



# OTERO COUNTY

*COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE 2020*



APPENDIX A: COMMUNITY SURVEY  
March 2020

# 207

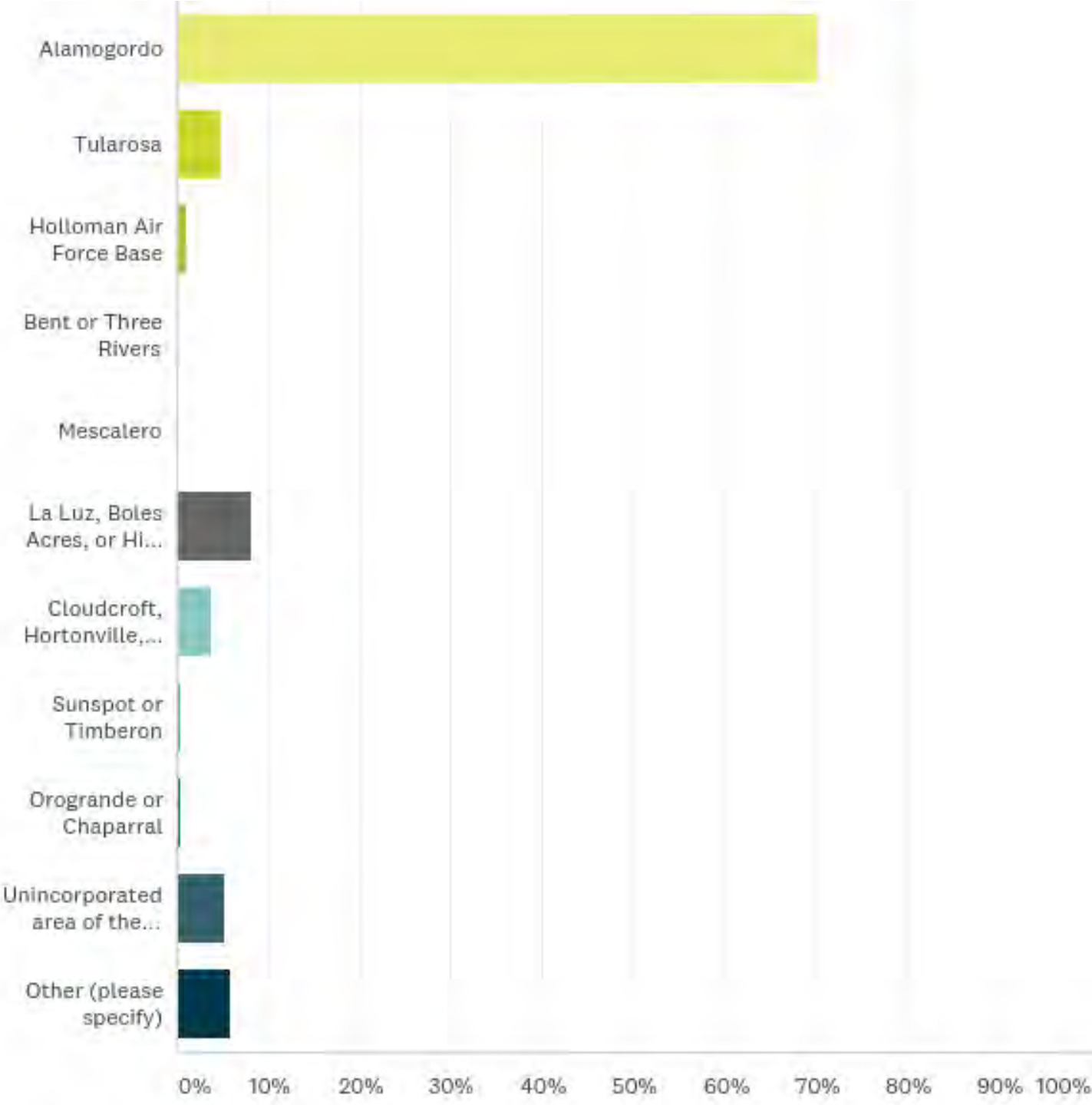
**Total Responses**

Date Created: Tuesday,  
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Complete Responses:  
140

# Q1: Where do you live?

Answered: 207 Skipped: 0



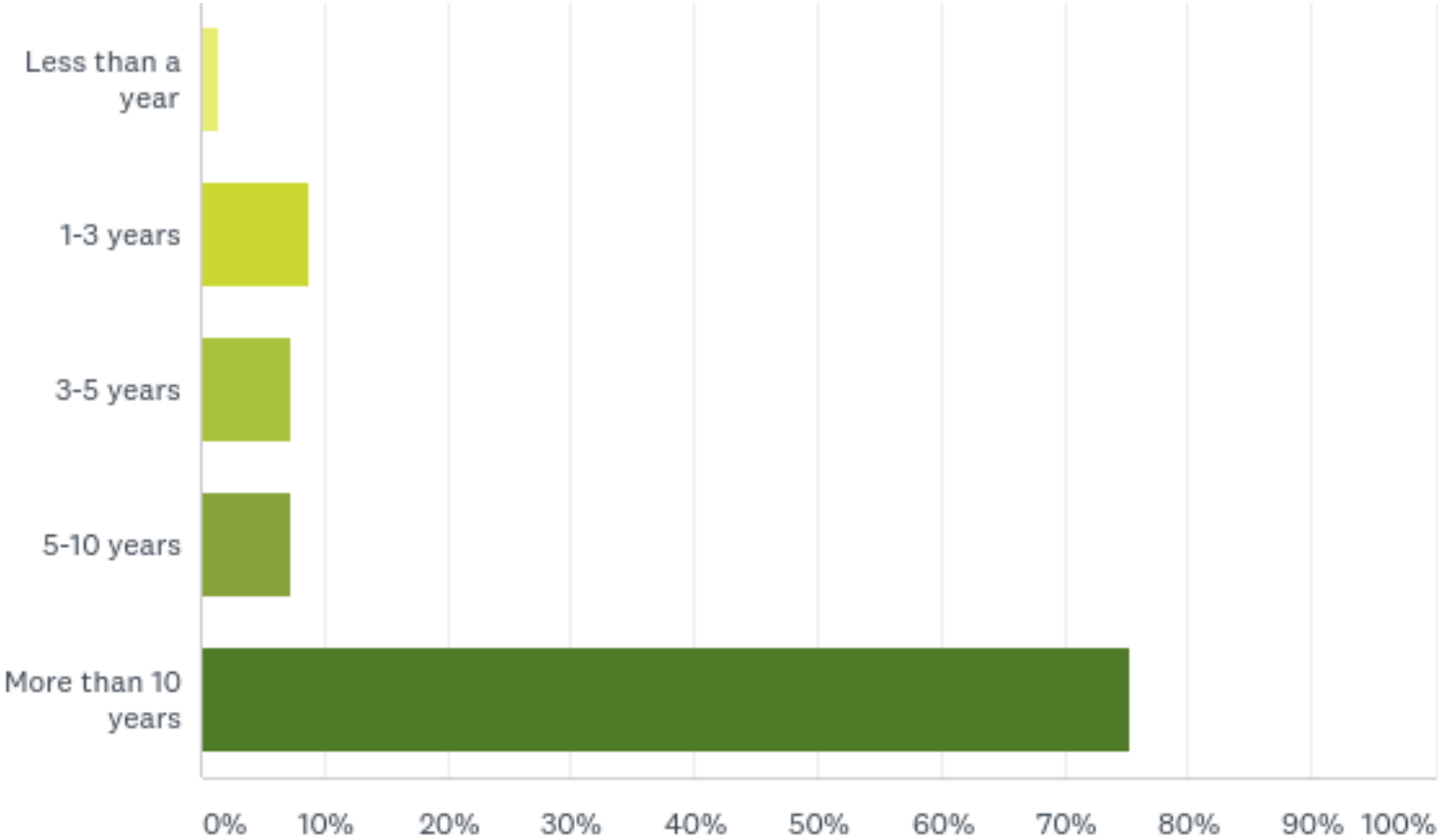
# Q1: Where do you live?

Answered: 207 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Alamogordo	70%	145
Tularosa	5%	10
Holloman Air Force Base	1%	2
Bent or Three Rivers	0%	0
Mescalero	0%	0
La Luz, Boles Acres, or High Rolls	8%	17
Cloudcroft, Hortonville, Mayhill, Weed, Sacramento, or Piñon	4%	8
Sunspot or Timberon	0%	1
Orogrande or Chaparral	0%	1
Unincorporated area of the County	5%	11
Other (please specify)	6%	12
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>207</b>

# Q2: How long have you lived in Otero County?

Answered: 206 Skipped: 1



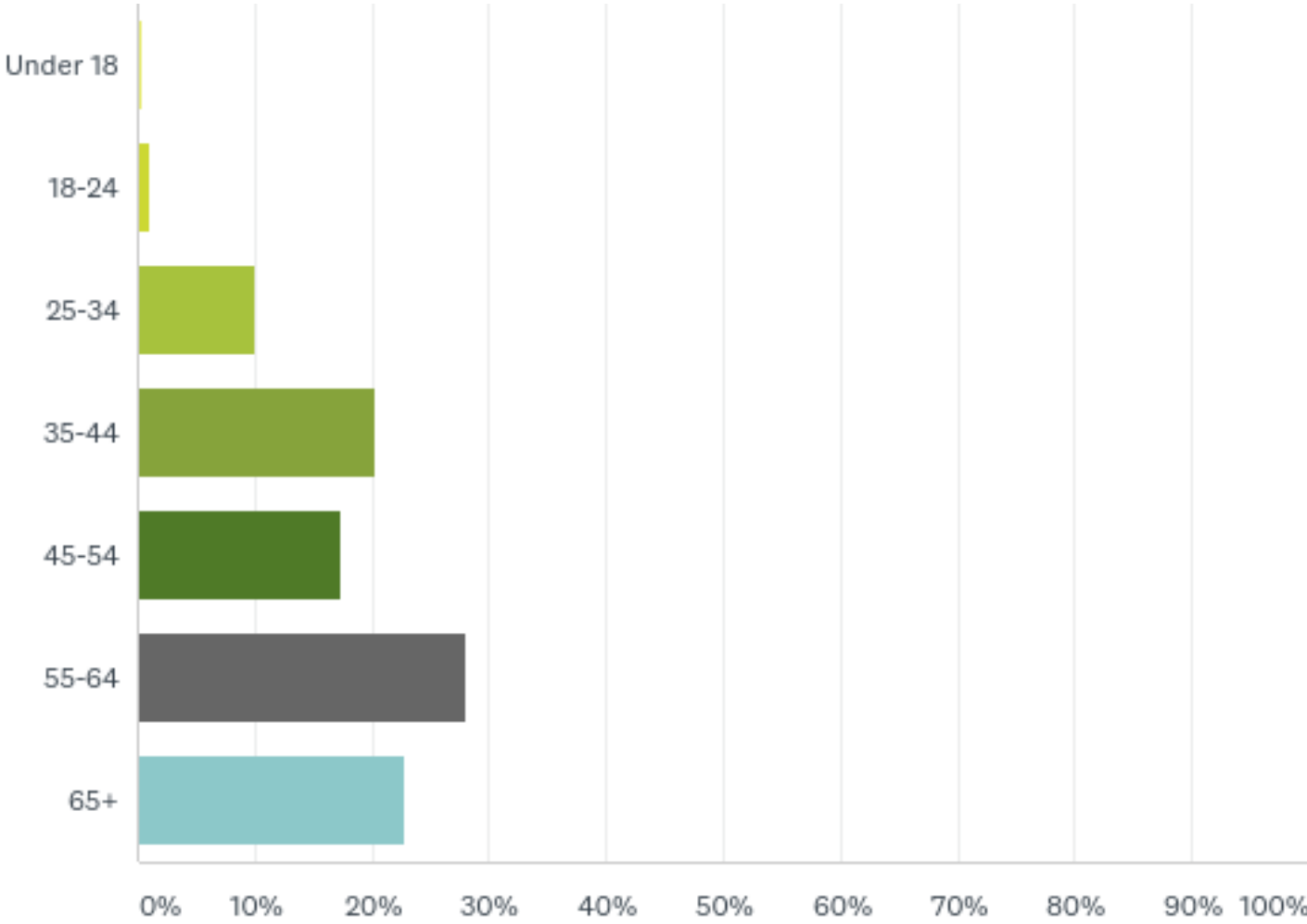
# Q2: How long have you lived in Otero County?

Answered: 206 Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than a year	1%	3
1-3 years	9%	18
3-5 years	7%	15
5-10 years	7%	15
More than 10 years	75%	155
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>206</b>

# Q3: What age are you?

Answered: 207 Skipped: 0



# Q3: What age are you?

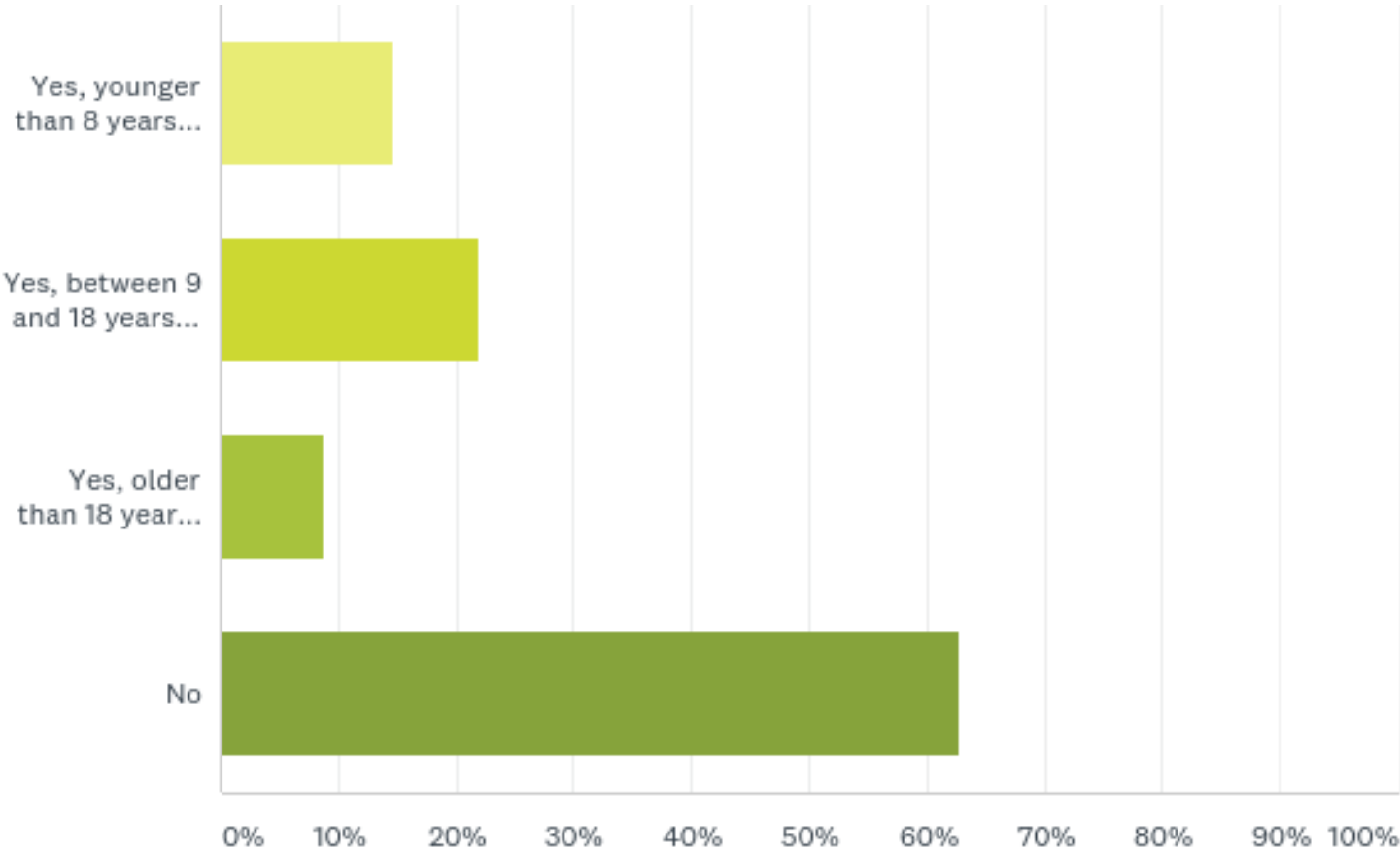
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0%	1
18-24	1%	2
25-34	10%	31
35-44	20%	42
45-54	17%	36
55-64	28%	58
65+	23%	47
TOTAL		207



# Q4: Do you have children living with you and if so, what age(s) is/are they? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 204 Skipped: 3



# Q4: Do you have children living with you and if so, what age(s) is/are they? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 204 Skipped: 3

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, younger than 8 years old	15%	30
Yes, between 9 and 18 years old	22%	45
Yes, older than 18 years old	9%	18
No	63%	128
Total Respondents: 204		



- OUTDOOR LIVING
- I like the diverse cultures from agriculture to Hispanics to the military. All should be respected. The diverse terrain from the desert to the mountains gives a wonderful variety of living areas, and the people are friendly.
- Living in a remote area.
- After I saw maps at the J2@ (Intelligence) directorate while attached to USSOCOM, I came to the conclusion no place will be untouched by global climate change. The most benign will be from El Paso to Sante Fe unless you live in the mountains (forest fire) or live next to an arroyo (flash flood). The Tularosa Valley is a "rift valley", only 1 of 4 in the US, that means it will have water for centuries. Close to Holloman AFB, El Paso, and Las Cruces, yet far enough away. Nothing happens here, is good!, I moved from the Florida Keys and Florida after 48 years.
- Open space
- My family homesteaded in Otero County in 1884, before it was Otero County. It has always been my home and I have never had any desire to live anywhere else. My family and myself have been blessed to have been able to use the natural resources from this area for our livelihood all of these years.
- cost of living, the beauty of the Forest, the simple life.
- Freedom for government over reach. Rural life and values. Community. Recreation. Freedom to be left alone if that's what you want.
- The mountains & the people
- peace & quiet
- The people and our beautiful environment.
- We enjoy the peacefulness of the community and the demographic location to the larger cities
- The people, the beauty of our mountains and cost of living
- The people and land
- Few people
- Love the history.
- small town atmosphere
- I love this area of New Mexico. The weather, the people, the small town feel everywhere you go.
- The climate and variety of landscapes and terrain.
- Small town atmosphere
- I like that it's conservative in politics.
- Peace and quiet
- Sunny Beautiful Lots of things to do
- For the most part quiet, safe and low crime rate. Supportive community
- The blue sky, the clean air, the mountains and the people.
- The small town feel, but growth needs to happen.
- It's small towns.
- Quiet
- Small friendly community, good weather and outdoor possibilities!
- Everything
- Love southern New Mexico!

- I like the tranquil life here. Living in Alamogordo is peaceful, people are friendly. 15 minutes you're in Cloudcroft, 15 min you can go to the desert, 1 year & Ruidoso is there.
- its a small community and very friendly
- climate, slow pace
- The weather and proximity to a military base.
- weather, not much traffic like big cities
- Born and raised
- I have lived here all my life and I like this area of the state.
- I have lived here most of my life. Otero County has a little bet of everything such as the mountains, Dog Canyon, White Sands, etc. Our town is not very big but if you want more variety unfortunately, you can drive 40 minutes to Las Cruces or an hour to El Paso.
- It's quiet and used to be a safe place to live.
- The people who live here and the community is some what safe.
- Its peaceful. Taxes are inexpensive.
- Close to Highway 54
- The Rifle Range Facility
- The weather and the people.
- Otero County is a military based community.
- the people
- The weather and having the mountains close
- The ability to drive 15 minutes and be in the mountains
- Cost of Living, access to Lincoln national Forrest, access to Holloman AFB.
- Lower crime rate, close to family, the mountains.
- I like the small community. with smaller crowds you hope for less crime.
- No traffic, easy commute. Very mild winters.
- I like the geographic diversity. We have desert, mountains and lakes within driving distance.
- The population size, low traffic, Outdoor activities and growing services industry.
- Light traffic. Small city. The clear skies and warm weather.
- Climate
- The scenery, livable traffic, adequate shopping and facilities.
- Mountains and the peaceful living
- The weather
- I love the area, the land and the people.
- Small town feel, friendly neighbors
- The natural beauty/landscape
- Small town
- Diversity
- Quiet and peaceful
- Being left alone.
- Low crime rate and good law enforcement. Little traffic. Proximity to mountain activities.
- The beautiful views and the amazing weather
- Mountains
- The people

- The mountains
- The mountains, the friendly people
- Being close to the mountains.
- Small town feel
- It's my home, I love the weather and landscape
- The mountains, open areas, the ability to hike and hunt. The community minded people.
- I was born and raised here. I like the smallness of the community.
- Conservative and geography
- Rural living.
- the open spaces.white sands to the mountains.
- quiet, fairly slow pace nice people
- Weather, mtns
- The sense of community, the weather, the beautiful area.
- We love the people! My family has had a cabin in Cloudcroft since the 60's and now i have one of my very own to build memories with.
- Friendly people and great weather.
- My liberty
- Weather and cost of living.
- Small town
- Weather
- Diversity of terrain and things to do outdoors.
- The people, the community, the events
- Beautiful scenery, diversity, traditional values.
- Community
- Climate
- It's very beautiful
- The people and the diversity.
- Small community with military connections and mostly conservative views
- I enjoy the centralized location in NM. The location and surroundings if exploited correctly could make this county a Hub for NM travel
- It's comfortable
- Low cost of living
- The climate.
- The beauty of the basin. Not too populated.
- Quiet and small town feel.
- Weather and low crime
- Weather. Outdoor activities. Safe community.
- Hometown, small town life.
- I love the wild mountains
- Small home town
- Small, but growing, friendly, lots to do. Nestled between 2 mountain ranges,
- I love that it's a small town, I love being able to drive 15 minutes up the mountain and get a 10 degree temp change in the summer time.

- The mountains.
- Temperate winters. Beautiful sunsets. Diversity of landscape. Close proximity to the mountains. Close proximity to large towns for shopping/ shows/restaurants. Low cost of living.
- The area close to the mountains and the people. Nice slow pace and cost of living is pretty cheap.
- Outdoor activities like camping, shooting, 4-wheeling.
- The beauty of the sunrise and the sunset
- Low crime rate, laid back atmosphere.
- I like the small town feel. Low traffic. Friendliness of the community.
- The weather
- The weather, cost of living, not too big of a town.
- Mostly quiet community with plenty of opportunity for growth
- Weather, the scenery, and the close proximity to the mountains and canyons.
- the weather, the people, the desire to grow and grow correctly. I also love that I really can get anything I need right here in Alamogordo. I have a great church, group of friends and view of the mountains.
- available recreation, valuable resources, climate, Holloman close by and convenient, friendly neighbors, affordable housing.
- Small community.
- The people
- Outdoor recreational county.
- The beauty of our mountains and White Sands. And our Mexican food choices.
- mountains, safety, friendliness and freedom
- The weather and friendly people
- It's a small community with close access to hiking and nature.
- the weather.
- The weather, the mountains, the wildlife, the abundance of places to walk/hike. The smallness of Alamogordo.
- The beautiful, untouched scenery of the National and State Parks and Camping Grounds. Low taxes.
- The outdoors
- Land and hiking
- Low cost of living, White Sands Pupfish baseball in Alamogordo and everything Cloudcroft.
- Smaller town, close to mountains, weather, more commerce coming!
- Weather
- The growth rate is accelerating into a city instead of a town.
- The ability to be in a small town but able to travel to elp, Las Cruces or Ruidoso. Great hiking routes and the beautiful mountains
- Low cost if living and a budding community events calendar
- Slow paced lifestyle and generally a safe place to live
- Small town feel.
- Small town
- The culture/military environment - we have a very diverse population.

- Lots of things to do outside
- The nice people
- Small town atmosphere.
- The history and landscape.
- Quiet overall.
- Weather and Scenery.
- Have everything nearby, able to live in a small city. Have beautiful weather.
- It's location in proximity to the mts. and cities.
- The Police/Sheriff officers are by far professional and very helpful to the general public. Seems sad they seldom get reorganization for this outstanding behavior.
- Weather, except the wind Mountains and desert Little traffic
- That small town feel.
- I love the weather and the scenery. It's nice that everything is close by.
- Small town feel
- I don't live in the city
- Close knit community
- The peace and quiet. Friendly people.
- The cost of living
- It's calm and has a small town mentality
- The people, the climate, the diversity. The growing economy and the momentum to continue to grow.
- Small community
- my home, neighborhood, close proximity to Holloman AFB.
- The climate and scenery.
- Climate & friendly atmosphere
- The mild weather, cost of living, culture and friendly people are the things I like most. Then there is the great New Mexico food.
- Low crime rate
- The small town feel.
- Enjoy open spaces and the people of our Otero County community. The weather, of course.
- The rural area and quality people, and the ranching industry.
- The mountains.
- It's home
- Lifelong resident and love it here. Small town living at its best.
- Lots of outside activities
- The geography and cost of living
- Beautiful environment and recreational opportunities AFB that brings diversity and local tribes  
Community small-town pride and affordability Accessibility of services and opportunities for involvement Senior Center Close by mts and White Sands
- Not crowded, low cost living, three zones (desert, halfway up the mountain and cloudcroft/mayhill).
- The close knit feel of the community of Otero County...not just any one city or village but the entire county is like on large community. Great place for families and for senior citizens.



- Quiet beauty
- Peaceful, just enough amenities, beautiful terrain. Alamogordo is a base town so there is this lovely balance of small town and suburban sprawl.
- It's a beautiful place. I love that the citizens and city have made more efforts to make Alamogordo a more inviting place over the last few years. Lots of new businesses and cleaning up of more run down areas. It's great to see.

# Q6: What things in the County do you want to see preserved for the future?



A word cloud of responses to the question "What things in the County do you want to see preserved for the future?". The words are in various shades of blue and teal, with sizes corresponding to their frequency. The most prominent words are "preserved", "historic buildings", "history", "parks", "area", "forest", "town", "community", "mountains", "Downtown area", "White Sands", "public lands", "zoo", "county", "open", "rights", "see", "buildings", "freedom", "mountains", "old", "Historical", "historic", "land", "New York", "downtown", "ranching", "White Sands", "freedom", "community", "mountains", "white sands", "buildings", "Keep", "Downtown area", "Public access", "road", "old", "Holloman AFB", "Water", "Natural", "City", "district", "open", "unsure", "going", "see", "Otero County", "businesses", "government", "desert", "Open Space", "Otero", "land", "New York", "downtown", "ranching", "White Sands", "freedom", "community", "mountains", "white sands", "buildings", "Keep", "Downtown area", "Public access", "road", "old", "Holloman AFB", "Historical", "historic".

Water Natural public lands nature City district open unsure rights going see  
Otero County zoo businesses county government preserved  
Open Space historic buildings Otero history desert  
parks land area New York forest downtown town ranching  
White Sands freedoms community Mountains white sands buildings  
Keep Downtown area Public access mountains road old Holloman AFB  
Historical historic

- OPEN FOREST
- Otero County's history and its roots in agriculture (ranching and farming) need to be preserved as well as its current agriculture. The diverse environment also needs to be preserved.
- Farming and ranching, open grazing areas.
- White Sands National Park, Public lands and drilling out of Otero.
- Open space
- Our vested existing rights in relation to the use of the land and our personal rights as well.
- the forest because it brings tourism to the area and helps the economy.
- Minimize government intrusion: State, Federal, County. Keep US Forest open, including road access. Support Sidney Paul Gordon Shooting Range. Continue to allow/encourage citizen input to local county government (BOCC). Continue to support the present Sheriff's community policing policies and public access.
- Our rights
- tranquility and wildlife.
- Relationship with HAFB and our somewhat moderate paced way of life.
- The historic buildings, the mountains and way of life.
- White Sands Native artifacts Public lands
- Education
- Historical buildings being utilized as new business locations.
- The outdoor green space.
- It is important to preserve our 2nd amendment rights.
- Keep Government simple, only 3 Commissioners. Don't grow Government
- The forest.
- Downtown area, maybe with some modernization
- Water tower, county courthouse
- Please see my response above. I would also like my freedoms preserved and a county government not micromanaged by the "elite" wealthy cartel causing such strife within said county government.
- It's both urban and country heritage.
- Museum, park, older neighborhoods
- the history, nature activities.
- Everything
- The historic buildings on New York Street. Especially the one with the spire.
- Preserve our forest and the old historic building. Get rid of OLD homes that are trashed or owners are no longer keeping up, especially if they're in the main roads going through any city/town.
- unsure
- Historic buildings, water supply, recreation areas, local commerce.
- water, parks
- Parks & Recreation areas
- Our community. If the County of Otero and the City of Alamogordo, do not bring more companies like a factories and other businesses this town will begin to slowly reduce and we will begin to see more and more empty buildings. And our surrounding cities will increase.

- Safety and rural lifestyle.
- It hasn't happened yet but a place for the kids to have to go to and they can be themselves.
- Parks, fast food restaurants, street lighting, and natural gas, good pavement on the roads
- The Rifle Range
- The downtown area.
- idk
- unsure
- the Forest
- Museum, zoo, White Sands, Space Hall
- Public access areas in the county.
- Public access to lands
- i'd rather we look to the future than memorializing something
- I hope the newspaper survives the Gatehouse-Gannett merger. Its circulation is down to 2,400 copies a day. There is no other source for local news. They just killed the Hollogram newspaper for Holloman AFB.
- I would like the small town feel to remain but still allow for businesses and growth. I would like for our conservative values to be preserved through our government and leadership.
- Population under 100,000. Broad wide open outdoor spaces. Strong sense of community. Festivals and community events.
- Unsure
- Multiple use on public lands.
- The Otero Mesa.
- The history.
- Courthouse downtown
- The Fair, Burning of the Bull, any events that bring people together. We already lost Cottonwood Festival, Gus Macker
- Natural parks, "green" spaces, front range, mountains
- History zoo
- Freedom
- Open spaces, green-ways. Code enforcement and efforts that maintain good appearance of community and property values. Walking or biking paths around town. City pool, recreation center and library. Comment / Opinion: Rocket City and theater nice but was built too far from city center or neighborhoods for youth to easily access.
- The desert wilderness
- I like our historic buildings and our zoo.
- More stuff for kids
- Landmarks, family activities, parks trails
- Personal freedoms and rights
- Mountains, white sands, the zoo and alameda park
- Small businesses, the desert and mountains, and our cultures.
- The history of the county the ranching life our open land the every knows your name feel
- History
- Our culture and heritage.

- those open spaces
- Zoo Local museums to document history Smaller communities/villages
- The beauty around us.
- I would like the hiking trails and campgrounds preserved and maintained.
- We must preserve our water supply
- Low taxes
- Historic downtown district and it needs to be expanded.
- More things for families to do that doesn't cost a lot.
- 10th street
- Historic buildings (tulie red brick school house!) And outdoor spaces.
- The parks, natural areas
- Our heritage, specifically history associated with the railroad and timber industry
- Open Space
- Tesla
- Our historic downtown area, all the historic buildings throughout the county to include historic sites. Grazing and the western way if life.
- National Forest access and support of Holloman AFB
- I would like to see the local businesses and main Street food district preserved and expanded
- The history of the area
- Architecture
- The recycling program, the shooting range and the natural beauty of the area.
- Fairgrounds
- Continue protecting our constitutional rights.
- Water tower painted and the old town
- Family friendly environment
- preserve the older landmarked buildings
- Wild, undeveloped land
- County fair, and the zoo
- Our space.
- The nature
- Our national forest, granado street in tulie and downtown New York in Alamogordo, the Alameda Park Zoo
- The natural beauty of the mountains and White Sands n p
- Dark night skies. Clean air. Military / Base relations. Space Hall of Fame.
- All the state and national parks, forests, monuments.
- Water tank on 10th St, all the parks in town.
- Downtown area
- Options for kids
- New York Avenue
- The spirit of growth and potential. A lot of folks leave Otero after high school because they don't see potential for growth here.
- The desert areas south of town closest to the mountain. White sands, the water tower, the zoo, all of the canyons.

- The zoo, the parks, hiking trails. I really enjoyed the museum on 10th and White Sands and would love to see it "travel" to the Sat in Park, Earth Day and other events in the basin.
- City parks, White Sands Mall,
- All areas reserved for family recreation.
- The pool, the children theater and flickenger
- Keep blm national Forest access open. Keep oil and gas out, retain the integrity of our ground water system.
- Our historic buildings when possible. And our dignity. The behavior of one of our commissioners has been an embarrassment. He has represented our county by name in ways that most definitely do not represent me as a citizen. While breaking rules that are his responsibility to follow. But what worries me most is I think decisions are being made from a political party perspective. That has no place on the commission. There are only three of you and you have to represent ALL citizens. Not just your conservative constituents. (I am independent)
- White Sands, good mountain trails
- Court House
- Natural resources and public lands
- business friendliness.
- The wildlife, the desert the hiking trails,
- Obviously, the aforementioned parks. The Space Museum. The Zoo. The lack of skyscrapers to impede our beautiful views.
- Our historical downtown area
- Local history
- Holloman AFB and the White Sands Pupfish
- Parks and forests
- Take care of historic buildings.
- Down town and the houses going down Florida Ave
- Beautiful mountains
- more festivals gatherings
- Historical landmarks
- Small town feel.
- Downtown area any place historic
- Home town environment.
- The unadulterated landscape of the beautiful southwest
- Nature, the mountains, etc.
- The history, rural independence, rural values and understanding. The sense of community.
- Water, Roads.
- Our zoo.
- Our resources
- The desert off of south Florida and Oakmont
- Historic buildings and the integrity of our town.
- Small town vibe.
- White sands, Oliver Lee park

- Our history
- All of the National and State parks around. White Sands, etc.
- Parks
- Parks and historical district
- Bring back the logging industry. We don't need to preserve we need to grow.
- White Sands
- The forest.
- The old buildings such as the old red school house in Tularosa. Over the years we have lost icons like the rail depot in Alamogordo and numerous other buildings. You loose your link to history, your culture and your identity when tear down the historic elements of your community and replace them with new construction with no design elements from the past.
- Parks
- Downtown alamogordo
- Important to maintain the uniqueness of our Otero County area and its cultures. WE are rich in history and it should be preserved.
- Opportunities to hunt, fish, log, hike
- Low crime rate.
- Places for my grandkids to go
- Otero county fairgrounds
- Downtown
- The public lands.
- All of above
- Recreational possibilities
- The trust and feel of the county. I would like to see the forests thinned and the beauty of the mountains preserved and not left to being overgrown and fire hazards. I would also like to see the agriculture and livestock preserved as well as private property rights.
- Water for my community
- Historical sites representing both the good and ugly sides of the area's history. Don't grow too much. If we wanted to live in large cities, we'd live in large cities.
- The buildings on New York Ave. Parks and recreational things. I want the city to keep things accessible to the town and stop moving everything out past the bypass.

# Q7: What needs to be improved over the next 20 years?

things repair bring Expand quality run kids technology activities young people Improve walk  
much drive parks drainage town improvements Education properties see create city  
hospital buildings family schools want community new streets  
commission business older county eating need Otero county  
roads less better willing area provide restaurants  
services people economic jobs Also place one keep forest clean city county  
infrastructure make homes think look children shopping jobs opportunities  
Alamogordo nice options highways opportunities Fix come county commission growth trash  
wages trailers work



- FLOOD CONTROL
- Illegal drug usage, homelessness, welfare dependence, and erosion in the open spaces need to be improved. More emphasis on recycling would lessen the impact on the landfill. All residents in the county need to have availability for phone and internet services.
- More input and control of federal lands.
- Roads, Roads & Roads. Internet services, schools.
- Restrictions: ie junk cars, trash, removal of empty mobile homes. Restrictions on people living in RV's
- Less government control over our livelihoods, customs and cultures so that they may thrive as they have in the past, therefore raising the total economy within the county and beyond.
- better roads, sidewalks, community parks, more county wide events that bring the community together.
- Infrastructure: rural areas of the county are overlooked in favor of the urban corridor (Alamogordo - Tulrosa). Over the past 50 years this has led to two classes those with county support and those with very little. This in turn leaves rural areas with limited business opportunities due to poor infrastructure. Thus resources in the rural areas sit largely idle. This is lost opportunity for the county (revenue). DOD, DoE, USFS, BLM, etc regulation, expansion and encroachment must be controlled and limited. They own/manage too much of the county now and, like cancer, they just continue to expand. These agencies provide no direct revenue to the county and limit private investment (PILT is a pittance and unreliable to boot).
- Letting more business come in that provide a night life - There is really no where for any young people to go for dancing, or a dart league etc. There is really no where for anyone of any age to go to hang out with friends and family. Applebees/ Chilis are too small. Buffalo Wild Wings has poor service.
- reintroduce logging and thinning, keep the mountains quiet.
- Our National Forests need to be cleaned up (thinned) to protect our water supply and recreation activities.
- The roads and highways.
- Job opportunities. Roads, flood plan, trust in law enforcement.
- Roads Lake Bonito Attitudes to get along Court House LE communication systems
- Education
- we need a 5 member commission to keep up with growth and reduce the "good old boys" network. We need progressive thinkers and doers, not people with political ambition that don't care about the county, only themselves.
- Relations in the community between political parties.
- There are too many drug related crimes.
- Better jobs
- Crime needs to go down
- Infrastructure, roads
- Roads Places to eat Downtown Public school
- Roads. Nepotism awarding contracts
- Improved roads and flood control.
- More retail and businesses with jobs.

- Economic needs in urban area. Ie Alamogordo
- More businesses. Restaurants , merchandise stores, etc.
- More clean industry and agriculture to build the economic base to keep the children who grow up here to stay here!
- More things for youngsters to do. Better parks.
- Rather quickly - not 20 years, you need to let more businesses, especially new places to eat, come into the city.
- Keep NM streets and roads in good drivable conditions. There's HOLES & Deep ones in several streets and the Highway need repair. Seems like Highways are repaired and 2-4 years later and they look terrible. Start using materials that LAST!!!
- MORE things to do there is really not much to do around here. More restaurants.
- wages
- Water infrastructure, removal of dilapidated homes and businesses, additional commercial businesses and restaurants.
- schools, sit down family restaurants
- Roads
- Roads
- Jobs, competitive wages, roads, schools. Otero County should be at least half the size of Las Cruces, NM but we are not because local business do not want any competition.
- Roads, safety.
- more places to go, maybe some factories and a good restaurant with a nice salad bar.
- Schools & Parks
- Roads and lighting
- The Rifle Range 300 Yard expanded to 500 Yards.
- The litter control along the highways. Also the abandoned homes and trailers need to be torn down.
- More restaurants, bigger mall, and more methods of transportation such as Uber and Lyft.
- roads and water drainage
- need more businesses, higher wages
- Roads, Technology
- Cellular communication needs to improve by 1000%. Mountain coverage is shameful and all companies now saying they have 5g but 2g is not available in all locations. It would be nice to see businesses that are willing to relocate to Otero County so we are not so dependent on DoD for jobs.
- We need to continue to improve our treatment of animals in our community. Stricter laws need to be developed to increase owner awareness and make pet owners responsible for proper pet care. Spaying and neutering really need to be emphasized and made more available.
- a better sense of community. there is such a disconnect. everyone knows the city is ran by a committee of 50. improve the individuals in who are in charge so they can properly lead.
- An economy that is not completely dependent on Holloman Air Force Base. Jobs that a person can live on. The only good jobs here are Air Force and its contractors and state and local government jobs. Everything else is restaurant and retail with no future. Getting the Essential Air Service program in Alamogordo again. Affordable rental property. Prices are artificially high

because of the people rotating in and out at Holloman. Getting the Union Pacific RR to serve spurs here--we need that for manufacturing.

- Our schools need to be improved, and I believe they are improving. Roads are always an issue.
- Diversified services industry: expanded quality restaurants, Target Store, Re-Open county road between Tularosa and Elephant Butte lake.
- Roads, Lighting (many streets are very dark at night), More dining options, Entertainment options for everyone at a good price (entertainment meaning...amusements, concerts/music other than country, outside patio dining). Improve the look of buildings/landscaping throughout the county. Improve the cities customer service throughout town.
- Our forest are overgrown and need thinning to help our range lands, water sheds and help our wildlife. We need to control the spread of invasive species.
- Courthouse, roads...
- More respect for education, more walking trails, more affordable housing
- Get rid of the abandoned trailers and homes all over the county. Something for mid teens and young adults to do. Better training programs for trade jobs in the area
- Roads! I know most of them are City maintained but roads and infrastructure.
- Our commissioners and the way our city is run. I see a lot of people that need to go, those that are creating havoc and stress. Our city and county have too many people that only there to line their pockets. Look at the city employee that gave free water bills to his family, City folded and paid him off instead of taking it to court and suing his ass. Look at what they did to our police chief. Outsiders remain outsiders and insiders walk away with more money than they stole. I wish Barker would come investigate all these city and county records and commissioners and talk to people on what they see. Investigate them all get rid of the bad apple.
- Shopping and Eateries, a nicer pool with better hours, streets need to be fixed, better power in the city.
- All the garbage/junkyards/blight
- Drugs, thefts, need more shopping, and a good place to go for a salad bar
- Community clean ups for both safety and aesthetics.
- More things to do. More places to shop other than Walmart
- Property rights.
- WHITE SANDS BLVD from 1st Street to Panorama is an eyesore and perhaps dangerous. Looks more like a 7 lane race way or landing strip. Definition of Boulevard is "A street with trees lining the sides or with trees in the middle". Would love to see a middle landscaped lane with periodic turn offs or other beautification efforts. As far as business access a more attractive actual boulevard would probably increase property values in that area of town. PLEASE SEE <https://nacto.org/publication/urban-street-design-guide/streets/boulevard/>
- Roads and senior serviced and roads
- Better and more retail developments. More high end restaurants. There is so much wasted land here
- We need more family entertainment.
- The roads
- Medical situation--difficult to find actual MD's. Mainly have CNP's. Road conditions Need more business's for shopping/eating/to increase employment opportunities. Better wages

- Roads.
- Increase the commission to 5 members. Fix flooding and ditch issues. Better county road maintenance.
- Roads and debris on the sides of the road, old run down homes and mobile home!
- The "good 'ol boys" cliques need to be eliminated. There needs to be a study group to look at long term improvements to the Fairgrounds. Expand the County Commission to 5 or 7 people. With only 3 people on the Commission, it's too easy to 'stack the deck'. The roads into Alamogordo need to look better to visitors/ travelers. Some areas look like a third world country.
- Roads are in need of repair, need to reorganize fire departments to become one and prevent wasteful spending. The way we manage the forest. Want the commission expanded to 5 people.
- Keeping trash off roadways, get rid of rundown buildings and more good family restaurants.
- Five member county commission. Roads, our road crews do a great job with the resources they have. But it needs to be a higher priority.
- repair of our county roads.bridges over arroyas.
- Shooting range (a great facility but needs to be developed to reach its full potential) Hiking trails
- Clean up around community Continue to repair water pipes and roads.
- We need to draw in more business to Burro street, im sad at the empty storefronts.
- It would be nice to have a cable company that doesn't rip off the public. TDS just keeps raising their rates, but the service is terrible, so sad.
- not much
- Streets/roads repaired. Code enforced! Too much junk in place in neighborhoods and code will not make home owners clean up their property. Code enforcement does not enforce the code!! I have complained about my neighborhood and nothing, NOTHING has been done in 5+ years.
- The roads street in residential areas to be fix
- More jobs
- Roads, drainage, lower taxes for small business. 8% is more than Dona ana!
- A community center for inner city kids with a public pool
- Emergency service funding for rural Otero county.
- More jobs better pay and more opportunities for family and children activities. We need to create a place our kids can stay and raise their families.
- Health Care
- Car dealerships
- Our forests healthy and safe. Our citizens to have more opportunity to have input in the local governments. Jobs and growth, the timber industry, roads and infrastructure to support growth. Fix the dang bypass and rename it a "truck relief route" rather than directing traffic around Alamo.
- Create a 5 person county commission and focus on creating opportunities for growth through new business and invest in roads and buildings to make the "older" community look better.
- Roads need to be repaired. The Mall needs to be either renovated or replaced. We need more events that speak to a younger generation. I do plan on spending my life here and would like to see this place grow in wealth and population over time.
- Economic development

- The roads.
- The area needs to take code enforcement more seriously. The county is starting to look like a third world country with junk trailers and junk cars, etc. everywhere! It is overshadowing the natural beauty of the area. No wonder we can't attract industry and professionals to this area. It also erodes the tax base.
- Fairgrounds parking lot. Fairgrounds as a community event center.
- Road maintenance and improvements on rural routes.
- More big eating places lower rent more kids places Open it up for store to come in better fair
- Family activities. More restaurants. Economic development. Educational quality
- Urban renewal projects removal of older buildings..
- Current infrastructure must be updated and maintained. Numerous roads all over Alamogordo and Otero county are badly in disrepair to the point of turning to gravel. Widen all sidewalks to simultaneously accommodate both a bicycle and wheel chair user side by side, and place adequate sidewalks where none currently exist so that pedestrians need not walk in the street.
- The zoo
- Enforcing ordinances. Otero county part of Chaparral is disgusting. Garbage as soon as you cross the stateline from Tx. No more unsafe pre 1984 junk trailers. A business looking to relocate here is going to look at all this and quality of life. We need more manufacturing business. Keep our kids here.
- The food. There's no where amazing to go out and eat here.
- Paved roads along mountain meadows(Greenfield, Papago, Beecher) or at least have been maintained periodically. Thin our forest to prevent a devastating fire and create a healthier forest. Better road maintenance and repair of all roads in the county.
- The quality of the schools- buildings and technology especially. Quality of healthcare, especially the hospital. Restaurants that offer more than pizza, Mexican and Asian cuisine. Quality clothing stores. Target as competition against Wal Mart.
- The school system. It is a wreck and could kill our community. We might move when we have kids because we want them to have a good education and be in a good environment. Continue the work on New York street and the mall improvements, both of these are becoming pretty awesome! Updating the look of the town with more trees and better landscaping down the streets would be a huge improvement.
- Road improvements. Protect property values through planned growth & zoning. School building repair (Del Sol). Activities to draw people in.
- Education and employment opportunities.
- The streets! Stop repaving and then repairing the water/sewer lines! The streets in town are crap....
- The aesthetics of the area. It's very hard for new people coming into the area to take us seriously as having a good quality of life, when our county looks trashy. Weeds, run down properties, and garbage. Also we need to make sure the law enforcement agencies have funding for optimal staff. If we want to entice companies and quality employees we need to have a safe community.
- Hiking trails, political turmoil and drama
- Our roads.doing something productive with all the empty buildings

- Need to bring industry jobs and tourism. We also need a true family fun Center that features more than a bowling alley, arcade, and laser tag. We need a theme park that will truly draw folks to see it and have fun. Bowling alleys and laser tag are everywhere these days.
- No more idiots like Couy Griffen should be allowed to hold public office. Dude is using our county as his grand stand. Making us all look like dip shits. There needs to be less expansion of the city limits in areas occupied by county residents and their homes. Ppl move to the country for a reason. Less "Large" commercial developments. We are not a metropolis. If anything we need more health care options in this county. Also, better county road up keep. Hamilton road is mowed by the residents more often than the county. Flood management is also a biggie. Also, the county dump needs to either be in one area. Or allow more dumping availability at the one on Lavelle. I have to go to la Luz to dump weeds, but they are closed on Thursdays. Also, recycling the discarded waste back into the community instead of selling it to Mexicans so they can haul it off. Y'all could sell stuff by the pallet. Keeps the junk outta the ground, makes the county money, and the items are rescued back into the community where they can be bought and sold helping the economy. Above all the county needs to recognize that there are 3 groups of ppl who live here. (Alamogordo mainly) those who are not from here and are financially stable because of the Air force. (Airmen and their families) then you have those who work for the hospital, the county, private base contractors, police or city workers. These folks all have stable income. Then you have everyone else. Those who work in fast food, dollar stores, day cares, and everything else. They are the least represented people in the county. And they feel the effects of everyone above them. They are the junk collectors that are fined by both the city and the county because all the rich folks can't stand to see their junk when they drive by, so ordinances are enacted to combat this issue. Scrap metal is good money, easy to aquire, because the rich folks throw away anything, but once you store it. It must be covered and orderly not displeasing to see from the road way. Very difficult to do, but has a rewarding income if done right, aaaaand it reduces more trash than the county and the city combined are able to accomplish each year. Love this place, but it's a rich man's Haven and poor man's burden. If anything....just..... Please no more Couy. Holy shit please no more. Dude is a clown and the county has become his circus tent.
- Our roads, road signage. I do believe an indoor pool and an outdoor water park would be a great addition. The area out by the theater, to fill up with a few anchor stores. I would love to see clean industry or technical schools. I see the hospital growing, and to have the nursing program back at the college (more opportunities linked with hospital) would be beneficial to see our children be able to remain in Alamogordo.
- Clean up neighborhood streets and sidewalks--trash, unusable sidewalks(vehicles parked on them, grass and mud, basketball posts blocking them).STOP THE COSTLY VANDALIZING Soon Please.Well over \$2000.00 damage to Senior Center. Inexcusable damage.
- When people are hired to be city employees, such as positions that pay \$99,000 a year, please make sure they are actually doing their job. Make sure they are not constantly on vacation. Hire employees that are willing to work hard every day and be there for the job they were hired to do and to improve the community of Alamogordo/ Otero County.
- Education, police department, the cleanliness of our neighborhoods. Outdoor activities, place to swim all year round. Exercise park equipment for older people in the parks.
- Water quality.

- I think we need a five person commission. If you insist on being political nut jobs, then it should be comprised of 2 Republicans, 2 Democrats and one independent. As a whole, I am happy in our community. I think it is very important we plan to be family friendly. That means investing in recreational areas and parks. The county could take on a large project through legislative capital outlay. It could become additional revenue.
- Roads, broadband,
- Cleaning up the country from all's it trash.
- Schools, infrastructure, library (more digital content would be great)
- better schools...the majority of the structures are terrible and extremely outdated.
- More shopping options (Target Shopko), better enforcement of laws and codes. (Weeds, cars parked across sidewalks, dogs in back of trucks.
- TRAFFIC LAWS BEING ENFORCED MORE HEAVILY. Every single time I drive into Alamogordo, there's either an accident or a near miss, and often times I'm a part of that near miss. People don't respect the traffic laws here because the police are too busy elsewhere to enforce them. It's a serious hazard driving through Alamogordo during busy traffic hours. Nobody uses the bypass at all, either.
- We need sidewalks in walker, we have retirees who have to either walk in the road, or on a narrow dirtpatxh on the side of the road
- Stuff to do and costs. Cola is outrageous and activities are limited to a minimum hour drive bring the fun to surrounding communities
- The sheriff's office. A few of the sergeants shouldn't be sergeants and a few of the deputies should've never made it past backgrounds.
- I would love to see a splash pad; also main street/major streets cleaned up/updated
- Shopping .....not thrift shops. If we had more here we would spend our money HERE. Tear down the ratty areas
- Road condition, Crime, cable internet options (getting rid of TDS)
- Streets
- drainage for flood prone areas and fire hydrants installed in semi-densely populated areas
- Commerce
- Schools, better restaurants and shopping.
- Types of restaurants in town
- Keep the culture & small town feel. ALSO, keep providing lots to do in our town & in the surrounding areas - people love the activities you provide! :o)
- More sidewalks and biking lanes
- need a better county commissioner not a grand stander
- The Facebook bullshit has to stop, there's too much back biting BS.
- Infrastructure, technology, and economic development. While I advocate for preservation of rural values above, it is with the acknowledgement that change and new ideas are needed in some areas to facilitate growth and success.
- Water Conservation.
- Roads
- Have more trails built from basin level into our mountains. With picnic areas.
- Need to bring more business and variety to the area to provide growth and opportunity.

- Dilapidated buildings and properties More restaurants Friendliness of people Solid Christian churches
- More economic employment. A new courthouse. Better roads.
- It would be nice if there was an incentive for residents to update the outside of their homes. I think it would improve the overall look and appeal of our city.
- Roads and water pipes are a hot mess in Alamogordo
- Streets
- Roads,
- Roads
- Needing more diverse retail business. If we are going to grow in a positive manner, there has to be accessibility to shopping, dining, and nightlife. Not like the big cities, but, scaled back to fit our needs. We need more than just Walmart to shop at.
- work opportunity, Education and roads
- The streets, more family oriented places, a variety of restaurants
- The infrastructure
- This town needs more retail and more sit-down restaurants. Stop handcuffing Alamogordo in the 1950's to appease a few families. Grow! Diversify!
- County collaboration with community stakeholders to meet goals and objectives. Attract high paying jobs. Not just food and retail service industry. Improve the educational programs at NMSUA to encourage high paying jobs to move here. More investment by the County in making sure this area is a place where PEOPLE want to live. Stop focusing on catering to businesses or special interests.
- Courthouse
- Education and good paying jobs are number one on the list for me. The county looks like one large garbage dump. Drive down any primary or secondary road and you will see trash lining the ditches. Entering Alamogordo from the north there are numerous unsightly location littered with rundown buildings and broken down house trailers.
- More activities for kids that are actually affordable. The family fun center was a great idea. But now nobody can afford it thanks to the guy from California wanting it to be “upscale”
- The roads!
- Strongly agree that we need to clean up the whole county, starting in Alamogordo. Driving on White Sand Blvd, overall, is not kind to the eyes. Visitors see the same thing.
- Better places for the young people better family oriented places more options to eat better job opportunities
- The stopping of radical interests that seek to destroy our custom, culture, and heritage.
- More weightlifting gyms. More access to school basketball gyms for youth practices.
- Employee wage
- The roads, all roads...not just the main ones—white sands, scenic, first, tenth, Indian wells and all roads leading to the Rabin property. Try driving down any road in the areas between 10th and Indian wells and white sands and Cuba. Nothing but pot holes.
- The trashiness all over and the decrepit houses and trailers on the edges of Alamogordo and down the county roads.



- More business, jobs and earnings opportunities New courthouse and downtown development  
Road improvements
- Economics. Need more youth jobs/opportunities. An idea for New Mexico I'd like to push forward is to do away with out of state tuition at all our colleges (incent other states youth to come here for college).
- The ranches and the attitude towards them. More agriculture for economic growth, move the county fair grounds out of the city into the county. May need to restart a county hospital where good healthcare can be available through clinics, and a better run hospital with lower costs.
- Jobs
- Roads, less focus on beautification, more things for young people to do (not just small children, but teens too), less pontification and more action.
- Building maintenance, the number of vacant buildings, faded street signs and road paint. I also think we need a bigger library. It was such a shame they weren't able to get a new one built years ago.

**Q8: What are your concerns and ideas about land and resource management?**

- LOSS OF ACCESS TO FOREST, POOR MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES
- Population growth needs to be limited because of the lack of water in the desert environment. Residents need to respect the forest and BLM rules to preserve the ecosystems. They should use existing trails, and there should be NO NEW trails to preserve the land.
- Keep federal lands in multiple use with open access. No wilderness areas that exclude people from accessing. Stop closing areas to people and grazing because of supposed endangered animals. Keep water rights in possession of rightful owners. Not federal agencies.
- Yes, keep public lands in public hands.
- I hate to see the forest and public lands shut down.
- better amenities (restrooms, water , camp sites) on forest land could use an upgrade
- Keep or expand road access to US Forest. Maintain US Forest trails, trail markers, campgrounds. Present conditions are deplorable. Expand livestock grazing. Limit elk herd size and scientifically count herd numbers. Allow limited, adequate communication sites in under served rural areas of the county. The +90% of land / fuels owned / managed by government must be managed for fuels reduction. Private owner (6%) should not bear the burden of fuels reduction while government is held to lesser standards.
- keep the forest open tp the public for all outdoor sports.
- No opinion
- Need to open up some of the closed forests for recreational uses without destroying ranchers grazing areas.
- Public lands should stay public and open to the public.
- More ares in National Forest to camp, there are no road pull off dry camp sites, extremely limited. Very unfriendly use, go to Southern Colorado National Forests it's a great use of National resources.
- Forests need to be cleared of deadfall to keep fire from spreading and to allow for new growth.
- Good for now
- I would like to see the forests remain pristine and not turned into a raceway for ATVs and dirt bikes. The forest should be a place of peace and it should be maintained properly to reduce the threat of forest fires.
- None
- None
- leave as is
- I have no concerns.
- glad to see and use forest to camp, picnic
- Mis-Management of lands
- we have enough of them. maybe someday in the forests we can go and get wood.
- No sewer or natural gas
- The forest should be available to the public at all times
- definitely access roads
- keep access available to the public
- We must preserve public access to these lands. I think that the spotted owl, the moths and the mice need to reexamined and looked at taking off the endangered list so we can back to forest management.

- The Forest Service does not do a good job of managing the forests. They do a poor job of clearing out deadwood and debris and make wildfires a grave threat to mountain communities. The Forest Service does not communicate with the community or local governments. They issue pronouncements from on high. When they do ask for comments, they do not give citizens enough time to respond. They will drop a 1000 page document they've been working on for 5 years and give people 30 days for a response. Bureau of Land Management won't talk to anyone. They take years to make simple decisions on rights-of-way or land patents. State Land Office is worst of all. All they are interested in is getting the highest possible grazing fees and oil royalties. They don't care about their neighbors. They refuse to work with anyone. They don't care about the communities they own land in at all. Look at the land swap they tried to do with BLM that would have hurt Otero County and Lincoln County's finances and ranchers.
- I believe our forests need to be opened up; there are far too many areas that are closed due to protective habitats endangered species. The forests need to be logged in order to maintain a healthy forest and prevent fires and rancher's cattle need access to water and grazing. If the forest is not properly harvested we are awaiting a major forest fire which helps no one, including endangered species.
- This is vital for our area, it is one of the greatest tourism opportunities that we have to offer. From the Ski and tubing area in Cloudcroft, national and international hunting appeal, backpacking, fly fishing the Penasco, rock climbing routes near Tunnel Vista and Marble canyon. Numerous trails and camping sites. White Sands National Monument. We need to make a more direct route to this area from the central part of the state re-opening the county road between Tularosa and Elephant Butte could provide that.
- No concerns
- We need to clean up our forest. We need thinning, watershed work and invasive species control
- Preserve the public lands, stop the cheap cattle grazing, allow the forest service to do their jobs
- Leave land and wilderness untouched.
- Limit use when there is fire danger.
- More trails, better maintained trails, better labeled
- Land and Resources need to be managed not locked up.
- Maintain public access.
- Trails with sun shelters and water stations.
- I think people need to be able to get fire wood licenses to pick up for personal use. There are so many trees that fell over last year and it could be put to use.
- Keep public land open and accessible to the public. Work with the forest service to decrease fire risk.
- We need to retain access to the forests and all outdoor areas. The County needs to try to put pressure on the Game Dept. to give residents preference over non-residents when it comes to hunting on our lands
- We have easy access to usage of our public lands.
- should always accesable
- Keep forests and BLM land open to the public
- Keep the trails that are already established usable.

- There are some really great campgrounds and hiking trails. I really want to see those well maintained. Also concerned for fires in the area.
- I feel the forest service does not do a very good job taking care of our beautiful forest. Seems to me they just want to set in the office and make lots of money trying to find ways to keep us out of the forest. It would be nice if they worked with the public instead of acting like we are enemies.
- na
- none
- Abuse of land
- Keep what we have and add to it!
- That these natural resources will not be over-used or abused, or exploited
- I believe that the forest service is setting us up for a huge fire but not properly managing the forest. It would be nice to see more timber sale bids happening for locals.
- It's amazing to go see the nature
- It's only public land if it is not being leased for grazing. Watersheds cleaned and restored. Flooding is a huge issue near Tulie south of Rattlesnake rd.
- Maintain access to the National forest and BLM for ranching and hunting/hiking
- I would like a more relaxed policy on firework usage and height of apex
- Keep public land open for use
- None
- Figure out how to work better with the forestry services to allow wood collection.
- Forests should be thinned and managed to reduce water demand and fires
- Greater access to and incentive to utilize full service recycling so maybe fewer folks will dispose of their large garbage items along county roads
- I think access is good now
- Do not allow environmental groups to closed off access to any lands or waterways. Lobby the federal government to allow us to have more say on the management of our forest.
- I wish there was a more reasonable route to elephant butte.
- It is amazing how much access we have to public land around here. This is one of the greatest things about our county.
- The forests and public lands need to be accessible for public use.
- I am concerned that it sometimes is not doing enough in the face of Trump administration rollbacks of environmental rules, regulation and protections or allowing energy companies to skirt such protections that are still in place
- Our proximity to so many different climate zones and public lands is a big draw to our area, so we need to ensure that we maintain good public access to our public lands.
- I love to hike our mountains, but there is a whole lot of mountain and desert out there. I am not against building for industry or schools to help the town.
- I am for sensible but strict protections
- We need to ensure our freedom to access back country roads and utilize national forest and BLM lands responsibly. We live near BLM and sometimes people dump their trash irresponsibly. I am for more responsible freedom, meaning heavier fines should be applied

and enforced to keep our lands clean. Dogs should not be running up and down roads even in the county.

- We should do everything we can to preserve these resources.
- nothing.
- As long as our forests and campgrounds are kept up I will be happy
- Protect the forest for all to enjoy.....
- Preserve the land and also create a Solar Farm
- More public use less private leasing
- None
- No comment
- The A trail being accessible from Alamogordo would be nice
- Bring the logging industry back. Support fossil fuel industry. The county needs the money and will benefit. Hands off forest management leads to disease, fire, and devastation. Follow the policies of the healthy forest initiative. Minimize government regulation.
- They should be open for the public.
- BLM and Forest Service needs stop protecting possible animals in place if Ranchers watering cattle on their own land.
- More rv hookup camp grounds would be awesome.
- More forest thinning
- B. L. M. and Ranchers have blocked access to public land that at one time was great recreational and hunting areas for the public. Stop the restrictions on access to public land.
- The forest service needs to lessen the burden on controlling our forest restoration. We need to cut and thin
- In the past, there have been employees of these organizations that have been members of environmental groups. Resources need to be available to all, and not hindered through lawsuits.
- Sure
- Improved lines of communication with USFS on resource availability
- Forrest industry to utilize wood products available from mountains.
- Access to public lands and forest should not encroach on the ranchers and private property owners.
- Public lands are a great thing but the landowners who live near public lands need to be respected also.
- I think y'all do a good job with this.

**Q9: What are your concerns and ideas about land use?**

- County planning needs to limit the formation of many, disconnected subdivisions that require roads maintenance, police or sheriff protection, utilities, trash collection, etc. which stretch county resources. Also, commercial use should be limited to types that require very little water since water is in short supply in the desert.
- Multiple use on federal land and honoring private property rights. Keeping agricultural a priority.
- Maintain a balance for all users except for fossil fuel extraction-pollution.
- Residential sites should be at least 1 acre or more. I am referring to lots in Chaparral. Country living.
- land use should reflect the potential for annexation and should be reflective of the zoning categories for the city.
- No rural zoning. Respect private property rights. Limit Federal land taking (see my comments on economic impacts to county). This includes nuclear waste dumps.
- Building commercial bldgs. In a residential area causes the property value of the residences to go down.
- residential and agriculture.
- No opinion
- Would like to see blighted areas of the county cleaned up and hold the land owners responsible.
- n/a
- See above
- Towns should be allowed to expand bringing in more business for our economy and our enjoyment.
- None
- Hemp fields should be planted. It requires little water, which we seem to have covered, and the plants can be harvested for medicinal, clothing, weaving, rope and all the myriad uses of the mighty hemp plant. Could be a true revenue source for the growers and maybe some companies could open up to market the various uses.
- Less agriculture, uses too much water for our dry climate.
- None
- Businesses and home owners, renters, etc. need to be held accountable for their areas.
- None
- leave as is
- I have no concerns.
- need affordable housing to buy for younger people
- A lot of empty commercial buildings that should be utilized for future businesses
- no comment
- Need natural gas
- Maybe some codes to control what can be built in certain areas.
- more affordable housing
- Get back to thinning the forests. If we can attract agriculture to Otero County that is bonus but I think that is not going to happen.
- There is too much sprawl of new development of Alamogordo to the north when there are many parcels in the middle of town just sitting empty, e.g. on North Florida north of Indian



Wells or on South Florida south of 1st. There are many abandoned buildings on White Sands Boulevard that should be either renovated or razed. They pull down the economy sitting there. Many landowners sit on property (both raw land and buildings) for decades hoping to get a windfall instead of renting and using their land. Look at all the empty buildings on White Sands that look like they've been vacant for twenty years or more. It is absurd that in a desert that we pump so much groundwater for growing crops. There's plenty of places with rainfall. Why are we trying to farm in the desert? It's absurd. Farmers don't pay the real cost of water.

- n/a
- Redevelop urban decayed areas and restrict urban sprawl. Industrial would be prime in the Alamo west regions and Hwy 54 North of Tularosa. Investigate county managed large scale green houses to ensure produce to the region without need for outside dependence from the just in time supply chain. This could be done through hydroponics, aquaponics, or waste water filtration.
- We certainly could use more commercial businesses/retail on the south and north end of Alamogordo.
- Any of these require water and we must have an adequate water supply before we expand.
- More affordable housing close to Alamogordo, tighten up the county ordinances with regard to personal property - you have to admit, there are some areas that are TRASHY. Tighten up the county ordinances with regard to mobile homes and abandoned homes.
- Ranchers need to be able to use land / water, because we all need them as stewards for the land
- Log it, graze it or watch it burn.
- Apply well thought out, long term zoning plan.
- Take down the many, many derelict buildings in the down town residential area.
- Residential and Commercial
- Far too many condemned houses and buildings that are an eye sore, dangerous, and need removed
- not enough knowledge to comment
- Development of a county building code
- Nothing
- I'm not sure I am qualified to respond to this question.
- na
- none
- Too many empty commercial buildings
- Only sell off public land already surrounded by development.
- Each area for consideration should be used for the benefit of the entire community
- Alamogordo specifically needs to clean up abandoned or eye sore buildings. I believe that would specifically have a direct impact on tourism and money moving through the community
- My dad owns his house
- More agriculture here in the areas with water would be great.
- Eliminate old eye soar buildings (even if some of them have historical value, like the mill) and make the county more attractive to investors.
- The current system seems functional for separation of districts
- Land needs to be developed

- There needs to be a massive increase in public parks, both developed and undeveloped
- See my comment on code enforcement.the
- Clean up the trash flying around the landscape. Better rain/flood control. Search for ways to catch rainwater for some use. Growth should be controlled and in keeping with terrain. No over-engineered land development. Get rid of dilapidated properties. This is not an attractive city.
- This all seems to be handled extremely well.
- Proper zoning should be in place and existing laws should be enforced to protect residential property values. Tin sheds/shops should not be approved to be built in existing sub-divisions and neighborhoods.
- Less fracking and drilling. Greater emphasis on brackish water use or conversion.
- The county and city need to work together to ensure that both of their infrastructure growth plans are compatible. New developments and businesses need to be focused on the areas where there will be planned infrastructure improvements.
- I see so many for sale signs, empty houses. I don't know the industry of real estate, but if building new homes brings jobs, and people buy them, go for it!
- I am for sensible but strict protections
- It would be nice to clean up some of the blight or put in trees or inexpensive fences to hide blight as people drive around the county.
- standards on residential homes and neighborhoods.
- Use older/unused buildings rather than building new
- Agricultural research , saving the honey bees with the acreage of unused land.
- incentive programs for more small businesses
- None
- No comment
- Max support for all economic development. Minimize government regulation and interference
- Reduce water consumption, stop waste.
- All the above.
- Why is there a tower behind planet fitness
- Allow renewable logging on public land. Clear the slash from the floor of the forest. Stand up to the out of state tree huggers that try to control our forest with rules that lead to job loss and forest fires
- Caution should be used when building in the LNF. The danger of wildfires is should be a top priority. Look at California. Look at Australia. We should learn from their experiences.
- On-going, long term efforts to destroy the ranching industry. In addition, a past county commissioner once tried to grab code control over private property in the county, which included being able to enter property, and issue violation citations for matter they deemed unsuitable for use (such as railroad ties for landscaping, as an example). This was nothing more than a power and money grab.
- Ok
- Less Agency Acres and more available for private ownership.
- Agriculture including more livestock, needs to be the primary function for land use.
- Better roads, different types of businesses not just dispensaries and gas stations

- I think the city sits on too much land. It should be utilized or sold. I think using the old baseball field for storage of dirt and equipment looks really trashy.

**Q10: What are your concerns and ideas about water resources?**

- EXCESSIVE USE OF H2O FOR GRASS ETC
- It is crucial to conserve underground water because of the limited supply. Water rights should be respected, but water should not be wasted. The desert should be treated as such.
- Properly maintained forest improves water quality and volume. Preserving private property rights for groundwater and rivers and creeks.
- No commercial mining or extraction of water resources!
- All of the good potable water for Chaparral comes from Hueco Bolson. All of the wells for the water system are located in Dona Ana County.
- too many septic tanks in subdivisions with 100 lots or more. efforts should be made to develop a public sewer and water system.
- This is so screwed up as to require a book for comments. L O N G history of water problems. First to use beneficially should have first claim. Rain collection should be free from government regulation/tax/permit/etc.
- ground water for use by residents and rivers/ creeks to be used by everyone and wild animals and livestock alike.
- No opinion
- Open the desalination facility and start using the water.
- Water is a precious commodity and should be treated as such.
- Water systems need to be probably utilized and if new facilities are built they need to work and not sit empty.
- Finish the flood control project and keep the existing arroyos free of debris. That would be of great benefit for the folks who get flooded every year due to clogged waterways.
- Need desalination plant operating.
- None
- Improvement to city water access
- Whatever happened to the water plant I heard about 23 years ago?
- unsure
- Water lines, sources, and storage areas all need to be updated to accommodate the current population, plus any new housing or business developments in the County.
- we need water
- Safe water
- The water and rivers/creeks need to be maintained and monitored
- more lakes and rivers close to alamo.
- Don't know
- where the water will end up
- balance the need to protect these resources with the access to the public for use
- We need to protect what we can and slow the access to Texas water rights. If we don't then we will start to disappear from Otero County.
- We need a county-wide water authority instead of everyone drilling their own wells or having these tiny MDWCA operations. It is inefficient and costly. There is water in the mountains (where Alamogordo city gets its water) that we could use for everyone's benefit cheaply. It is absurd that in a desert that we pump so much groundwater for growing crops. There's plenty of places with rainfall. Why are we trying to farm in the desert? It's absurd. Farmers don't pay the

real cost of water. Dams near Mayhill need repair. They are considered dangerous and nobody's doing anything about them.

- Concerned about cities over dependence on fresh well water, and Alamogordo's overuse of surrounding canyon springs, impose water restrictions year round. Explore stronger use of desalinization for water from underutilized abundant brackish aquifer. Extract Lithium from brackish water for mineral sale
- We certainly need more resources for water use, however I am not educated enough in this particular area as to say how.
- We need to monitor and maintain a healthy water supply for the entire County.
- Work more closely with Alamogordo - the city is on the right track
- protect the water resources that we have
- Water rights for ranchers are a must, manage water to be used for us, do not sell it to bottle.
- better preservation/use of water from the arroyos during rainy season
- Utilize conservation efforts when plausible. Concur with water restrictions during summer months.
- Treat our drinking water.
- City provided water is far too hard
- Need to get Bonito Lake up and going again. Need to be able to remove trees by water ways that suck up the water (like willows)
- Create catch basins where storm water can be collected and pumped out for use after the solids have settled out.
- We probably need more
- Well, i mean, new mexico has always struggled with water conservation and utilization. This is always a worry for me.
- I'm not sure what is being done on this issue, but we must protect our water, we cannot live without it. One example that would help with this is to zero-scape the court house and city building areas. The water wasted on the lawns at these public buildings is ridiculous and so unnecessary.
- Too much water diverted to HAFB
- Make developers more accountable for ground water sustainability. Conservation of water for those of us who are already here will only allow the area to grow beyond it's means. Make the air Force clean up their ground water mess!!!
- There should be newsletters sent out advising and or notifying the community about any functions dealing with water use
- It helps the nature grow
- Maintenance and removal of silt in the Arroyo is critical if we want water to travel to its most useful destination to be shared.
- Invest in rain capture system to capture vast amounts of water from monsoons.
- Please soften the water before it comes to our property. We pay for it and my family and friends have adverse reactions to commerical reverse osmosis.
- We have plenty of water if a desalinization plant were built
- None
- Better oversight and protection against ground water pollution.

- Again, thin forests to reduce enormous water demand.
- Well, I'm kind of tired of sold hard water deposits from my tap water building up on my steel pans and leaving pits in the metal when I pop them off. I'm tired of my tap water coming out of my faucet brown or smelling stronger of chlorine than a swimming pool and the water company insisting it's safe to drink as if I don't have a functioning brain stem. We also need better education for the public regarding the need for water conservation and smart water usage.
- Thinning our overgrown forest would help rejuvenate rivers and springs.
- Make sure that we aren't giving our biggest natural resource away. Clean up the dirty, clogged Creeks and streams
- No complaints here.
- No comment.
- Greater water conservation measures, brackish water use and /or conversion, better water treatment for potable and grey and black water.
- Since we are in the desert water conservation is important. A suburb of Tucson uses a system to maximize green lush plants using only rainwater. These kinds of innovations are needed here because although we live in the desert if we can use the resources we already have to improve the look of our community it can only help. Greenery that isn't weeds is desirable.
- Protection of contamination of our water
- I thought I understood years ago, we had water under neath us that could be filtered and used.
- I am for sensible but strict protections
- Ensuring enough water supply for future generations.
- Water conservation should be a priority.
- nothing.
- Drought prevention!
- We keep hearing we need to conserve but new housing keeps going up....doesn't make sense.
- Stop selling water to Texas and create water canals that can channel rain waters
- Respect private ownership and property rights. Invest in and seek out technology to maximize water use efficiency, expand use of reclamation and desalination.
- Reservoir / Dam to collect / store rainwater, stream run offs.
- Let the land owners use it.
- Why are all pecan and pitacho ranches using all the water and it's not monitored
- Stop the rerouting of surface water in the county. Require B.L.M. to maintain drainages on their land. over the past 20 years runoff west of HWY. 54 - 70 has increased to the point of danger for many residents
- Water resources will always be a concern in the desert southwest. Otero county is no different. Underground irrigation, sub surface, should be mandated for new construction and upgrades.
- I have learned there are on-going efforts to seize total control, even across private land.
- Right on
- Increased efforts to manage flooding and protect water quality/availability
- The county needs to protect the ground water, rivers/creeks and not allow encroachment onto private property by the public.
- That we have water and that our water system can deliver it

- Better water crossings in highly traversed areas, better drainage in case of flash flooding, fix the Hwy 54/70 arroyos so the water is not routed into a residential area.
- I don't know enough about this



**Q11: What are your concerns and ideas about housing and quality of life?**

- Housing needs to be affordable depending on income. Starter homes should be as available as more expensive ones.
- Free market.
- The county needs a planning and zoning department!
- Affordable housing; newer mobile homes or stick built homes.
- buzz words like "affordable housing" should be defined in dollar amount.
- Perfect now. Limit encroachment by USAF (noise and health impacts).
- stick built and manufactured
- No opinion
- Clean up the blight.
- Need cheaper more affordable housing here
- Lobby for no property tax for all veterans, more would move here, and but goods and services, outweighing loss of any property tax
- Housing is good but a little expensive for the area.
- Rent is too high if you're not working for the government. This leads to areas like "Walkertown"
- Not sure.
- Need more things to do.
- None
- Rent waaaaay too high for young couples
- raise wages in order to afford decent housing
- I would like to see all of the old dilapidated houses and businesses either restored or torn down; especially along White Sands Blvd.
- need affordable housing to buy for younger people
- Price of ownership on housing
- Housing costs has increased. Once the German Air Force arrived the costs became so expensive for everyone else and now some of the homes which were built are empty because no one can afford them that actually live here. I believe we need more low income housing to assist those not so fortunate
- Housing is ok, but the rent needs to be better. The Germans are gone.
- N/a
- No issues
- quality of life is great here
- Housing market seems about where it needs to be.
- There's no middle of the market for housing. Houses are either really fancy like at the golf course on Hamilton or the "wood" streets off of Scenic at the north end of town. Or they are older properties that need much work. I've been told not to buy a house here because while you may get it cheap, you can't sell it. Apartments are too expensive because there are so many people just here for their tour of duty at Holloman Air Force base. There is no middle for apartments. There are fancy high end apartments like the Ventanas and everything else is dilapidated low-end places. Chaparral sells land on land contracts and many people default, allowing the developer there, Colquitt, to resell the land over and over again. There needs to be affordable financing in Chaparral to create stable homeownership. Not enrich developers.

- Restrict New Housing Construction permits to contractors: require a 2:1 Remodel and/or rehabilitation of old construction to receive 1 New construction permit. Limiting New Construction also limits the population of our cities, what is the population cap for our area. Has this even been considered or will we just over demand our precious resources such as our water here in a desert.
- Our housing in Alamogordo seems to be fair, however we seem to need more 3 bedroom homes (in good condition) seeing that we service HAFB. Our quality of life is fair, but needs improvement see my comments on the previous sections
- Clean up the abandoned trailers and home in the county
- Too many homeless because people cannot afford, even city housing is becoming unaffordable and has so many rules that people cannot go there
- City of Alamogordo should do something with the area 1st/10th below Florida. Get people interested in building in the "old" parts of the city (combining lots?) instead of far out in suburbs. Make it easier to walk to restaurants, galleries ...
- the county government needs to stay out of the way.
- Balance of upper-class to public housing, appropriately zoned.
- Take down the dangerous and run down buildings.
- Cost for renting, as well as buying, is far too high when compared to outside the county or state.
- More affordable
- New Mexico has a blight problem, even in the cloudcroft area. We need better written ordinances against blight that actually allows for enforcement.
- I'm not aware of any issues with this, there always seems to be plenty of homes for sale.
- none
- Saturated market
- Fund fixing up the old houses over new development.
- I believe a job market could be opened up with jobs become available to help homeless keep & maintain home for themselves. Living skills coordinator. Most homeless get income to live on but don't have home because they need help functioning in their living skills & public housing is a good place to start
- It's hard to see many houses in our community during into airbnb or short term rentals when a full time resident could move in. This is also raising housing prices which makes it hard for families to live in the community.
- The housing is alright
- Quality of life- Jobs so our kids who want to stay here have a larger variety than retail or manual labor.
- Good mix of all varieties of homes but need a few more apartments for young families and single adults
- No comment
- The county needs growth. New housing. Better retirement community's
- As stated previously, there are too many run-down trailers and junk littered properties. We also have a horrible problem with litter along the roads. Why are the county jail prisoners no longer allowed to volunteer to work off time on their sentence by cleaning up the roadways?
- None

- Clean up/tear down dilapidated bldgs
- There are at least 4 empty houses falling into disrepair for every homeless individual in Alamogordo. The city ought to seize ownership of them, repair them, and raffle the houses off at \$50 per ticket to anyone who is currently a city resident and not a home owner. 1000 \$50 tickets sold would generate \$50,000 profit off an otherwise empty house, a home in Alamogordo would suddenly be lived in, maintained, and have taxes paid on it which otherwise remained unoccupied and unattended, and a family would become first time home owners. No one loses.
- Its growing. With the family fun center .
- Reasonable for a town this size
- Housing here is nice and affordable.
- If Alamogordo's population increases due to additional Military missions at nearby bases, there will be a shortage of affordable, quality housing. Alamogordo should strive to remove or improve the most unsightly residences on main roadways.
- Greater enforcement of owner's responsibilities such as property maintenance and seizure of abandoned or exceptionally neglected properties for public sale.
- We definitely need more quality apartments, townhouses for military. A planned, gated community would draw in wealthier retirees.
- Home prices and rent kept where the everyday worker can afford them.
- The cost of renting sky rocketed with the German Air Force. It has not gone down at all. Yet, empty houses are everywhere. Walker town is full of old and dangerous trailers.
- We need public transportation services in Dog Canyon.
- Housing is inexpensive in Otero County and should remain so in some areas with more expensive homes in other. Trailer homes are fine, but people should be expected to have a level of cleanliness. Boles Acres is a mess and needs to be cleaned up.
- less low income subsidized housing
- There needs to be more options than just homes, trailers and mobile homes. There's no condos or townhomes. All new construction is for homes. Las Cruces, Ruidoso, Cloudcroft, Ruidoso Downs all have large amounts of condos and townhomes. The only townhomes in Alamogordo I've seen are at the golf course which are way too big and way too expensive. There's a large population of the military who may be interested in condos instead of large homes. The homes on base are condos for lower enlisted and townhomes for senior enlisted. Maybe do the same thing in Alamogordo? Alamogordo is only live in a home, live in a tiny home, live in a mobile home or live in a trailer.
- When the German AF arrived years ago prices soared. Time to bring those prices down.....have nice looking apt. buildings.....
- Lower yearly property taxes. If they want to RTO a house they need to sign a contract to buy with in 5 years
- more home ownership programs that can focus on home businesses like farms, ranches or green houses.
- I know we need more dwellings but we've got to get sponsors to build/own.....don't know how to attract more of those individuals.
- Houses are expensive to rent and when you think you get a good deal for your money the manament company doesn't take care of things

- Minimal regulation
- Abandoned property to be cleaned up.
- More affordable apartments.
- Cheaper housing for our aging seniors.
- More affordable housing
- Housing prices are very disproportionate to wages.
- there are plenty of housing. However, so much housing is not affordable. And what is affordable may not be quality.
- Let the market drive residential housing development. Housing for the homeless, particularly homeless vets. must be addressed. Quality of life issues are everywhere in Otero county. Just look at national rankings for medical care, child welfare, education the list goes on. Affordable recreation for young adults needs to be addressed.
- Housing is a quality of life feature. Most families today are strapped financially and can't afford the higher priced housing of \$300k +
- No opinion
- Affordable
- Increased attention to beautification efforts and junk removal (specifically dead mobile homes)
- Housing and Quality of Life needs to not only be available for the lower income but for those who are senior citizens. DO NOT make price or type of housing available for ownership and rent based on what can be made from the military families living here.
- Housing is great. Not too expensive for the square footage. The county needs a homeless shelter.
- So many houses are run down. I don't think a lot of owners can necessarily afford to maintain them, but maybe some city program to help out. We have a lot of people who can technically afford to buy, but due to lending issues are only allowed to rent. It's a big issue.

**Q12: What are your concerns and ideas about economic development?**

- Vocational trades need to be taught in high school and college for people to be prepared to work and obtain jobs according to their interests.
- Promote economic growth.
- All of the above, Yes!
- I would like to see warehouses or large manufacturing plants come into our area. The citizens of Chaparral need good paying jobs close to homes
- higher wages will make the county more competitive in attracting a higher level of professionals.
- Focus on getting the rural economy going through infrastructure improvements and soliciting business. Some estimates indicate 100 million dollars in economic activity has been left on the table because the county focuses on urban areas and Holloman AFB while giving little thought to the other 80% of the county. Relying on Federal agencies for 90% of the county economy is risky and gives no flexibility and no negotiating power. Otero is a one pony show.
- Non water dependent new businesses
- People need to put more importance on education for new markets instead of grasping on to old industries that are dying off simply because they don't like change.
- Entice more business into the area. Work on workforce training issues.
- City is doing a great job.
- Bring back trades taught in Mid, High and JR Collage
- New businesses must be allowed to come into towns so there will be more jobs.
- I'd like to see non-service industry jobs come to Alamogordo
- More businesses mean more jobs. Businesses should be encouraged and willing to train their people
- Need more retail, restaurants and job opportunities.
- More economic development in Alamogordo
- Could sure use more jobs. Not just minimum wage ones
- As a former director in a business, I don't believe enough time is given for proper training.
- better wages
- It's gotten much better since I moved her 19 years ago, but we still need additional retail stores and restaurants to attract more people to visit and/or move here.
- all of above
- Bring in more businesses
- We need a large variety of different jobs from skilled to unskilled.
- it is hard to train a person if you do the same old job every day. We need better paying jobs, jobs that at least give you a cost of living wage. Things keep going up yet the pay is the same.
- Open more businesses, for the future adults in the community.
- There is no job opportunities
- We need to encourage more business to locate here and offer them better incentives.
- more available jobs
- need new businesses to come here.
- bring in some more diverse businesses to broaden the job market
- We need to attract some better tech jobs and better jobs that make more than minimum wage.
- This place desperately needs jobs other than the Air Force, Air Force contractors, and government. Everything besides the public sector is dead-end low wage jobs in retail and food

service. All the manufacturing jobs (Presto, bakery) are long gone. Part of the problem is the school district with its terrible rankings. Nobody wants to locate jobs here with lousy schools. They know there won't be educated workers and nobody is going to move jobs to a place where their existing employees don't trust the schools.

- I feel that NM would be more business friendly if there weren't so many regulations and bureaucracy oversight. It is difficult to start a business without jumping through all kinds of red tape.
- Diversified employment market beyond military/government and service industry positions. We need several more manufacturing options so that if one collapses another remains similar to what happened with Presto and the Cookie Factory. Remove the control of greed from the Otero Elite and allow diverse market expansion and broad business ownership of franchise and industry.
- Job/workforce training is very much needed in our area. A trade school would be great. We need many more retail businesses ie...retail...clothing for men is really lacking, a wholefoods or sprouts type of store is much needed, and a second (cleaner) movie theater. Any of these businesses would create much needed jobs.
- More respect for education so we can have a workforce capable of working for companies that require a trained workforce
- Job training for real jobs
- Trade school programs so we will have enough qualified plumbers, mechanics, carpenters, electricians... for the needed upkeep of housing, vehicles, parks...
- The county government does not need to favor one business for another to pick the winners in a free market economy.
- Mall conversion to large store fronts or middle outdoor walkway seems a good idea; parts of mall very dated.
- Local arts festival
- Higher end retail means more employment opportunities
- Need far more job opportunities in order to gain people and keep the graduates.
- Concentrate on encouraging businesses to come here provided said businesses wouldn't have a large water requirement to operate.
- All of the above
- County needs to get out of the business that is already provided by private business. Shouldn't be in competitive with private industry.
- Cautious, sustainable job growth and economic development
- I made a previous comment about the need to draw business into burro street in cloudcroft. Whats preventing businesses from coming? Lets break down those barriers!
- There are plenty of jobs, we just need for people to want to work. It would be a waste of time and resources to bring more big business to our town because we still won't have the people to work there
- There is not the jobs and growth here to keep the young people in the area. More should be done to bring jobs here for them. I had heard that a casino was coming to the old lumber yard. That would bring many supporting businesses here.
- Not enough good paying jobs



- It's so challenging to be a small business owner. There's zero help.
- I think we should have a factory or 2. Like the Jean factory we had once & the cookies factory & presto. Those were good jobs.
- Do not own any business
- Bring in clean industry, timber industry resurgence, and make Alamogordo a trucking hub. We have 3 Hwy in our basin, stop letting others dictate how our citizens live based in what is allowed to come here.
- Need to develop independence from reliance on Holloman as the major job source. Invest in small businesses and offer incentives to major corporations to settle here
- No comment
- I feel this is non-existent in Otero County. Everyone goes to El Paso or Las Cruces.
- As a manager, I can tell you it is difficult to find reliable employees in this area. This makes it difficult to keep businesses here.
- None
- Offer better incentives to entice manufacturing industry to boost employment opportunities.
- More diversity I reduce dependence on military base for economic support.
- Educate all companies currently operating in Otero county or seeking to in the future, that if they intend to pay minimum wage then they should not tell lies by posting signs bragging about "competitive wages". If you pay minimum wage you are not competing against anyone.
- Lets get programs for trades for our young people. That fine arts degree isnt going to fix your toilet. Manufacturing jobs.
- Desperately improve quality of the jobs available that can support a family. Increase the opportunities for training so when people are educated/trained, there are jobs here for them. Start educating students at a young age about the diverse opportunities for education/training and viable career choices.
- There appears to be a lack of high paying jobs, but that tends to happen in a small community. I'm very excited about the new businesses that have come and are coming soon! (The ramp factory, call center, hospital expansion)
- Wages are suppressed in Otero County.
- Enhanced and expanded educational opportunities and more jobs that aren't simply retail or fast food related. We all can't work in the oil fields either.
- We need to clean up our town and think bigger if we want to grow economically and diversify outside of HAFB. This community seems to be stuck in offering free events, free this and free that. When we offer free the majority of the time, we attract people who don't want to spend money. We need to attract people who are willing to spend money
- More business need to be brought in.
- Technical schools. Nursing Program and or other programs linked with the hospital.
- I think workforce development is one of our biggest needs in Otero County. There aren't enough workers to support the business we already have. This is a huge hindrance to business in Otero County. It's also a great reminder to plan for families.
- Yes.
- be business friendly

- There are jobs.....although it seems not high paying ones here in the county..This is a small town.....never gonna make millions here...The workforce training is here also if people would use it.
- Attack Costco and minimize Walmarts impact to the community. Costco hires for careers and Walmart hires to fire and get federal funding. Tell their none salaried employees to apply for food assistance.
- increase access to job opportunity announcements
- More government jobs
- Requirements for each person to have their own licences for food handling, alcohol handling and such is rediculous. I cannot get a job in retail because I don't have the right licenses.
- Programs focused on prisoner rehabilitation and hiring convicts would be great. Utilize state, federal, and private grants. Strive to attract outside business and industry. Continue to develop tourism based business. Encourage unified effort from all factions in the county.
- Jobs and Workfirce training.
- More training for those people on state assistance to get better jobs.
- More retail, less fast food restaurants. How about a stand alone Dunkin'?
- We need more investment in the tech and medical fields.
- Our youth leave in droves to other states to find high pay job opportunities. Corporate America looks at things like education, healthcare, qualified job force and crime rate before locating in a new area. Before you will see a significant improvement in economic development you must address the root problems. Healthcare, education, qualified job force and a state that is safe for children.
- We need to continue to work together with the Chamber, City and County in attracting new businesses to our area. Businesses like Medlin Ramps who takes over and eye sore and transforms it into a viable work place
- Business seems to have been improving in recent times.
- Bring in more companies that employ engineer types so there are more places to work than just the base.
- Definitely
- Incentives for new businesses Continued efforts to strengthen downtown Apprentice opportunities Business/education partnerships for job training and trade skills
- Economic Development should be agriculture based and the jobs should be geared towards needs of agriculture - more vocational needs to be offered in the schools.
- Need more, better jobs
- Bring decent jobs people will want to stay in for more than 2 years. In other words, no call center dystopias like Albuquerque. Jobs graduating seniors would want to come back from college or wherever and work until retirement. Better promotion of local businesses.
- We need more jobs here. Jobs that pay well. Even the city barely pays their workers enough. We should be able to pay a living wage. We need more business to want to come to Alamogordo.

**Q13: What are your concerns and ideas about transportation, roads, and infrastructure?**

- THIS END OF THE STATE SEEMS TO GET THE LEAST ROAD REPAIR MONEY
- Roads, water, sewer, etc. that are essential need required maintenance. Trails are not essential. All residents need to have phone and internet availability (infrastructure installed). Businesses that come into the county need to be screened for the long term. Many have come in to stay only a few years.
- Needed.
- County roads are underfunded!
- Chaparral has decent roads, dependable utilities, some transportation.
- we need to to raise the typical county road standard to eliminate all gravel and dirt roads. all new construction oof roads should be done to same standard, both private and public roads.
- A major issues affecting business is the limited infrastructure. Urban and rural areas have different issues. Highway access is very limited in all areas. This impacts all areas and is a job killer. Air travel is practically zero. USAF restrictions impact commercial service as does poor county/city planning. No air means no business. Internet access is fine in urban areas but for the other 50-80% of the county it is non-existent, slow and very expensive. Poor internet means no business and limited opportunities. Cell coverage is spoty, look at a cell coverage map. That big white spot with no coverage is rural eastern Otero county. No cell no business. Little water, little chance to get more water. No water no business. And on and on. Business make lists to do site surveys, Otero has failed to look at these factors and push to make improvements. Again part of the problem is that +90% of the land area is government managed and pays no direct tax and is not particularly productive.
- better access to cell phone service
- If fewer people felt like they needed to get a truck that work office jobs, our roads might hold up a bit longer
- Repair roads once and do it right. Stop tearing up roads to install something, repave it and then tear it up again to install somethinbg else. Do it all at the same time and do it right.
- Zia does a great job, the roads are bad, but they're bad everywhere in this Country.
- Free city broadband
- The issues with Hwy 82 must be addressed. If guard rails are damaged they are not fixed. Rocks are not moved and cleared from the shoulder. Also there needs to be more management of the rock fall areas to prevent further rock slides.
- Residential roads in the city could use some tending to
- Better roads for sure.
- More road maintenance in County
- Internet and roads definitely need upgrading
- The streets around town are crumbling. Street signs are faded to point one can't read them.
- roads need constant maintenance
- We need some competition for our cable/internet providers. Prices are ridiculous for terrible service.
- roads need fixing too many holes--deep pot holes
- County roads that take to long to repair even after being reported.
- Roads are horrible.
- no comment, I drive.

- busses, taxis
- Roads are in terrible conditions
- Road infrastructure fixed. Lots of Pot holes.
- Improve the road upkeep.
- definitely paving of county roads
- Roads need to be repaired
- more improvements on infrastructure
- Internet in Otero County is lacking. In the city and village it is ok but once you are outside in rural Otero County, it sucks. Roads are improving but as we are not Santa Fe or Albuquerque we see little to now money. The city of Alamogordo roads suck!
- We need the Union Pacific to allow spurs to be built to serve local businesses. But they just want to haul endless trains of intermodal containers between LA and Chicago without stopping en route. We need US 54 improved through Lincoln and Tarrant Counties to the same standard as US 54 to El Paso--four-lane divided highway with 75 mph speeds so people can get to Albuquerque and Santa Fe quicker. Likewise, improving 82 across eastern Otero County and in Eddy County to be able to get to Artesia and the oil patch would mean people could live here and work there. Route 506 needs to be paved so that people on the Otero Mesa can get to Dell City and people from Timberon have another good road out of town. We need a thorough review of county records to determine what county roads have been created or accepted by the County Commissioners. We need good maps and records of what is actually public right of way. Most of county has zero cell service. Most of county has zero broadband. There are some areas that don't even have electricity. These are severe handicaps to developing the economy here.
- Re-open county road between Tularosa and Elephant Butte, Continue support of Rails to Trails and forest roads. Most county roads receive excellent maintenance. Continue to use the more cost effective chip sealing opposed to the traditional asphalt application. Investigate county owned solar and wind fields for energy production.
- Our roads in general need a lot of work. There are many pot holes around the county, and roads that need to be paved.
- Rural broadband needs work.
- The county should participate more equitably with ZIA - pay your fair share to allow a broader, more robust public transportation network
- Roads are crappy, water lines everywhere always breaking
- Better internet, better powerlines
- Sidewalks need to be better maintained and completed/connected in many areas of town
- Let's take better care of roads and infrastructure
- Pleased with bypass and reduced traffic through town.
- Roads are terrible. Fix the roads.
- All the internet system companies are very high here.
- Unincorporated and outlying areas need better access to internet. Roads need better maintenance.
- Try to get State funding to help with our roads GRIP, etc. Possibly work with the Boy Scouts to improve trails
- Road upgrades not trails

- access to high speed broadband .i have had fiber optics cable 400 feet from me for over 9 years but i am still on low speed copper internet.
- Seems OK
- Na
- You do a pretty good job with pot holes, but the by pass it in terrible shape. Since you finally put up lower speed limit signs, I know you are aware of the problem, I'm just not sure it should take so long to correct this problem. I feel we should be able to get better broadband service to homes that are only one mile from the city limits, it's not like we are living in Weed or Timberon.
- Sewer was brought out to Eddy and 10th street - supposedly to be available for the casino to hook up to. Sewer should be available to every home in the city limits.
- Adequate
- Fix the roads and add drainage. 10th in Alamogordo is unbelievable during the monsoons and negatively affects my business.
- The trails we have are great. We need 2 each of utilities & broadband so it's not so monopolized. Competitive pricing. Our small business need to be able to compete to with the big stores without having to raise their prices too
- The roads are some what in good shape
- Everything needs upgrades
- Many county roads need work and all new construction should have fiber run to it to expand the faster networks required in the future.
- Please fix these roads. They're wrecked.
- We have some of the worst roads. Very outdated power and cable. Cellphone coverage is weak. Water and sewer lines are outdated. Flood control needs improvement
- Need more reliable Internet providers.
- Roads need work
- Work with local business to upgrade existing high speed internet.
- Bring commercial flights/upgrade airport
- We need 24-7 buses at 30 minute, not 1 hour intervals. We need more and better seating at bus stops as many individuals can be seen sitting on the side of a road with no sidewalk waiting for the bus in their wheelchair in all kinds of weather.
- Egads fix those roads. Mc donald rd would be better off dirt. Theres more potholes than road. I live in an area, no water, no gas, no sewer, no hard wired internet
- Maintain or pave roads along Mountain Meadows. (Greenfield, Papago, Beecher) Also, provide more options for internet service.
- Improve the roads so that property owners increase pride in the appearance of their land/property. Increase broadband capability.
- Of all the towns I have lived in this one seems to have these areas under control.
- Otero County should expand broadband / fiber / 5G internet to more areas around and within Alamogordo. Main roads should be evaluated / repaired / improved on a more rapid schedule.
- Turn over ownership of those sections of road that are either within or almost exclusively used by local towns and cities to those entities with the commensurate funds to maintain them.

- Our roads are in dire need of repair. In my opinion the two places the county should focus money on is road repair and public safety. Also, working with the city of Alamogordo to bring in Regional Jet service is imperative to growing our economy and competing with Las Cruces.
- Lots of roads need improvement
- Broadband needs to be more stable. More solar power.
- at the present, the wind along with the sand, and sun have really done a number on the street signs. Replacing those is a good thing. I have seen many new roads being done along with the water lines. This is a GREAT thing. Those guys in the water department are working hard.
- Transportation! The people of Boles Acres and Dog Canyon have no bus service. These are low income communities with lots of seniors.
- Roads are terrible and take a long time for potholes to be filled. One time my car went off the edge of the road near a dip due to erosion from the last rain. It is a lawsuit waiting to happen.
- I would love to see competition for broadband (TDS pretty much has the market cornered and their prices are getting ridiculous). Many residential roads need maintenance. I'm always in favor of trails and paths (walking and biking).
- better high speed internet options.
- Roads are terrible....Internet service so far is fair.....utilities reasonable.....
- Option already given at the beginning of this survey.
- Work on roads, esp those near fire stations like mcdonald, signage for sensitive crossing areas, increase patrol for landscapers and trash haulers losing parts of their loads on roads cause accidents and damage.
- Roads need improved on the side streets
- Internet options are limited and aren't very good quality, more providers in the area would increase competition and drive the current companies to do better.
- Broadband development for rural areas is a must. Find grants. Roads are terrible. Trails for hiking, running, and biking would be great.
- Better roads in all of Otero County
- Updated roads and flood control.
- More cable /satellite services
- we need better cellular and internet access in the rural areas of the county.
- Fix the roads and invest in infrastructure. Cleanup the area around the roads entering populated areas. Limit or eliminate billboards.
- The roads need a complete overhaul. Not just laying another layer of asphalt on top.
- Roads-New Mexico is not known for being a state with grade A roads. Even here in Otero County, including Alamogordo, we have many streets/roads that I try to avoid. They are hard on a good vehicle.
- Roads can get pretty bad. The DoT, however, is very good about clearing roads in inclement weather, and that is appreciated.
- 👍
- Road repair south bypass Improved signage
- More paved roads to increase broadband capabilities.
- Roads need to be maintained, and a bigger push for internet needs to be made.

- Roads need fixing, broadband needs to be expanded into the mountains. Better internet for all residents. Do something to prevent the power and water outages.
- We need better internet. Especially for anyone outside of city limits. We also have cell issues for anyone outside of city limits. It's very limiting.



**Q14: What are your concerns and ideas about community facilities and services?**

- Senior Centers provide an important service for the elderly and need to continue to be available throughout the county.
- Needed.
- Adequate for most measures.
- It would be nice to have parks and walking/riding paths.
- not enough information being delivered to the population as to where they are located , hours of operation, special events and types of training they are providing to the community such as computer classes.
- Good. Volunteer Fire and EMS need continuing and improving support. The volunteers save the county tens of millions yet receive very limited support. County Sheriff is excellent. Responsive to the public and considerate of community needs and opinions. State law enforcement, well best say nothing. Otero has recreation! It is excellent. The county shooting range is excellent and provide a real service to the county. Library? What's that? See internet.
- all good up here
- Employees have no integrity in this town. It is just a bunch of old people with low standards that can't afford to go anywhere else so they deal with crappy facilities and businesses that survive simply because better companies, innovation, and entrepreneurs go where people will spend money that aren't limited by retirement income or sinking thrift driven economies.
- Start enforcing the county codes related to blighted properties. Make the owners clean them up. Continue increasing the number of parks and recreation areas.
- We have a lot of facilities!
- We will always need more parks for our children. They need to be shaded or have water features to keep kids cool in summer.
- Keep improving our sheriff and fire services. And I feel it is important for our police to put our residents first and take orders from elected officials only. Seems there is always someone trying to be an elected official without the benefit of having run for the office
- None
- Could use upgrades to park and rec.
- Are fine. But why did they let the cottonwood trees die in the park by the tracks? Isn't the name of this town fat cottonwood?
- unsure
- More walking trails and an indoor year-round swimming pool is needed.
- more police, bigger library, more parks
- Funding for all the above for future generations.
- we really don't need a library, any more because everything is on line such as books. The parks we need more of and recreations.
- Honest police officers. Get rid of all the corrupted ones.
- In big need of parks
- Update our 911 system
- no issue
- keep funding for these
- Locate public safety into one complex would be a great improvement. Parks in the city are improving

- We should have a county-wide public library. The Alamogordo library is too small for a city of its size. There are areas of the county that have no library service, e.g. Chaparral, Timberon, or Mayhall. Alamogordo pools are too expensive. Since we pay taxes for them, why is there a charge? Ambulance service should be part of the fire department not contracted to a for-profit company. Air ambulance services charge insane prices and are unaccountable for their costs. They need to be reined in. Perhaps local governments could form a consortium to provide this service rather than letting Native Air bilk sick people.
- I am concerned about the Family Fun Center. My daughter tried to go bowling there one weekend evening and was not allowed to enter because she was not 21. I was under the assumption that this was built, using taxpayer money, for the kids to have something to do in Alamogordo. If they turn it into a night club on weekend nights, that is not a "Family Fun Center."
- Continue what is, except we need to investigate an indoor recreational water facility.
- Our parks are lacking. It would be nice to have more parks throughout town, I realize this is partly a water issues. That being said a Water park would be great in the summer months. More shaded area's in the parks. More tree's of course. The library is pretty good, needs more parking.
- The county needs to participate more equitably with the services that the city provides - the services open to the entire county such as the library and the rec center. Consider paying your fair share. And don't forget Chaparral. There should be a sheriff's office, a remote tax office, a remote county clerk's office in Chaparral.
- Police dept is out of control running their own agenda and over stepping their rights
- Make sure police/fire/EMT/teachers are adequately paid and get a retirement plan so they want to stay. Update their equipment.
- Already mentioned.
- All's well
- More police and sheriff deputies are needed, but the pay is far too low to get them.
- Dog park is needed that has grass instead of burrs. Cant take my dog to the city dog park because of that stuff.
- Look at the manning levels of APD and the Sheriff's Dept. Work on retention problems.
- Increase our Sheriff's department.
- i am a volunteer fire fighter we need to encourage more people to join do to no enssentives to join.property tax breaks.with departments short staffed puts people and property at risk.
- Hiking trail development in the Tularosa Basin
- We need to pay our police a more competitive rate to be able to compete with other communities and retain our officers.
- I think cloudcroft does a good job of maintaining their own facilities but theres always room for improvement!
- The police are doing a great job, we need the judicial system to back them up in their efforts. I feel the library is very nice and does not need to be replaced. It was nice to see some more tree put into the park that don't need as much water and the cottonwoods.
- A fully staffed police department is a must..
- Adequate

- More!!!
- We need a new park in the area between 4th st & 7th St off Florida Ave with areas of play for our inner city kids, teens, tweens toddlers etc. Basket ball, skateboarding, tennis even.
- There is no reliable child care in Cloudcroft. The Methodist church runs the only public one and with no competition they keep increasing tuition and down grading quality. They aren't consistent following regulations like fire drills or even cleaning up the parking lot when it snows. I believe that it would be so beneficial to the community to have another child care option.
- The police are very friendly and the parks are clean
- We have these areas and they are lovely
- Invest in our cops and fire department by increasing salaries to keep them here
- No comment.
- Very poor parks and rec program.
- Why do so many recreational functions have to involve alcohol? Can't we teach people to have fun without alcohol?
- Put some money in the fairground facility to bring in RV groups and better community events
- Not sure how but figure out how to enforce illegal dumping.
- More assisted living options for elderly
- We need a larger, modern library
- What happened to that new library?
- We are concerned about the constant drama and turnover at the upper level of the police department and city management.
- For the most part this is good! Updates on the parks and Rec Center over the last few years have been incredible! I wish the Rec center was more affordable. It's an expensive monthly membership compared to all other gyms in town.
- Aquatics building for the Senior Citizen community.
- We have no need of an armored vehicle in Alamogordo, but we do need a better trained police force. If the county sheriff's office could assist in this, that would be great.
- Again public safety is one of the top requirements when trying to recruit quality residents and businesses. Parks are a great resource as long as they are kept up meticulously. Honestly if all of Otero county looked like the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired we would have a much different economy.
- Please keep our Library and parks updated and clean for our families
- I love our police! Love our old chief Peete, and am saddened at the politics of our city. The City Manager fiasco over the years, the lawsuits in the water billing and other HR drama have taken its toll. I think our library is top in the country! The summer program run by Ms. Ami is beyond anything any other place has by far!!
- Yes. Family friendly options of all kinds. Indoor options as well. Accessible to all.
- Otero County residents should be able to vote on their nearest town's elections, as that is where we shop send our children to school and participate in community events.
- Improved library services (more digital materials, as mentioned before). More recreation, especially for younger people.
- more opportunities for our youth...sports
- The sheriff's office needs substations throughout the county.

- Larger library, splash pad, support our police/fire with necessary equipment and manpower.
- Plenty of parks already.....not many kids use the playgrounds.....maybe more cops.
- Preserve the fairgrounds. Create a larger dog dogpark area that has waste bags and 1 cent per resident to cover cost(at to water/waste bill) Hire retired truckers who live in Alamogordo to teach new drivers the correct way to share the roadway.
- more funding to the emergency communications and first response organizations.
- Lots to do in this area but things above need to be addressed first.
- More Parks.
- More support for police from this county, especially the mall
- Better police presence
- we needs more investment into the county's natural resources for tourism.
- I do not have a comment on this topic
- Alamogordo has done a good job in maintaining City parks and recreational areas. More are needed. Sometimes you drive by one of our parks and it is pretty busy. That says more may be necessary.
- Good
- More weight gyms. Access to school basketball gyms for youth practices.
- 👍
- Year round indoor pool
- What we have now is fine. The police need to not be political but should be for all people regardless.
- More cops for better coverage and better records being kept by those cops, more library locations. A multimedia campaign about the importance of locking ones car doors.
- New, larger library! More parks like the new kids kingdom. More activities and classes offered by the city via the rec center. A more robust rec center.

**Q15: What are your concerns and ideas about hazard mitigation?**

- The water supply must be protected. The Base's contaminated water needs cleaned up. Working with the forest service to improve forest thinning will help prevent wildfires.
- Needed.
- Not much of a problem unless you're in the mountains or beside an arroyo.
- Not a big concern for Chaparral residents.
- VF departments are not doing enough to reach out to the community and educate the civilian on evacuation routes or how to respond to and type of emergency such as medical, road closures ...etc.
- See my notes above on who owns the fuel. Wild fires roar out of government managed lands and burn both government and private property (Little Bear Fire as an example). USFS/BLM/State/County would like to focus on private property owners rather than spend money (and be responsible) on their holdings (+90% of the fuel). BLM/USFS are largely responsible for flood damage in Otero. Rules that apply to a private property owner do not apply to government, so liability and loss can not be recouped from government. BLM is especially bad for flood damage and shirking responsibility. USFS wildfire and fuel management has recently improved but for over a century (100 years!) the Forest fuel mismanagement was extreme. That is why wild fires are so bad (no it is not "global warming/cooling/climate change"). Since most of Otero county is BLM/USFS the fuels mismanagement is a real problem. It affects everyone and it drives away business both because of risk and because of insurance costs.
- wildfire prevention with thinning and clearing over growth.y
- People would prefer to live in hazardous areas hoping it will pay off later. Good luck to them.
- Set up a program to thin forests and reseed trees.
- We need to thin the forest.
- The underbrush in our forests should be cleaned up. This would help control fires.
- Nothing to note
- I covered this in my previous answers
- None
- Needs definite work on flood protection in the pecan and surrounding streets
- Fine
- unsure
- The forests must be thinned out to mitigate devastating wild fires like the Little Bear fire of 2012 that destroyed so many homes and the Bonito Lake watershed.
- better drainage for when rain comes, streets don't flood
- We deal more with flood issues in Otero County
- We should be in good shape as far as flood protection with all the ditches they have been cementing, we have nice ditches, but terrible streets and roads.
- N/a
- Our forest are in terrible shape. We need to encourage thinning in and around our communities
- flood protection
- better early detection and eradication of Forrest fires
- We need to look at thinning the forest. That will help with wildfire. Flood protection is going to be a difficult task as there are limited resources and the land is mostly owned by the feds and they do not care.

- Dams at Mayhill need addressed. Forest Service needs to clean up their forests. We need Bureau of Reclamation, NRCS, whoever to address the floodwaters coming off the Sacramento Mountains.
- Addressed in item 8.
- National forest tree thinning programs have been successful in reducing runaway out of control forest fires, army core of engineer projects have improved flood water diversion. Investigate localized large scale waste water management/filtration to green house food growth options for local use to protect against just in time supply chains.
- I wish I could suggest ideas to fix the flooding issues. Our streets tend to really get flooded during the monsoon seasons ie...White Sands, North Florida, Tenth Street, Washington Ave . There has to be a way to fix this.
- Wildfire management could be addressed with our healthy forest practices.
- Clean up all the junk yards in the area
- Have fire fighting planes back at regional airport?
- Do everything you can without stepping on property rights.
- Seems a plan is in place, see flood control channel work around town, thank you.
- The forest needs to be maintained by the ones who understand it, not the US government. As it is, the fire hazard is far higher than it should be. The old dead stuff should be removed.
- don't know
- Work on new FEMA flood plain maps after all the ditch/drainage work.
- Work closer with the USFS. Keeping in mind that they are constrained by federal court orders about how things must be done.
- abandoned homes are becoming a severe hazard. people strip them for what they can sell making the structure unstable and a fire hazard.
- N/A
- don't have a good opinion on how they mitigate forest fires but it's definitely a concern because my cabin is in the woods.
- I think more needs to be done to prevent the wildfire danger, but just closing the forest is NOT the answer. Get into the forest and clear some of the downed trees. I'm sure the public would be willing to help in this effort, if the forest service was not so unwilling to allow it
- Don't know
- I think the city managers are doing good in this area however with everything done so far, there is still a problem with flooding in the 10th & white sands intersection and 1st street & Dale Scott. Other areas too which I know have been addressed
- On Texas when it rains too much it floods our house
- Get our forests thinned and get the flooding under control
- Forest thinning is very important and needs to be prioritized.
- No comment.
- Flood control needs improvement
- Ban fireworks. Why do we, year after year, risk fires for a small amount of tax revenue. In a high risk area like this, fireworks should be controlled by the fire department.
- Wildfire management and flood protection should be a priority
- No brainer our Forest needs better management... Specifically thinning.



- Fix repeating flooding at scenic and Florida
- Allow forest restoration projects to create a healthier forest.
- Flood control
- Doing a great job!
- No comment.
- Alamogordo desperately needs guidance in flood control and water management. Street often flood during rains and the frequency and duration of water outages and broken mains is ridiculous.
- Lincoln national forest and figuring out how to work with the federal government to mitigate fire danger is one of the top hazard mitigation priorities. The condition the forest is in right now especially its a matter of when, not if there will be a major fire. So many new residents want to live in the mountains but it is in so much fire danger right now.
- I don't know enough to speak to this, except, let us cut wood.
- Planning is good.
- better drainage
- Ok.
- Controlled burns ex behind Lowes hardware (rattle snakes hide in the brush which migrate toward the homes)
- flood zone education, even if door to door in high impact areas for all thising living in the area (including renters)
- None
- Healthy forest management that involves logging is a must. Invasive weeds and plants are an ongoing issue. Flood protection should be addressed in conjunction with exploration of more efficient water collection and use.
- Thin the forests for better wildfire control. Clean and reinforce Arroyos
- Is it possible to get firewood on County lands?
- Forest thinning
- previously addressed under other topics
- Cloudcroft is my main concern. If a forest fire were to start on the north side of 82 going up to Cloudcroft, and we had critical winds, it could burn out Cloudcroft and businesses on Burro Avenue. The danger is real. For Alamogordo, the rains come and the flooding comes. WE should be learning from our past experiences here in Alamogordo.
- Need to bring back judicious logging. The forests are ripe for destruction via wildfire. That destorys untold wildlife .As an example, the Australian fires decimated the wildlife population.
- Definitely
- Otero County does a great job in this area.
- Better drainage, better roads to help with better drainage. Teach firewise to those living on the forest.
- Flooding is still a huge issue in a lot of places in Alamogordo. Many of the intersections and even road ways flood.

**Q16: Please rank the following topics in order of how much improvement or support they need from 1 (highest need for support) to 10 (least need for support). You can drag and place each item in your preferred order.**

Answered: 135 Skipped: 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	SCORE
Jobs	26% 31	22% 27	8% 10	7% 9	10% 12	4% 5	7% 9	5% 6	4% 5	6% 7	121	7.14
Job training	5% 6	13% 16	13% 16	14% 17	14% 17	9% 11	8% 10	13% 16	9% 11	4% 5	125	5.78
Small business education and support	4% 5	9% 11	12% 15	15% 19	12% 15	11% 14	11% 13	12% 15	8% 10	5% 6	123	5.57
Healthcare	17% 21	16% 20	16% 20	11% 14	8% 10	7% 9	8% 10	6% 8	5% 6	5% 6	124	6.73
Code enforcement for property maintenance	13% 16	5% 6	9% 11	6% 8	8% 10	9% 11	12% 15	6% 8	6% 7	26% 32	124	4.86
Natural resource protection	9% 11	5% 6	7% 9	9% 11	15% 19	12% 15	15% 18	12% 15	11% 14	4% 5	123	5.30
Access to outdoor recreation and trails	3% 4	10% 12	5% 6	11% 14	10% 12	11% 14	11% 14	11% 14	13% 17	15% 19	126	4.66
Reliable infrastructure and broadband	13% 17	9% 11	16% 20	8% 10	12% 15	11% 14	8% 10	8% 10	13% 17	2% 3	127	6.03
Wildfire management	11% 14	13% 16	6% 8	9% 11	10% 12	11% 14	11% 14	11% 14	10% 13	8% 10	126	5.56
Ranching and grazing protections	6% 7	4% 5	11% 14	10% 13	5% 6	12% 15	6% 8	10% 13	14% 18	22% 28	127	4.44

**Q17: What else do you want us to know about Otero County's opportunities and/or challenges?**

- Please continue to stop the introduction of wolves to protect the residents, their pets, private property, agricultural industry--livestock and sheep, etc.. The endangered species act should not affect the economic endeavors of the county.
- The water shortage needs to be emphasized because it impacts residents and businesses. It needs to be addressed in all discussions regarding county growth.
- The county needs to listen to the drivers of future economic development. ie Air Force Base, White Sands National Park, small industries. FYI, I am on the Otero County Planning Commission.
- the county should promote better community activities, where folks from surrounding areas will travel to participate and enhance our economic base. carnivals, balloon fest, music fest...etc.
- Isn't the above enough?
- nothing
- It is a retirement town that wants to act as if there was some golden age of awesomeness before everything that affords us comfort and quality of life in our modern world. They are delusional.
- Take the politics out of the Volunteer Fire Departments, we are losing qualified people every day. It's supposed to be a family, brotherhood, but if you disagree with something they kick you out.
- Crime in our area must be met with punishment. The crime is out of control. Drugs are out of control. Violence and robberies are out of control. And the criminals are getting away with it.
- What, aside from allocation of funds, is keeping Otero from having 5 County Commissioners?
- There is a very poor and almost none of mental health Dr.'s here absolutely nothing for the homeless and an even less care for anything for young peep to do which I believe is a trap for failure in this area !
- better pay so good affordable housing is available
- The challenge to accept Detention as law enforcement instead of a separate entity. They should have the opportunity of a 20yr retirement.
- none
- More health clinics
- Covered above
- State government neglects everyone but Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Las Cruces (maybe). We can't just run this economy off of Holloman Air Force Base and second homes in Cloudcroft owned by wealthy outsiders.
- Limit population of county and cities by limited New Housing Construction permits, causing urban sprawl and decay of inner city. Many other locations with government research as an employment base have successfully done this while limiting the overgrowth and over urbanization and the then increased demand on limited resources such as WATER.
- This could be a nicer county in general, as every county has room for improvement. The challenge seems to be investing in the locals rather than focusing on the visitors. Both are important.
- Water should be the #1 thing on the list above. We are losing water every day because we need to manage our forest and range lands better. To have the ability to grow we must fix these issues.
- Don't smother us with rules and regulations like California does.

- Let's quit wasting taxpayer money. Lower taxes and slow the growth of government.
- Has been a great family town.
- Keep the state away from our guns.
- need a updated dispatch for the sherrifs department.more repeaters for better communications
- N/A
- I would like to know about residential zoning changes and access to fire/ems resources.
- Stop trying to bring more businesses to town, we have everything we need except access to reliable broadband.
- just leave things alone.
- Better tax management
- Some families have to work in other towns or states just to live in otero county because jobs are not available or the pay isn't enough to support a family.
- There is no challenges
- Too many not elected have too much control. If it continues this county will remain poor and enslaved.
- CFT or commissioner, can't do both and one detracts from the responsibilities of the other. Pick one!
- No comment.
- Please have code enforcement make the owner of Zia Liquidations on the corner of Highway 54/70 and Mountain Meadows clean up that eyesore.
- There is nothing for educated young adults to come back here in term of careers and entertainment. Our college educated children have found careers out of state.
- Nothing
- No comment.
- We rely heavily on federal government money, i.e. military bases, training facilities, etc. and energy corporation dollars. We need a better way to take care of ourselves.
- The main thing is we need to start making improvements if we want to attract new businesses and quality employees.
- I love this town. I admire the men and women who serve on the commissions, I think each of them wants good things for Alamogordo.
- If you are representing Otero County, check your politics at the door. And please...keep your shirt on.
- Small business education and support can be received from the small business development center.
- Ranchers are destroying our public lands. They should have less access to grazing and water on public land.
- The shoulder tattoo on Lori Bies looks low class and shouldn't be on display at the meetings. It's clear her goal based on her appearance is to have that thing on display. Couy Griffin hopefully isn't using county funds for his self serving Cowboys for Trump. It looks like he's trying to do more for Trump than the county he's a commissioner for. Matherly said he wants to grow Holloman Air Force Base's presence in the community. Start more affordable housing options and not just homes as the option. Decade after decade could change what Otero Coutny becamas based off of the military members who decide that Otero County is where they'll stay

after retirement. If there options were they're from aren't close to what Otero County offers, you may miss out on the masses due to limited types of housing.

- Clean up the city. Cuba ave, is disgusting.
- To many city / state and Sherriff officers in a small radius. (Not enforcing Public Display of Power) racing down White Sands.
- increase community safety.
- Awesome things ahead!
- Upcoming events on Facebook would be nice to post.
- Courthouse issues. We need a better courthouse and better access to the district attorney.
- More restaurant
- Why does mesa verde have a monopoly, changing the name of half the company is still a monopoly
- Revitalize downtown, pass an amendment or city code to stop panhandling.
- 9 and 10 above should be 1s also. Challenges, they will always be there. Just tackle them as needed.
- All those people on Facebook who complain? Get out and do something useful to make things better.
- Open your eyes
- Expanded (5) County Commission
- Fix the courthouse.
- I think that Otero county is a wonderful place. However, we definitely need to be careful about allowing one or two families / businesses to influence so many of the large decisions made in this town. The citizens need to be heard, not just those with deep pockets. It's hard to want to participate or give input when ultimately, we all know who tends to get their way.