suppose. This is where we want to live. We chose this place.

I would live in Freeport, Florida because of the growth and expansion there.

I'd like to live up in Northern Georgia, the Carolinas or Tennessee because there are some mountains.

I feel that there is a lack of managing growth, lack of cultural opportunities, and activities. I would love to be in Seattle, WA. There are a lot of cultural variety and job opportunities as well.'

I'd live in Colorado Springs because it's so beautiful.

I don't have a preference as to where I would live outside of Crestview.

I moved here 3 years ago and would not want to live anywhere else.

I'd probably move to Alabama, because of lower taxes there.

I hadn't thought about it.

I would live in North Carolina because that is where I am from and my family is there.

Clorado, because it is the mountains and the quality of life.

It might be in Enterprise, AL, where I grew up. I still have friends there.

I'd live in Sedona, Arizona because the weather is nice, and it's not very crowded.

I am going to retire in Hawaii. There is no winter there, the temperature is constant around 70.

I would probably pick Tampa. They have a lot to offer, culture, entertainment, public services. It feels like a big city but with a small town atmosphere.

"Central Florida because the local county gov. offers better services and they have better weather year round."

"I would live in East Tennessee because that's where I'm from and I have relatives there."

Maybe Maggie Valley in Tennessee because of the cooler summers.

"I would live in North Carolina for the climate and mountains."

I would like to live in Tennessee because of the mountains."

I would like to live in Houston, because that's where my family is.

I would like to live in Oikinawa Japan because my grandchildren live there.

I like other places for different reasons. I like Gulfport because the cost of living is cheaper.

We are from the north and this is where we plan on retiring so this is it for us. We are happy here.

I like Navarre. because it is a little less populated.

I would live in Summit, CO. This is because of the outdoor abilities of bike trails, hiking, and transportation & job opportunities.'

I'd like to live in St. Louis, MO. It's hugely diversified & economically well off. New housing & major business are putting their headquarters. in St. Louis; if they can, why can't Okaloosa do this!'

"We would live in Alabama because our family lives there."

There's no where else I'd rather be. I've done alot of moving around, and we recently moved back to Okaloosa County, and we're here to stay.

It a little further south in Florida to avoid cold weather.

"I don't think there's anywhere else I'd rather be."

It would probably be somewhere in the VA/TN area. That would be because of the change of seasons.

San Diego, California. They have the best of both worlds, culturally...plus the beach AND the mountains with good weather. They have a much more educated base of people in general & city leaders in particular. It is a much more cosmopolitan area & the zoning is immensely better . The 'Good Old Boy' network in full effect.

There is nowhere else I'd rather be. It is beautiful here, and I just think that there is no more beautiful place. It's in America, and the people here are great. There are a lot of things to do, also. There's not too much crime, either. It's a place for the grandkids to come visit us, too. When the tourists are gone, it's like having a huge town to ourselves, but we love tourists!

I would probably move to New Zealand. They have a young demographic and it looks like they really have everything together there.

"I would live in southern California because that is where I'm from and the weather is almost always nice."

Locally, Gulf Breeze. It seems like they have more amenities than Niceville.

"I would not want to live anywhere else. I love it here in Florida. The military is here and the cost of living is relative."

Virginia due to family living there.

I would prefer to live in the Western parts because of the climate and the activities that are available."

"I am satisfied with where I am at right now."

I would move out of state to Alabama to be closer to my family.

I can't think of anywhere else I'd rather live.

Some tropical island with no expenses!

Here, because I've left and moved back, and left and moved back.

"Greece because they have beautiful beaches and landscape."

"I wouldn't live anywhere else even if I had the chance to."

I would probably still live here. It's mostly where I was raised.

I'd rather be in Escambia, County, Pensacola, because that will always be my home.

I would live in the Smokey Mountains. The people are more sociable and the cost of living is less.

Probably in Kentucky because we'll be closer to family.

I'd live in Washington state because I was born and raised there, and it's beautiful.

I'm happy here.

I'd live somewhere West because the military bases hurt the job market here.

Fort Walton Beach

Colorado, because I want to see snow.

"Costa Rica because they have great fishing and not as much pollution."

"If I could live anywhere else it would be Washington because it's pretty and peaceful."

I'd live in Rainbow, Alabama because that's where I'm from.

"I have lived here for 38 years. I've never thought about living anywhere else."

I would like to live on the west coast beach near Salem Oregon. I like it because of the lack of humidity.

I'd live in Hong Kong because of the shopping and lifestyle.

I'd go to Grand Rapids MI because that's where my parents live. They have a lot of festivals & family oriented things going on around there all the time.

Atlanta because they have good schools.

"If I had to move I would go to Colorado because that's where my children live."

Back to Connecticut because I love it there. I don't like the humidity here.

Probably on a beach in Mexico in a big house, but I'm pretty satisfied where I am now.

I don't know. That's a big question in my head all the time because I'm fed up with the medical care in the area. I'm a stroke patient, so it makes a big difference.

"If I could live anywhere else it would probably be Walton County simply because I'll be closer to the beaches."

Idaho, because of change in scenery the mountains.

I would live in the northern midwest where I was born and raised. Minnesota is where my family is.

"I would like to live in eastern Tennessee because spring and fall last the longest there."

"I'd live in Hawaii; just because I love it."

I would stay in Okaloosa County.

Probably Newport News, Virginia. I like the area and my sister lives there.

I don't have any place I'd rather be. We love the quality of life, & that's why we moved here.

Nowhere

I love living in Okaloosa county. This is as good as it gets.

"If I could live elsewhere it would either be West Palm Beach or Austin, Texas. Both of them for weather, climate, retirement communities.

"It would be Indiana because of my grandchildren. "

I am happy with where I live.

This is our dream to live here. WOuldn't want to be elsewhere.

I'd stay in Okaloosa County because I like it here.

No place else. I'm going to retire here. I like the beaches, the environment, and the access to facilities. It's a friendly place to live in.

We had the choice to live elsewhere and we didn't.

I don't have any desire to live anywhere else. I have lived around the world, and I'm happy with Okaloosa County.

"I would move to Birmingham, Alabama because of the better retirement homes there. I'll be 80 yrs old soon."

"I like it here, that's why I live here."

Texas, because of family

"There is no other place I would rather be. I am very happy here."

"I would not live anywhere else. There are a lot worse places to live and I like it here."

I can't think of anywhere right now.

Louisiana b/c relatives

I would live out of the country in Germany, because that where I spent my high school years.

I don't think I'd want to live anywhere else right now. I miss the city, but not enough to move back to it. There's always something to do here. I do not feel completely bored.

"I lived in a lot of places and I wouldn't live anywhere else other than Okaloosa because I like here."

"I wouldn't live anywhere else."

I would want to live in the American Virgin Islands, because of slow pace.

I would much rather live in a large scale motor home and travel the country, not really living in any one specific area.

We moved here just for the school district so this is where we wanted to be.

"If I could live anywhere else, I would live in Italy because their food is fantastic."

None

I would stay here in Florida.

I would live in Durango Co. because they have have the best climate.

In colorado, because it's so beautiful there, and I love the mountains and all the natural surroundings.

Orlando, because they offer a Culinary Institute of America, but I living here. I LOVE the Okaloosa County school system!

This is the only place I have ever wanted to be.

Probably Tennessee because of the change of seasons.

I would stay here, but in a different neighborhood . This one is a little run down.

Colorado because of the scenery.

In any international country, because I've always wanted to live outside of the U.S.

Probably in the mountains, where it's not as hot in the summer. But this is a good place to live, really.

Columbia, South Carolina, because they have all of the zoos, many types of museums, varied festivals and numerous family activities we like to do as a family. They also have college sporting events.

I would live in South Walton County. There's less congestion regarding traffic.

'I'd like to be in North Carolina; it's a better climatic compromise of the seasons, vs. living here in Florida.'

California or Canada. Enlightened people. I'm tired of living practically in the air force base.

'I'd like to be in Tampa, just because I love bigger cities.'

"If I knew of another place I wanted to live I would already be there. I want to live here but it is too expensive."

A place where I could have cattle and a big ranch. I'm not sure what state that would be.

I'm satisfied right here. I've been around the world, and these white sands are good enough for me!

Jacksonville FL, just because that's where my parents are.

Probably be in Santa Rosa county.

I love living in Baker. I first lived in Ft. Walton Beach, then in Crestview. They were too much like big cities. I'm from D.C., so I love it here.

Maybe Walton County, because property taxes are a little cheaper.

There's no where else I'd rather live. I've lived many places, and this is it! I choose Okaloosa.

I would like to live in the mountains.

I'd go to Austin, TX because that's where my daughter is...it's actually Buda. I think it's a beautiful area and it's very convenient. It's a little bitty town, but they have EVERYTHING there!

I'm from Boston and like it here. I would not want to live anywhere else.

I love living in Okaloosa and would not want to live anywhere else.

Gainesville Florida because it is a real healthy city.

Atlanta Georgia just because of majority of family lives there.

Toronto, Canada I like the living up there.

"If I could live anywhere else in the world, I'll live in Atlanta because that's where my boy lives with his mother."

There isn't anywhere else I'd rather be! I call this my sanctuary.

I'd like to move further up north, maybe in the Carolinas or Tennessee, only to get away from the water and the hurricanes.

I would live Myrtle Beach, South Carolina because that area has job opportunities, greater tourism, and growth.

In Alabama because that is where my family is.

"I would like to live in Brooklyn New York. They have bus transportation, cops everywhere, animal control."

I would live in Thailand, because of the easy lifestyle.

I would pick Mobile because I was born there.

Probably Alabama because I can smoke in a restaurant.

Santa Rosa County. It's close enough to my work.

"I'd like to be in Tennessee; it's beautiful, the weather & mountains are nice."

I would live further north because that is where I am from. I would live in Tennessee.

California arizona dary climate

Heaven, because I have worn my welcome here.

"Somewhere where the job market pays better, and anywhere where the traffic isn't as bad as it is here in Okaloosa!"

This is fine, but I'm just new to the area.

I would live way up in the mountains to get away from violence, traffic and sirens.

I don't want to go anywhere else.

I would want live in Hawaii, because of their climate.

Just some where there is a beach.

"I would think I'd like to be in the mid region of Florida because there are job opportunities, seems like more quality family life & better income."

"I'd go back to Oregon, that's where I'm from."

"Washington State because the weather is great there and it's near the ocean."

"I would live in Daytona FL it's a pleasant place to be in FL."

"If I could live anywhere else it would be Texas because they have more and better oppurtunities."

"United Kingdom because I love the culture."

I'd live in Colorado because I like outdoor sports, such as skiing and hiking. However, I do like it here too.

Costa Rica. I went there on a vacation, and I loved it!

Germany, because of the different culture. (There aren't as many 'spring breakers'.

Denver, Colorado because I lived there for a long time and I loved it. But I love it just as much here.

I wouldn't live elsewhere.

I like this area. I just wish I had more money to be able to afford to live in a larger house.

That would be hard to make a decision. I don't really think I'd want to go anywhere else, because I'm pretty satisfied here.

My neighborhood has a housing restriction, so I don't get involved with the county codes. It's hard to rate the law enforcement, because there are so many different groups. But, they need to work on that. It's good to have museums to take visitors on rainy days. I'd be against any tax referendum, we are retired. They need to have the basic needs covered, to avoid raising taxes.

I don't think I'd choose any other place because I really like it here.

Lafayette, Louisiana, because that's where I'm originally from and it's on a growing spirt.

Oklahoma or Louisiana, because we have children in both areas, and we'd like to be closer to them.

California.

There's nowhere else I would want to live.

"I do not want to live anywhere else. I am homegrown."

Tennessee, because they have seasons. It's boring not to have seasons, in Florida.

I think we'd stay here. We like Eglin A.F. Base and we are close to our families.

I'd like to go back to Melbourne, Fl. They just have more things to do and much more to offer.

"If I could live anywhere else it would be in Tennasee because it is my favorite vacation spot. It also has mountains and different seasons."

I would live in Clarksville, Tennessee, where the cost of living is cheaper and there is a better job market. It's also not as congested as here.

Nowhere else.

I would live in Hawaii. The weather is great.

I would live further south in Florida, because it's warmer.

Living in Okaloosa county is a good place to live.

We are moving to Santa Rosa County to be closer to grandchildren.

I would probably live in Atlanta, GA. I think there are more job opportunities there and my family is there as well.

Being in the military we are not tied anywhere, and I go where I am told.

Mississippi, because that's where home is.

"Washington State to be closer to my family."

I would live in South Carolina to be close to family members.

"I live in northern Crestview, so I would like to be closer to the beach for the kids."

I would live in Kentucky. I lived there in the past, and they had good fishing.

"Montana because there's no sales tax's and it's much quieter there."

I would have to say further down state(Florida), only because of the traffic issue in Okaloosa. Possibly in the St. Petersburg area.

I would live in Costa Rica, because the weather is the same, but it cost less to live there. Also, the culture is not built around religion. This area has too many churches, & they all get big tax breaks. If they would tax the churches here, then maybe they would have enough money to keep the teachers in the classroom, promoting education our children's future.

I like it here.

Walton County, because of the development happening there.

I prefer Okaloosa county, I would not move.

I am not sure where we would want to be.

Tampa, Florida there is nothing for my age range to do in this area.

I'd live in Hawaii because the weather is better year round.

I'd live in Destin because it's cleaner and nicely laid out.

I'm perfectly happy right here.

Central Florida, because it's a bigger area with more opportunities.

I live here and would not want to live anywhere else.

I would live in Ireland, because of the expanding job market there.

"Hawaii because they have beautiful weather and great people and jobs."

'It would be in Franklin North Carolina because we have a vacation home there.'

"I'm perfectly happy with Okaloosa & wouldn't want to be anywhere else!"

I think North Carolina. We love the mountains & the climate there, with all the different seasons.

I'm originally from Alabama, so I'd probably go back there.

I would not want to live anywhere else.

I'd live in the mountains in Tennessee because it is cooler, and I believe that it's cheaper.

I've made my choice a long time ago, and this is where I'm going to stay. The city of Valparaiso provides some of my services.

I'd live in Clark County in Nevada because it's my home.

We'd probably live in Colorado or Oregon. You can't get insurance here any more, and the property values are poor.

"I wouldn't live anywhere else."

In Alabama or Georgia because I'm a country boy.

I would live in Alaska, because there are no tourists.

I don't want to live anywhere else. I'm content where I am.

I wouldn't want to live anywhere else this late in life.

"I'm pretty happy where I am."

I would live somewhere in the mountains. But I am happy with where I am at.

I would live in Suffolk, Massachusetts, because I'm from Boston.

"I would choose to live in more up north for temperature reasons."

I would live in Alabama, everything is cheaper there, groceries, property tax, vehicle tags, cost of land, etc.

I would live in Australia. I could still be free and go to the beach, and not have to deal with all of the politics that we have to deal with in this country.

I would live in Brentwood, Tennessee because of the restaurants and choices of things to do.

I don't want live anywhere else.

I would live in Ozark, Alabama because it's a little town like Baker used to be.

"I'd go back to the state of Alaska because I like the weather."

Further north, they have better developed areas.

I'd live in San Diego because of the access to the outdoors.

Tampa, Fl b/c they just have so many things to do.

I would like to live in Tennessee because they have more affordable housing and insurance than Florida does.

I would like to live in Honolulu, Hawaii, again, because of it's climate. I, previously lived there, but can no longer afford the housing there. It cost a lot less to live in Okaloosa County.

'Brevard county because I grew up there.'

The mountains of North Carolina because it's God's country.

"We moved to Okaloosa County on purpose and I'm very satisfied here."

We came from Vermont, we like the weather and like living here.

North Carolina. Houses cheaper and better economy.

I don't know of any other place.

"If I could live somewhere else it would probably be Tennessee or Colorado. I'll live there just to see a different scene."

I think that I would just stay here because of the location.

This is the place I want to be. This area has special beaches, weather, & people.

I wouldn't because this is my home.

"In New York City, my son lives there."

I'd live in Italy because I lived there half of my life in the military. I'm retired military.

"If I could live anywhere else it would be Colorado because it has more to offer my family."

I don't know.

Texas, because it's home.

"If I could live anywhere else it would be New York, but no longer than 1 year. I'll live there just to experience."

"If I could live anywhere else it would be in California, simply because of the weather."

I would live in the southern north due to the heat. I would live in North Carolina.

I'd live in the Carolinas or Virginia because they have four seasons, and these places are close to my family.

San Diego, we used to live there and I love it.

I would live in Birmingham, Alabama because the insurance rates and mortgage rates in Okaloosa County are very high.

The mountains in North Carolina because we just love it there. We really enjoy the "quiet".

I have no incentives to go anywhere.

I am given a choice and I choose to live here.

"Guntersville AL because it's beautiful and much cheaper to live there."

'In Arizona, just for the climate change.'

I would move to Springfield, MO. because I have family there.

I'd live in Central Alabama because I want to get back to my family.

I wouldn't. That's why I came back.

"I would live in Alabama because that is where my family is."

"I would live in Montgomery, Alabama to be closer to my grandchildren."

I would stay here, because it's like Paradise to me.

"I would choose to live in California because my ability to use public land for recreation."

I would live in Alabama, because they have less government, fewer taxes, fewer environmental rules, and it's cheaper to live there. It's also a little more free there. There are too many guns and badges in Florida.

"I would go to Arizona because there are no hurricanes or tornadoes."

"I would like to be close to Seaside, it's just beautiful there!" They only complain I have is them trying to provide more bypasses or quit building, so we have room for more jobs & for us to grow, ie: Crestview & surrounding areas!

I would live in the Orlando area in Orange county, mainly due to the temperature."

I would probably live in Memphis, TN. I have some family there and I believe it would be a great place to raise my own family.

Being military, we've lived all over the place, and don't have a preference to live elsewhere. We really like living here.

Tennessee. I like the mountains.

I'm not sure, but somewhere with less humidity, and more entertainment.

I would live in Hawaii because of its location and beaches.

I like it here the best out of all the places I have lived.

I couldn't imagine living anywhere else! I've lived here all my life & I don't know anything else.

I don't want to live elsewhere.

I'm unsure of where I would live.

"I wouldn't live anywhere else even if I had a chance to go because I'm happy here."

"Arizona because of the mountains, warm weather, and lakes."

"Somewhere in Europe because there's more diversity and they have more festivals and activities to do there."

I would live further North in Tennessee. I really don't like the hot, sticky and humid weather.

I'm approaching retirement age. If I could choose, I'd probably want to go back to my home of record to be with friends and family, in Virginia.

I would live in one of the southwest states, because of the humidity here.

300 miles north of this county better climate

Knoxville Tennessee because of our horse.

I would go a little further North, maybe around the Crestview area. That's because of the storms.

"I don't want to live anywhere else."

'I'd like to live in Pigeon Forge, TN. I say this because of the seasonal changes.' 'One thing I'm very upset about is the fact that they keep putting these tall bldgs on Miracle Strip, such as the LaQuinta & all up Eglin Pkwy. It blocks the view of the water, & they're right on the road & just look totally out of place!'

"I'll probably stay here because it's pretty good here."

"If I had the choice to live elsewhere it would be in Tennessee, mainly to get away from hurricanes and tornadoes. So I would say my reasons for that are mainly weather purposes."

I can't think of any other place that I would live other than Okaloosa County. I gave it a 4 because there are things that need to be improved here.

"If I could live anywhere else it would be Maryland because that's where my kids live."

We're happy here.

"I would live in California because my husband is from there."

I like living here. Travelling to other places is fine, but I like living here.

I'd go home to Hawaii! I can't afford to live there, however. I can't think of any feasible places because this is where I chose to retire.

"Arizona, because it's a warmer climate and a progressive state so it seems like a nice place. "

St. Louis, MO, because that's where my family is and where I'm originally from.

I would move to Seattle. It is beautiful there and there is more job opportunities being in a large city.

'I'm perfectly fine exactly where I am.'

Probably Jacksonville or Orlando because they're bigger cities, but still within Florida. I've always lived here.

I would actually move to Wisconsin. That's where I'm from. Their city planning is well done, with organic markets and very esthetically pleasing downtown areas.

I would live in Walton county or the general area.

"I would choose to live in North Carolina, less density and we have family up there."

'We're moving back to Virginia because our daughter just had a baby.'

We were living here before we moved to central Florida for two years, and we were so glad to get back here. We've also lived in Destin, but it's a little too crowded. We really like where we live now. I hope I never have to live anywhere else.

Northern Alabama, I have family there.

"I would live in Tucson Arizona because of the weather and no possibility of hurricanes."

Tampa, Florida because of the weather.

No other choice

I would live Upstate New York. My health is better there. The climate agrees with my body better.

don't know

"San Antonio TX because it is a larger city, and there's more recreational and educational opportunities."

'I think this is ideal, wouldn't be anywhere else.'

Naples, Italy lived there before we came here.

This is home to me and so I'm as happy as I'm going to be.

I chose Okaloosa County and there's no where else I'd want to live.

"If I could live anywhere else, I would live in Texas because my daughter lives there."

Louisiana.

California, because it is my hometown.

I would not go anywhere else.

I would live somewhere with a cooler climate but I'm not sure where that would be.

I don't know.

I don't know.

'I like mountains and trees so it could be somewhere like Nashville.'

I would live in Alachua County, because of the opportunities for the disabled that they offer.

"I wouldn't live anywhere else because I'm very happy here in Okaloosa County."

I'd still like to live in the south, but I'm not a big fan of here, because there are a LOT of vacationers and snowbirds!

I wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

I'd love to live in Hawaii, but it's too expensive. No, I love it here, I wouldn't move!

Satisfied here

"Content where I am, my family is here. We live on Holmes Blvd and it's like a raceway." Sheila Flavia took the survey.

I'd live in North Carolina because of the mountains, streams, and hiking.

I'd stay here because my husband is deceased, and everything around me reminds me of him.

I'd live in the Mid-West b/c my family is there, and that's where I grew up.

Colorado, because they have mountains.

A tropical island because there would be less government.

Tallahassee Florida, because of a retirement home.

I really would live anywhere else. I absolutely love it here.

I like it fine here.

I really can't think of any other place else I'd rather live.

I'd go to Pennsylvania, only because that's where I grew up."

The state of Maine because of the fresh environment.

I would love to live in Hawaii. It is beautiful there. But I really do like to live in Okaloosa county. It is just the government that gets to me at times.

I'd live in Scotland because of the history and culture, or I'd live in Ohio because that's where I'm from.

I honestly don't want to be anywhere else, I'm very satisfied with living in Okaloosa.

I'm not that dissatisfied with Okaloosa, but I'd like to have the option of going anywhere else in the world.

Stay where I am

"I would choose to live in Thailand because the cost of living is so low."

"I would live anywhere that has better jobs, and more affordable housing."

"I wouldn't live anywhere else because I love it here."

Heaven because that where we are headed!

I'd live in Tennessee because we travel there for vacation, and I like the communities.

No where.

When I retired in '01, after 30 years in the military, we looked around a lot. We just stayed here. We have an older house, but it's close to a lot of stuff...shopping, beaches, etc.

I'd go to Colorado Springs. That's where I came from, but it might be a little too cold for me now . I still love it!

"If I could live anywhere it would probably be Tennessee because it's beautiful. The only problem is, it's too far away from any beaches, which I enjoy."

We have family in Colorado and most likely it would be there.

I'd probably move up to a lake around Eufala. I like fishing.

I'd go down towards Ft. Myers. It's very pretty, & I'm familiar with it. Maybe Clearwater would be a good choice, also.

I'd live in Tampa because it's closer to the VA hospital.

Nowhere. We're very satisfied here.

"Walton County because the taxes are much lower."

I would go to Hawaii because of the beauty of their beaches. I've been there before.

I'd live in North Carolina because it's a slower lifestyle.

We move often being in the military. I do not really know where I would want to be.

Hawaii, because that's always been a dream of mine.

I don't want to live anywhere else. I enjoy living in the county. I am retired and this is where I always wanted to live. I do see some mismanagement on the growth. Our government also focuses on tourists more than residents.

I moved here because of the area, so I wouldn't live anywhere else.

no other place

"I wouldn't want to live anywhere else."

I wouldn't live anywhere else but I would love to travel.

I would live in New York City because of their subways and public transportation. I love their museums. There's more variety in ethnic groups and food. They are not so homogeneous and have more culture.

I wouldn't want to live anywhere else but here. I've lived here all of my life.

If my kids werew bigger I would move to Atlanta, where there are more job oportunites.

I would live in Paris, because of the opportunity to experience a different culture.

I don't think I'd want to move anywhere else.

It depends on what day you ask me. It's fine here & I'm perfectly happy with where I am.

I would live in Montana because most of my family is there.

"Lafayette LA because all my friends are there and the food is great."

"I'd like to go back to LA, and she wants me to come take care of here."

I'd like to live anywhere but the US; everything is in shambles!

'If I couldn't live in Okaloosa, I would want to live in Walton County because I have a brother who lives there.'

I would live in Canada because health care is easier to maintain and marijuana is legal!

I would love to be living in Destin, rather than Florosa because of the closeness of the beach & water.

I don't want to live anywhere else.

"If I could live anywhere else it would be in Walton County because they have a lot more land that you could buy and build on, as for Okaloosa I think that everyone is kind of bunched up."

"If I could live anywhere else it would probably be North Carolina. Even though the economy is terrible I think their cost of living is cheaper and they have more jobs, more entertainment, and more things to do."

"I always wanted to live in Florida, so I'll stay here."

**Question 32. Is there one particular issue you feel strongly about or do you have any additional comments?**

They need to give tax breaks to businesses so they will stay. I would not mind giving more for that to happen. They also need to stop paying out these ridiculous bonuses.

I cannot think of any.

I have issues with the EDC (Economic Development Committee). They have turned away new companies who want to come to this area, by putting too many constraints, and by not agreeing to the requests of these companies who desire to come to the area.

I think that there's a general lack of ambition for the next generation to move to the next level of success. It seems that people are extremely content with staying where they are and with not doing anything to move forward.

My concern is with building code enforcement. They are much stricter on county codes than they are for city codes. They need to be a little more lenient on county codes, and not so stringent. I have purchased a couple of commercial buildings in the county.

My biggest concern is our county law enforcement and the scandal with the sheriff. Also, we need to improve our roads.

I have two issues that I feel strongly about, one is corruption in government and two is property taxes.

I've been very disappointed in the negative publicity we've been having during the last month. I just HATE it, for our county, that we can't be in the news for something positive.

'I've never even noticed buses. I guess more access to public transportation. I might use it if I knew about it.'

"There seems to be a large amount of government fraud going on right now that I'm not fond of."

I feel strongly about the public beach parking.

No additional comments.

I want there to be more honesty in our elected officials. I don't feel as if I can trust them because it appears they care not for the concerns of Okaloosa county. I also have a major issue with elected officials receiving bonuses. I think they should do their job with integrity, not for bonuses. If they need to be paid more then pay them more.

The people making the decisions about our funds need to take a step back. They need to be non-political and make the decisions that are right for us.

"I'd like for the county to watch the county commissioners very, very closely! Watch the money that they spend!"

"I'm not happy with Valparaiso because they're trying to sue the Air Force for the noise they make. I don't think they should because if the military leaves, my job as well as many others will definitely be affected and not in a good way. We need to find a way to keep the military here."

The only thing the area needs to have in the future are more public beaches because the condos being built are taking over everything. Also, I've been moving around a lot, and people are always wanting to come here to visit, but their biggest issue is the traffic.

In regards to all of problems that have been reported in the local news, someone needs to be watching how the County is spending the money. The Planning Commission needs to work on improving the traffic problems.

"My biggest problem is the school systems. I think that it is horrible that they're cutting teachers pay. I think that 20 kids per class is hurting the schools budget. Parents will help raise funds to help the systems. I also would like to know where our tax money is going; I want to ensure it isn't going into anyone's pocket. Overall my biggest concerns are the school systems."

I just think that I'm dissatisfied with anybody in this area that is involved in real estate...agents, county commissioners, tax collectors...the whole thing. It's completely mismanaged, mis-zoned, overbuilt in some places, underbuilt in others, & the road system is atrocious! There are areas so delapidated that I wouldn't let ANYBODY live there! There's a small, uneducated mindset here.

The school systems are good around here. We're very concerned about property values, however.

Lower my property taxes and reassess the value of my house to something reasonable. I shouldn't be paying anything close to what I am. My taxes are as much as I am paying for my car.

No.

Housing costs is the issue that matters most to me.

No.

Roads and planning are my least favorite. I work as a delivery driver and some of the planning seems absolutely insane. There are streets that have the same name coming off the same street,

just a couple miles apart. It seems who ever has the money to apply for a permit gets to do what ever they want to in their development. There is not enough uniformity.

There needs to be more funding for facilities for pre-school children, and Head Start programs. There needs to be more information about housing grants, for single parents, so we can find out what we can afford.

"I'm very bothered by the fact that a lot of hispanic people are being abused here even though they have their green cards. The owners of companies think they don't have papers when they do and they hire them to do a job and never pay them for their work and I think that's so wrong."

They're building a park near Bobolink & Harbison & I think it's way too close to traffic! I'm worried about the kids.

I'd like to see more traffic control near Niceville Highschool because there are a lot of students racing and peeling out, especially on John Sims road.

I have Humana health insurance and where I live, I can't find any doctors that accept Humana. I need to see a doctor soon and nobody can help me because there is no way I can afford some of the treatments.

N/A

I think the county is doing an excellent job."

No additional comments.

I feel strongly that one of the most important things we do is take care of our disabled veterans.

I have an issue with Hwy 98. There needs to be better traffic control, and the road needs to be larger. Please make it a safer highway. We don't call it "Bloody 98" for nothing.

Zoning is the big thing. It seems odd to me. They have really nice homes set up next to trailer parks, for example. I think that needs workin on.

The schools need to be improved.

"I'm not happy about the Sheriff services at all ."

They need to give better care of our Veterans.

No.

"I don't want Okaloosa to become another Destin. Why don't we put power underground; when the storms hit, the first thing out are the power polls and transformers!"

I get some of my information about the county by contacting my representative.

The bonuses given by the tax collector's office is totally uncalled for. They use our money from property taxes, so an official can have a bonus that exceeds his annual salary. Also, doing private work on government time is unacceptable.

I live on the water & I pay almost triple taxes because of it. My property taxes are almost 12K per year! On the other hand, some guy in a trailer in Crestview with 6 kids will pay almost NO taxes. I don't like the inequity of that.

I think controlling spending has got to be our number objective. This whole stimulus spending has got to stop. We are getting too dependent on other countries.

"I think the nonsense with Valparaiso and the F35 is crazy. The airplane that they want to bring in here and the few government officials that do not want the airplanes here. They want to bring in a new squadron in to Eglin Air Force Base because of the noise. Also I would cut the tourist development tax in half and give it to a group that needs it."

Hughes and Morris are an embarrassment to Okaloosa county. Everyone should have term limits. They should be more concerned with the managing tax payer's dollars to the best of their ability than personal bonuses. I also believe there should be better management and enforcement of the handicapped parking spaces. I am a disabled vet and I resent it when I see people take the spaces.

I'd mostly like to see something done with the traffic issue.

The county should have more of a European style of government. They need to listen, listen, listen!

We need to support our military with our work, our money, our assistance and providing them with what they need. They do the most for our nation with the least amount of benefit, respect, honor and financial support.

I'm taxed over 10K a year & don't feel that I get services back for that money. Somebody else is getting the service, but I don't.

"I think the county needs a better counting system, because all of the bonuses that their giving is ridiculous."

Better relations with the military.

No.

A few years ago there was a fire near my home that had the potential to swallow up my neighborhood. I called the fire department but they were complacent and apathetic to the danger. They arrived 20 minutes late, enough time to engulf my home! I think it was very unprofessional of them and both the fire department and police need to shape up and stop criticizing the military.

I live in Crestview, and there's absolutely no public transportation here.

They could pave some more roads. I live on a sand road. I also get information about what the county is doing, by seeing signs advertising their meetings.

"I think the county commissioners waste entirely too much money on putting up buildings and buying property and don't have anything to do with it. Overall, I think that they mismanage money."

"I think that they need better industries, as far as producing more employment, besides the base."

I do believe in user fees, but I don't believe in levying for taxes.

I feel very strongly that the infrastructure in Okaloosa county needs work. There are not enough roads AND public transportation systems to support the amount of current and tentative commercial buildings here. Every day the roads here turn into a large scale traffic jam.

I think they need add back some of the school programs like art and music. Also Antioch road needs to be repaired. There seems to be some confusion on who is supposed to do it. The road has holes everywhere. They keep pouring gravel in the holes and it only makes it worse.

"I think that there should be no more whinning about all the sounds that the military makes, I think people should just let them do what their doing."

I have lived in 26 different cities and this is the most unfriendly place I have ever lived.

I believe Okaloosa County is going through some difficult times, and I think that they should get some better management in some of their departments.

The only issue I feel strongly about is that our schools have the funding they need year in and out to maintain the programs they have. I do not want to see the music and athletic programs suffer.

I think we need more lifeguards. I'm upset that they didn't listen to the public about the FWB library. There's no reason that it needed to be built where it is. We no longer have a decent daily newspaper. We need a double-decker lane over 98, for 4 lanes. They also didn't listen to the public about the conference center. I heard it will never brk even.

There is not enough in the way of family oriented activities. The ones they do have are not quality. The zoo just kills me with the poor quality (chicken wire, etc.).

I'm a little concerned with the amount of drugs and alcohol in the area.

Less nit picking of speeding just 5 over the speed limit.

A while back someone burglarized my house and stole some rifles. I reported it to the police but they treated it in a very relaxed manner. Soon enough the burgaler held up the Crestview hospital

with my weapons. This could have all been avoided if the police responded accordingly. They appear quite lazy.

Lower taxes.

All the things I've read in the paper about local government, and the fact that no one took any accountability until it was too late.

I would just need Okaloosa county to clean up a bit more.

I feel real strongly about the county roads. There needs to be something done about them! When they made our development (20 years ago) they were supposed to pave the roads, but they never did! The guy who was supposed to do it skipped out...& now they want the people out here to pay 100K to get one in!!

Once again, we need to provide more transportaion.

I feel that the last thing we should do is to close any schools. I'm surprised that when you asked regarding where we would be willing to have taxes levied, the schools were not even mentioned. I also feel that street medians should be kept up or even beautified, especially Lewis Turner.

I'm not happy with the bonus situation. I think it's not fair that only 1-2 departments has that advantage. If there is extra money, it should be going out to everyone, or to senior programs and schools. Also, I'd like to see more transportation in Okaloosa.

This is a great place to be, and I like being stationed here with the military.

"I live more than 2 miles from my daughters school and the school cancelled her bus pick up and drop off because they said that we live less than 2 miles from the school. Also my daughter takes two classes off campus. She takes one at First United Methodist and the other at Baptist and they have to walk. The school does not provide transportation to the classes."

They better stop making so many smoking regulations, or else the smokers won't want to come for vacations.

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We need community standards for maintaining property appearance. Also, the county needs to pick up the trash. Where I live is fine but down the street, they don't keep up the property, and they trash it.

We need to have more major roads in and out of the area, especially the north/south corridors. The panhandle area needs a north/south, 4-lane highway.

We need more work and good paying jobs.

"People in the county that get into office; once they see what is really going on, it's not as easy to fix as they thought it would be. They don't seem to realize the importance of what we, as citizens, really need; it seems overwhelming to them."

"I'm upset to hear that they're laying off 300 school teachers. That's a shame and we need to improve our education systems as soon as possible. "

"I really think the County Tax office needs to be looked into further because they have so much left over money. Since they have all that money they should lower costs on things like license plates."

I feel strongly about improving transportation because I'm up in my years, and I'm wondering if it will be there when I need it later.

I would like more availability of public assistance. My daughter applied & never got it.

About three years ago, when property taxes were high, I think they went on a spending binge. Now the bottom has fallen out, and they didn't save any for a rainy day. I think the growth problem is going to come up in years to come, because we need to think about how we're going to get people out of here during hurricanes. If I chose to live else where, it would be out of state.

A major issue that I am dissatisfied with is the increase on taxes. Hughes put out over 26,000 in bonuses which could have benefited Okaloosa County instead of someone else's pocket.

It's a good county.

The roads and transportation need improving. There's only one bus that goes around and you have to walk 2 miles to get to the bus stop.

I am tired of reading in the newspaper that there is a lack of funding for education. The money that was spent building the new courthouse, when our old courthouse is perfectly fine, could be going to our education system. This just shows me where the county's priorities lie.

I feel that they should study the public transportation system and rearrange the schedule so that it is more effective.

I really don't have any additional comments or particular concerns.

I don't have any particular issue or additional comments really.

No, I really don't have anything else to say.

"There needs to be more effective use of revenue."

Okaloosa is a very lovely area, and the quality of life is high, however, the continuation of traffic is causing us to consider relocation in the future.

I hope that the purpose of this survey is for something that the County will act upon for improving the area, and not that they are just doing this to show that they did it on paper.

I heard about an issue in an upcoming meeting: having to do with growth. They wanted to spend several hundred thousand dollars on surveying properties. I think we need to focus on other avenues. The large corporations are winning jobs; I own a small business. By the time I see the bid offer, I only have 4 to 5 days to bid.

I think we need equal representation of the people that live in Okaloosa County on the boards and committees.

Great place to live but the property taxes are too high.

I wish the mayor of Val-P would shut his mouth.

They need to consider reducing the size of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's department. Charlie Morris and his high bonuses he gives out makes me think they have way too many people on staff.

I feel VERY strongly about the way things are being handled by county employees...Charlie Morris & Chris Hughes in particular. It's very frustrating & embarrassing. It's hard for me to rationalize that these people are educated enough to do the job, but don't have any common sense! You absolutely can not tell a book by it's cover. I've been VERY disappointed in Charlie.

My issue is with law enforcement. I don't feel that there is any. If we ever called and needed help, we wouldn't get it. One time we had someone lurking around in our yard. After we called, the law enforcement car drove by, going about 45 mph. They didn't stop to see if anything was wrong. I've seen them speeding through red lights and stop signs.

I feel very strongly about corruption in government. I think we need to hold our elected officials to a higher standard than anyone else. After all, they are spending our money and they should spend it wisely and not steal it.'

I feel strongly about having a mass transit system and a route that goes to the base.

"I have concerns about the ethinical behavior of recently elected officials."

N/A

We definitely need better public transportation and we need to get serious about Hwy 98 on Okaloosa Island or we're going to get behind the 8 ball.

Mary esther library was more family friendly then FWB public library. The staff and programs provided by the FWB need improvement.

I think waste management is doing a phenominal job.

I feel strongly about the Sheriff's department. We all new he was bad, but no one listened. There are still employees who need to be replaced. It's all 'good ole boy' politics. We need to get rid of all of them, including Don Howard, and get a whole new state of government. They are all grandfathered in, friend to friend, family to family. We need new blood and ideas in there.

I'm noticing that Ft. Walton is getting to look grubby and unkept. It's a shame because the beaches are so pretty. I live in Crestview and we have to travel to Pensacola to eat at a good restaurant. We don't even have a Target here.

I think that insurance for this state is preposterous. Also, they really need to reevaluate some of the designs for the roads and bridges., especially highway 98. If they need to, they should call me because I know how to design these roads efficiently and effectively.

I think they need to push up teacher's salaries not cut them. If we can't attract good teachers, then we will not have children who can contribute to our country. The kids won't have enough knowledge or incentive to be strong and help our future grow!

I feel strongly about the lack of appreciation the military gets. People have become complacent and don't show their respect. If Eglin Air Force Base wasn't here, the people complaining about the F35s couldn't afford to live here. If you take the military out, who's going to pay the taxes here.

"I would like for them to do the best they could for mosquito control."

"I would like to have less taxes taken out of my pay check and I think that they have a lot of crooked people in Okaloosa County, meaning the police and politicians."

I would like more cultural events in the county.

Please build a medical trauma center because we don't have one.

"I think that it's ridiculous the way the building inspectors approve buildings. I don't know who puts money in their back pocket. I'm not the only one in Crystal Beach that's had to have their complete house redone. This concerns wiring, being done wrong, fire hazards, etc. I'm very upset about this and how they could possibly pass the inspection!"

"I think the biggest problem they need to fix is traffic flow and keep property tax down."

Kudos to the sewer dept. of Okaloosa County. I had a sewage problem here, and they came out immediately, and fixed it.

I feel that the SW part of the county is being ignored. They need to clean up (use or get rid of) the abandoned buildings. They are an eyesore. They need to mow the grass and weeds here. It is imperative they develop more business in this part of the county. We also need the new jets for Eglin, for the county to survive. We have to have them.

Animal welfare is my big concern and education for the pet owners. We have too many animals put to sleep due to over population and it is awful. We have 600 to 900 a month put to sleep in our county. People just don't understand it is just unbelievable.

Support the college and Ray Sampson, Dr Richburg in their efforts to continuously improve the landscape of education, culture and economic development in Okaloosa County.

Beach erosion is a big deal.

Overall, I'm satisfied. Right now, I feel this is a really bad time to ask for more taxes. I feel that government should stay out of anything that could be done by private enterprise.

I feel that there are certain civil government functions that should be handled by the private sector. When certain functions are subsidized by county jurisdiction, there is more chance of wrong-doing. If there are intentions to do things the right way, then problems get solved. There's no constitutional right to use people's tax money for perverse incentives.

Promote tourism. People who vacation here will spend money and keep the economy going.

"I would like to see better public transportation ."

I am very strongly opposed to Val-P trying to sue the Air Force. If they don't want them, then we will gladly take them.

Education.

No.

There is money to be spent by the government they just need to spend it more wisely.

I have a serious problem with the public works department, because they are poorly managed, operated, and unprofessional. I would like to see the County get along better with the Air Force. I would like to see many of the jobs that the County tries to do themselves, be given to local contractors.

"I do feel particularly strong about the limited shopping available in Crestview."

In Crestview off of Antioch Rd, stop signs have been removed near my house. I believe that decision has jeopardized safety here and I would like to see the stop signs reestablished.

I do wish Okaloosa County would do better with education for disabled children. We have a disabled child, and we are not receiving what the State of Florida is supposed to be providing. There's a lack of communication and cooperation would be very appreciated.

We need more businesses in Crestview to accommodate all of the people. They are building a lot of houses, but there are not enough stores for them to go to. We need more roads for all of the cars (because of the new homes!).

I feel that citizens should have more input to decide on budget and have more accountability for budgets that are drawn up. I know John Janazzo does an excellent job keeping me informed and asking my input but I am not sure about other commissioners.

I don't believe what they are doing in Valparaiso, as far as suing the Air Force over the F-35's, is the right thing to do.

The sewer system in Ft Walton Beach make that area smell badly.

"Over the past 10 years our budget has exploded and we don't have enough economic growth. Our budget is too small for everything they're trying to do with it."

I'd like to see them do something about the drug problem, and the growth of gangs, in general. I think growth & good relations with the military are symbiotic. With zoning, the townships and cities have a grandfather legacy. It's kind of hodge-podge. It would nice to see them separate residences from businesses, and limit mobile homes and low income.

"I would like to see a broader range of political candidates to choose from. The 'buddy' system is still in effect."

I wish that when they let us vote on things, they would listen to what we say! For example, they voted on the Conference Center three times, the public voted NO each time, and they STILL built it!! I think the citizens are getting very poor direction from our leaders.

I think we are working on what needs to be worked on and it will take some time. We are dealing with a tighter budget but I think we will accomplish what we need to.

"I think they need to dig in the politicians to see where all of our money is going."

"I am very upset with what is going on with the sheriff and tax collector bonuses. I think it was disrespectful to Mattie Kelley that the land she donated for science, was sold and turned into a subdivision."

1. We need to put some more money into the education system. There are cutbacks proposed in the budget, and I have two children of high school age. That would be the top concern on my list, right now. Taxes could be put toward that. We are supposed to have some of the best schools in the state. We should keep it that way. 2. Doing things behind taxpayers' back, not good.

I have one. There is a junk organ that has been sitting by the side of the road near Redwood at 19 th for about 3 months. Waste Management has not picked it up. There is ALWAYS junk lying around that they seem to ignore.

"I feel like their not paying attention to how much money they're spending. I don't feel like the money is being spent wisely."

Actually, I think the starting time for High School is too early. They have to be there at 6:30 or 8:00! I think they should start at 8:00. They need their sleep and they're dragging around in the afternoons.

They need to get rid of that mayor of Valparaiso. So he can get off the back of the Air Force. We need that F35 airplane here, to bring jobs and stability to the area. The Air Force said they're going to take back the Wolverine Park, where girls play softball. We need to come up with a place to keep them off streets.

The traffic is outrageous in Destin, but behind the Walmart in Destin there is some kind of apartment complex under construction that should have never been approved. I call it dense packed because they try to fit so many people in such small footage. It's like rats, they get angry if they are packed in to small spaces.

I would like to see more adult education, or continuing education classes offered, that would be available without going through a college.

"I just want to tell the county I'm really enjoying the parks and libraries. I think they are doing a great job."

No.

I don't agree with the City Council suing the Air Force (Valparaiso). I am disabled and don't get out much. I have lived here for less than a year. I am staying in my parent's house. My income is 12k per year, but I don't know the household income of my parents.

I just wish Okaloosa county can get together and help everyone out.

"First of all I'm surprised by how much racism is in this county. I think we should have more arts , cultural, and entertainment opportunities open to the public, especially in the northern part of the county. I believe that if there were a place for teenagers and people in general, to go to express themselves that we wouldn't have as much crime or other problems happening around us."

I would like to see a real public busing system put in place. That makes route stops , instead of an appointment system.

I understand crime is increasing and I'm hearing that it is going to get worse. They need to get a handle on that.

Our leaders need to know they are accountable to their constituents, with honesty and integrity.

I feel strongly about the three things that I'd like to see in Okaloosa County in the next five years. I already gave these answers.

We have too much government already. Taxes are too high, especially property taxes. Also, we tax for education, and then, we fire our teachers.

'We need better transportation. We need trains and more buses. They also need to stop building high rises.'

The whole thing with Valparaiso and the S-35 is ridiculous. Valparaiso should not be suing the government.

I think that a leash law needs to be implemented. If it is already in effect, it needs to be enforced. I also think that our elected officials need to be reassessed and that handouts for the bus schedules need to be circulated; that would really help senior citizens out.

I have had some real problems with the county in the past, of which unfortunately led up to legal matters. I am happy to say that is resolved now, however there are still problems my fellow residents and I face on a day to day basis regarding the county. They are really lacking in good judgement there and to be honest I find it insulting that such bad calls are allowed.

"We need more jobs, affordable housing, and better transportation."

"The military was here before Valparaiso was so I'm dissatisfied with our Mayor because he wants to keep the fighter jets out. We should be thankful to Eglin Airforce base because they're protecting us."

I think that the cost of living and taxes are too high.

There's a house in our neighborhood that has a lot of trash in the front yard. The guy has been taken to court, but the judge decided not to do anything about it. He's had a code enforcement issue written up on him, but it hasn't gone to court and nothing has been done about it! They're NOT enforcing the code. People's liberty is more important than their responsibilities.

The political atmosphere is too conservative for me. Even the Letters to the Editor are in that category.

"I think they should have more growth control because this place is totally different from when I first moved here 12 years ago. Also, I think they should have a more comprehensive emergency evacuation plan."

The tax efficiency is out of control it's amazing. We need to prioritize and cut programs. We cannot pay for everything. Individuals need to step up and take responsibility. There are assistance work that is done that should be done through charties not the government.

The defense of the country is priority.

Dredging of the harbor so that it doesn't close up . We have good protection from our law enforcement, and with all that's been going on with the Sheriff, I hope that doesn't change.

N/A

The one particular issue I feel strongly about is the fact that our landlord is a major developer in Okaloosa County who has basically gotten away with murder. I am very upset with Okaloosa County for not taking action right away, because now we're all being evicted due to the foreclosure. Our landlord failed to do his duties and complete repairs. I'm just very disappointed in the county.

I am all for tourist and people making a living. It seems though it takes a number one priority for the elected officials.

I feel strongly about having access to the restrooms of the Mid-bay bridge.

improvements of the infrastructure.

No, there really isn't anything else I can think of.

I feel that they should not cut the library budget. People's incomes are going down and they rely more on the library than ever before.

"I think the county needs to be more ethnical. I also think they need more produce from Florida in the markets, instead of from other places."

I do NOT like the way non-citizens are getting benefits (illegal aliens).

The elected officials do not always listen to what we say. Even when we vote against it they do what they want.

"I would like to see more done for the veterans because they're not doing as much for them as they should be doing."

'I didn't even know they provide public transportation. I have to bum rides a lot, so to have more bus services would be great.'

I think there should be more public beach access. Basically less buildings and more sand. There really shouldn't be that many buildings taking up all the beaches! Some people just want to chill on the beach and not be bothered by a bunch of people in swimsuits.

I am SO happy to be living in NW Florida! I lived here 45 years ago, and came back. I did think of something else, however. There is a REAL need for handicapped transportation here.

I'm 83 years old and don't have a car, so it would be nice to have more transportation options.

"I would like for the police to stop targeting and harassing black folks because they don't don't operate like that with no other types of people. I also would like to mention sewer and water because I think their very helpful and they do a really good job."