What one thing can the City Government do to improve Sioux Falls?
Not build anymore roundabout or traffic circles, or including all in street projects.

A lot of effort is going into development (which is good), but maintaining seems to be lacking in many areas.
A true all-inclusive vibrantly park. Not like pike one they did at Jacobson Plaza
Acceptance and assistance to all citizens whether from another community or homeless.
Actively collaborate with residents. There are a lot of experts that could be activated but that means the city must come to the table in good faith. We want to help so the city needs to do its best to provide the platform and then just get out of the way.
Add more dog friendly areas.
Add more lanes... traffic is crazy. Keep the longer signal to 76th traffic on 5 Minnesota. If possible, add another 76th central. More diversity in restaurants.
ADDRESS HOMELESS IN MAJOR
Address petty crime which leads to more serious crimes. No car tags, broken windshields, drugs, petty theft, need a message. Don't just react to major crimes be proactively setting a zero tolerance
Address the homeless problem.
Address the vision and homelessness problems. I pay my taxes... but sometimes do not feel comfortable letting my kids use the public park (Lyon Park) in our neighborhood because there are always homeless people hanging out. This should be addressed. I have also called the city to report a streetlight out... no return call and no repair. I live on 1st Ave and seems like the street cleaners do not prioritize cleaning in our neighborhood. These are services that I pay for with tax dollars. Why can't I benefit from the money that I pay?
Adopt newest building energy codes.
Advocate removal of bottleneck from central Sioux Falls due to odor. Continue bike path expansion toward neighboring towns. Reduce business signs and billboards on 41st and Minnesota to improve quality of image.
Affordability for one home buyers, acceptance, lower costs for everyone. To help the underfoot people.
Affordable housing
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Affordable housing the elderly!!!!!
Affordable housing for people who are single and have only then one source of income.
Affordable housing. The rent is extremely high! Lower property taxes.
Aid in airport expansion
Alleviate roads from area west of I29 to the downtown area.
Appearance...get rid of all the weeds growing between the curb and sidewalk. Some are 3 ft. Tall. Make residents rake their lawns and maintain their yards. Drive down 6th St. by SMSL...south side of street. Such an eyesore!
Attract more professional businesses, Sioux Falls seems so service-oriented with many lowly workers. Think tech, Asset Management
Be more accessible and more open before decisions are made, not just informing the citizens after the fact
Be more open with city residents. Get input from all facets of the community, not just the donors and the wealthy.
Be more transparent and proactive in communication to residence. I am thinking of the sixth street bridge and Printing of the parking garage.
Be more transparent, progressive, less stagnant positions
Be more responsive to inquiries. Be more responsive to inquiries and concerns. Stop waste and provide services for taxpayer dollars.
Bring back Sound Sioux Falls Foundation to the downtrodden in Sioux Falls
bring more responsive to inquiries
Better describing nonsuitors
Better management of the homeless population. Downtown is not a good place for these resources & congregation of the population.
Better planning of new and existing neighborhoods by limiting the number of casinos, smoke shops and gas stations.
Better planning with road construction projects, listen to the citizens' complaints regarding areas of traffic improvement, and create a better flow for traffic. You wonder why we have a problem with people running red lights? It's because EVERY intersection cycles yearly. Every intersection I come up to is a red light. It never fails. It's maddening. This sentiment is strongly shared among everyone I know. Also, we don't want the prison here. We don't want the ex-cons remaining in our community upon release. And the transients downtown and in our parks.... My god. Convince these coward judges to keep criminals incarcerated longer. I'm sick and tired of the thefts and rise in violent crime in this community.
Better public transport, if it didn't take me an hour to get to where I need to go I would use it all the time
Better public transportation, better zone planning, better traffic control, better traffic enforcement, more diverse park opportunities throughout the city not just downtown. Plant more trees throughout the highways and interstates, clean the river, build more affordable houses.
Better road structure and traffic options
Better roads and better co-ordination in road closures. Come on, I can almost not get to work. Just one more closure and we can succeed in thwarting my trip to work.
Better sidewalk lighting in residential areas. Outdoor Build in work out area/park on east side
Better Sioux Falls Traffic. Without issues in the area and residents will be frustrated since the area will
Better traffic control. Many of them are too long as well. More use of sensors to make realignment lights more efficient to handle traffic. More dedicated right/turn only turn lanes. Longer left hand turn arrows on major streets.
Better traffic control
Bike Trail on southwest side of town that connects to the rest of the trail.
Bring back the neighborhood cleanups much more often especially to areas you want to improve. A free " dump pass " in wealthiest if you don't have a pickup/trailer.
Bring more industry and business
Build a large indoor park and playground space
build an indoor swimming/athletic center on the east side
Build more aquaticlike/lake lanes
Building public housing
Bring back the sense of community and pay a living wage to people trying to survive in the city.
Change neighborhood/sub market from large apartment complexes, townhomes/twin homes, single family homes to higher end homes. Allow nice neighborhoods to stand alone without being surrounded by massive apartment complexes and townhomes. Sioux Falls is a nice town, but not a beautiful town. Places like Des Moines sidewalks, medians, roadways are much cleaner and more appealing with boulevards. Forge to for ahead of Sioux Falls with respect to indoor recreation (including ice sheets) complexes under the city parks department. SF needs to expand indoor recreation opportunities including ice.
Change the Attitude & Culture of Law Enforcement towards all city residents.
Cheaper utilities and lower taxes
Childcare and education
City being more transparent with citizens, feels like citizens don't trust City Government
City leaders need to use civil rights for residents that seek legal aide. There needs to be more affordable housing and housing developments that are more affordable.
City needs to fix the roads. Sioux Falls has been in a constant state of road construction for the last more than 20 years, and traffic has never been this bad. Street construction projects seem to take a lifetime to finish. Why not focus on one or two instead of having 20 different areas under construction for months at a time? When arterial streets are closed, secondary routes become packed with cars very hazardously with no other routes available. Public transit is bad. Treatment of homeless is bad.
City revitalize centers and pass/grant like Midcities
Clean up the big Sioux River
Clean up the homeless population downtown. The population has grown significantly since COVID and continues to worsen in condition. Sense of safety and willingness to frequent Downtown is lost when homeless who are clearly drunk and/or high on drugs are allowed to freely roam without consequence.
Concern themselves with the needs of the entire community, rather than the pockets of investors and acquaintances. Also the proper terminology is unbiased, not "homeless"
Connect the city without being car-centric. Public transportation infrastructure improvement.
Consider changing the home rule charter. Department heads must be more accountable to the Council, not just the mayor.
Continue to address the homeless population and their concerns. Expand the bike trails the south side of town.
Continue to address safety, unhoused. Provide more options for those struggling with mental illness.
Continue to be a good steward of our tax resources, the city cannot provide everything to everyone. Focus on essential activities and public safety and the rest of the discretionary spending will work out. Also, better timing on traffic lights throughout the day will save city residents both time and money
Continue to be welcoming and caring to the city.
Continue to expand residential/commercial/zoning to the east side. It's far too congested on 41st St. Encourage and incentivize expansion of Costco, Sam's or both to the east side. Both Sam's and Costco are landlocked and hard to get in and out of safely. More visible signage on heavily traveled commuter roads. Just a few areas of suggestions.
Continue to find ways to support the homeless population, not just pushing them further away from services. Especially the children.
Continue to focus on reducing crime
Continue to find ways to provide opportunities for our residents who need services and resources and housing
Continue to keep growth of this community in check.
Continue to maintain the quality of city while growing the city economic city.
Continue to make the entrance corridors look better. Minnesota ave from the airport is going well. How about CliffT
Continue to promote a safe city for all residents. A strong police force is necessary to prevent crimes as citizens do.
Continue to watch for aggressive and spending drivers. In my neighborhood on the west side 16th ave many speeding drivers and not just young kids driving fast.
Control growth
Control people running red lights better.
Control the homeless and panhandlers on the roads!
Controlled, responsible growth
Correct zoning policies that result in sprawl/urban development and exacerbate issues such as maintaining necessary liabilities (roads, utilities, etc) and generate relatively low tax value and perpetuate a car-dependent community which perpetuates issues stemmed from car-dependent community which perpetuates issues stemmed from car-dependent community which perpetuates issues stemmed from

I am not typically insensitive to such things or unthoughtful about the words I choose but I must tell you I felt not seen anything like it before. Guess that's why I left. Burns have taken over downtown. I have been there most of my 45 years and have not seen anything like it before. Council and it's like we ever believe in urgency. there as folks are inserting hundreds of millions of dollars into making this the showpiece of our city, we are just overrun with bums. Sure there's medical health and addiction issues but a lot of it is just bums. I saw someone sleeping on Phillips Ave in front of the old Mens Bunny space at 8am on a weekday. Why do they feel comfortable doing that? There should be a multi-pronged effort to squash this immediately. Make laws that empower police to push back against panhandling. Offer transients bus tickets to leave the city. Put constant pressure on those who haunt DT and litter and generally degrade our quality of life. Why would the behavior of a couple hundred people be allowed to ruin the heart of a city that hundreds of thousands of people I do not know anything about you could be different. It's impossible to please everyone so we all have different opinions.
Downtown is the heart and soul of our city and I want it to be a place where everyone feels welcome, safe, comfortable, and local culture. Growth for growth's sake is not progress—it risks turning our town into another anonymous suburb with traffic, noise, and rising costs. Please focus on preserving what already works: safe neighborhoods, accessible public spaces, and genuine community connection. The goal shouldn't be to become "bigger," but to remain a place worth belonging to. Our family chose to live here because of the small-town character, sense of community, and slower pace that define the Midwest. However, the city's ongoing push for growth and development is rapidly eroding the very qualities that make this place special.
I feel like middle and low income families are being squeezed out of Sioux Falls. We need affordable housing and residential areas that are community-centered. I worry we are in a place of urban sprawl.
I would rather be able to own a home and sustain the charm. Feels like a stream that's artificial further and further away. We need affordable houses. Just houses. Nobody wants to build a site in an apartment or a town home.
Keep expanding in downtown for donor foot playing country music and getting couples out dancing, etc. Arizona, Texas, Nashville have these function, open rooftop dining, unique and needed for young couples, drinking age... .. .. ..

Quit funding NGOs. They being homeless to Sioux Falls. Get homeless off bikes on DTSF sidewalks. Arrest shopliffers and drunks. Keep funding the Ambassadors and increase their ability to address homeless. Keep foot patrols DTSF from May to October.
Quit making the pools into aquatic pools kids like to go to pools outside in the summer
Quit spending money
Quit spending inordinate amounts of money on the downtown area while ignoring the rest of the city!!!
Quit spending money on large projects that only impact certain people with a specific status or business interest
Quit using traffic signals on speed control. Properly paint crosswalks for proper lane usage. Put curbs where curbs are due, from lane trimming to snow removal to sidewalk maintenance to structure maintenance, to street usage (keep businesses from using public streets for yard work, etc).
Raise the minimum wage nobody can afford to live here on 10 hr/wk paid at $14/hr
Red light cameras are needed long time in Sioux Falls. Stop the drag racing. Reduce residential street parking violation (campers, boats,...).
Redistribute tax dollars to feed children of school. Legal immigrants should get a dividend to the cultures of the USA, not the other way around. As for the homeless problem, the amount of resources available that are not being utilized should be an indication that they don't want the city's help. The funds should be allocated towards helping children and families thrive in Sioux Falls because they are the fibers of the community. You want citizens to stay, not pack up and leave to a better community when they get the opportunity. The judicial system is broken. It is proven within the last couple of years of criminals sentenced, the judges do not care about women or children. The traffic laws are not being enforced and cops are out here breaking the same laws they are meant to uphold to keep the roads safe. Also, Hispanic people hate being called Latino.
reduce crime
Reduce crime and the homeless population. Fix the flow of traffic on Louise around 41st. Reduce taxes
Reduce crime/homeless
Reduce monopolies on healthcare, allow competition to reduce costs overall.
Reduce racism.
reduce taxes by making them more just - seniors and young adults can barely afford living here while businesses are given tax breaks
Reduce the amount of casinos - there doesn't need to be one on each street corner and next door to one another.
Reduce the number of apartment complexes & build more affordable single homes for young families.
Reduce the number of homeless individuals loitering downtown.
Reduce the number of homeless individuals through wise planning (when approving new developments, start by requiring a larger green space buffer for lots that are along 3 lane or wider roads with developers required to place a continuous curb/curb or fence buffer for privacy/noise) and by addressing traffic issues (varying on streets that have residential neighborhoods such as 85th or children's seriously going to end up hit and possibly killed with the racing from 6-10 pm; purposely loud cars that have been modified to have loud or popping mufflers that drive all hours of the day but especially that/at neighborhood residents when you can hear them coming from a mile away and routinely are out driving between 10 pm and 3 am. Our entire neighborhood is frustrated. This has been a major issue for two years now, and most of us have lived in our neighborhood for 15-20 years, so it is a change in traffic/enforcement rather than residents.
Reduce vehicle traffic in the core of downtown.
Regulate traffic lights to make for smoother traffic flow.
Relax zoning regulations and other regulations that restrict the ability to start and run a business. Also the wide nature of several of the questions and answers in this survey are offensive.
Relocate services for the homeless to not all shelters are in a single neighborhood. Take care of existing neighborhoods not just new developments. Add left turn signals at along 8 20th/arrowhead to and from all side streets.
Remember that Sioux Falls should serve everyone- not just wealthy donors. This was a confusing survey designed to gather responses that support your ideas.
Remind City employees that they work for the citizens and should always treat them with respect.
Remove the homeless from the streets and from the city limits.
Resize the roads and streets. Isolate traffic islands and directionals.
requesting that the City Council take a closer look at the city's organizational structure, particularly within upper management. There appears to be an excessive hierarchy and unnecessary layers of management that do not contribute to the efficient operation of several departments, including Parks and Recreation and Human Resources. Streamlining leadership could not only improve communication, accountability, and overall effectiveness, but also result in meaningful cost savings that could be redirected toward other much-needed community resources.
Require any person or group bringing people to town to be personally responsible for housing, feeding, employment, child care and medical care to the existing residents aren't forced to pay for it.
Requiring rental property owners to better maintain their properties.
resurface the rest of Southeastern Ave. from 69th St. to 57th St.
review taxes for elderly people who own their homes
Roads and streets. Where medians are installed, like on 69th- why aren't utility services with the required access holes in the medians, getting them out of traffic lanes? Access holes are a never-ending street maintenance issue as well as pude wear and tear from hitting the bumps.
Roads are in need of much more maintenance
Roads are in need of repair
say no to dollar centers unless it provides its own source of electricity (solar, wind, etc) and not buying into lies about fraudulent voting!!!
SF is purple politically, red not. Don't let Pierce and the Republicans steer the agenda or you will angle half of your residents. Please acknowledge that the economy is horrible and figure out how to lower taxes especially property taxes. They are ridiculously high.
Short the election desire to government office
Similar to DUI pshsts, do periodic follow the traffic law pstrols. The percentage of drivers NOT turning into the nearest lane is high, and dangerous.
Sioux Falls City government could improve Sioux Falls by revisiting the standards or benchmarks for growth - developers could design and build more attractively to improve affordability, walkability, and sustainability in liners of utilities (ie. solar on large commercial or residential buildings, geothermal instead of split systems, and higher quality building materials). Many of these standards exist already in the international building code.
Sioux Falls continues to grow at a rapid pace. Take a long range approach in planning for infrastructure and development requirements.
Sioux Falls is a great place to live and raise a family. Unfortunately, the homeless population has become a nuisance. Provide wonderful immigrant community who bring so much to our city & surrounding farms. Minorities just want to live, pay taxes & enjoy the community safety. We need to support them and show them love.
Slow the amount of new building by city government which is stretching our city budgets. The city currently complains about 3% increase in property taxes not being enough, when my employment rates are not typically 3%.
Slow the growth. I am concerned that the city is growing too fast, impacting traffic and the community feel.
Snow removal is horrible in this city. How many accidents have happened because of the poor snow removal in the city of Sioux Falls. My guess is many!!!
Solve the homeless problem downtown. I've worked downtown for a number of years and I'm tired of being harassed everywhere I go. Drunk and belligerent people make areas disgusting and unsafe. Pass ordinance to not allow overnight camping in areas not designated as a campground or unless you have a permit. Send homeless people back to their last physical address.
Spread out traffic are going to become an issue. Need more density in the core. School boundaries are BS. Watershed is taking our tax base and that should not be allowed to happen. It will cause problems with same schools becoming less funded from others. Best conclusively low income.
Spread the wealth to other organizations outside the usuals.
Stop allowing corporations to come to town and take our money, such as, free energy generation
Stop community groups who have a hundle on issues close to home rather than which a louder group is screaming
stop enforcing traffic laws, this town gets worse as it grows
Start looking at the people running red lights, safety issues. And spot building on every inch of the city. We are losing all of our open spaces.
Stop abuse of immigrants.
Stop adding lanes and shift focus to convenient and safe multi-modal transportation
Stop advertising to move here and those affordable! is just fucking lifeless need to be better-watched and enforced. Stoplight need to be better synchronized The roads need more frequent lane markings! The hands up parking spots need to be wider! Handicap people can't open their car doors at the way Take a look at Fargo ND they are so much better at many city things. Fargo allows all residents to throw away large items and the city comes by once a month to pick large items up for the landfill. The city also let you drop off grass clipping and tree limbs for free. Again take a look at Fargo! We Dewey be used for exercise when not being used. Fargo has a huge indoor facility for all sorts of sports and meetings and playgrounds
Stop allowing Bartlett to swallow up central Sioux Falls. Stop allowing all of these affordable homes to be bought up and used as rentals and Airbnbs. There's a shortage of affordable homes for first time home-buyers. These homes in central Sioux Falls are such great opportunities for family homes. There is a community here that needs to be supported.
Stop allowing the federal government access and support to terrorize our marginalized citizens. Keep our marginalized citizens safe we are only all safe so our most marginalized citizens. There's not a safe community if we have people being in fear just for the color of their skin. Show up for your citizens and protect us from a fascist regime soooooo