

## What brought you to Buena Vista?

*Open-Ended Responses*

Beautiful scenery and family-friendly community with small town feel and a good mix of different age groups and income levels.

The summer camp I went to & worked at - the river.

N/A

For a job.

Potential

The river.

Fishing - 1949.

Born here.

Work & good people.

The natural beauty feeling, people of town.

The gorgeous mountains & a job offer.

1) Small town feel 2) Family friendly 3) Recreational opportunity

Climate, outdoor activities.

Lifestyle & business opportunity

Outdoors - hike, bike, run

The river

Family

The area in general, nice folks.

It was only temporary.

Family friendly/ small town atmosphere; christian community. Citizens were cohesive and town government listened to and represented them.

Small community close to outdoor activities.

Wife and I grew up in Colorado and always wanted to move to BV Salida area for beauty/Monarch/Arkansas River fish/raft.

Family / small town

Work

The peace of small town BV - along with the multi-use area.

The small town and schools. Business opportunity.

Our sons were river guides and exposed us to this beautiful spot.

Family Safe place Schools Outdoor community

Safe affordable place to raise my family. A place where kids can ride their bikes to friends & parks / libraries.

Friendly people, beautiful surroundings. Easy lifestyle, available activities, low traffic, clean air.

Have a home for retirement. Not too big, good climate, and provides shopping and medical facilities.

Family

Lifestyle

Location Population (small town)

I came to Colorado at 6 months of age. My parents lived here in BV most of their lives. My mother and seven siblings were all born here.

Access to outdoor recreation View - mountains

Get away from East Coast fast-paced mentality. BV = slow, safe, quiet place to raise family.

Small town mountain community.

Colorado native returning to Colorado; job opportunity; great community.

Small town, area beauty

Retired - my family lives here.

Family / people / scenery / recreation

Adventure unlimited ranch

Access to mountain recreation Lots of interesting retired people Small town atmosphere Clean environment

Rafting

Very small community with wide open spaces - Ranching.  
hard surface roads, county beauty.

Spouse

Bought our home here - moved here from South Park.

Desire for healthy mountain living.

Husband offered a job here. The open area, the mountains. Civilization - but not over civilized.

Recreational pursuits Small town atmosphere Beauty

Work in the area & climate & unspoiled Federal land.

The way it was - we did not come here to change.

The peace & quiet, the beautiful views, good hunting and fishing in the high country.

Work - the quaint, small town atmosphere.

The small town atmosphere with the great outdoors

The river

Job

Family

employment opportunity

Small-town, healthy-living lifestyle, and affordable housing.

In laws

Job at monarch

Play

Character

River activities, less crowds, freedom from big city, not too much police bothering anyone

Pursuit of outdoor recreation and current employer

A rural place to live

Friends

Access to mountains; small town

Friends, small town, new opportunities and hobbies (paddling)

Birth.

BV is centrally located to my job

The beauty of the nature and small town

Summer camp and family vacation home

Family and beauty of BV

Becoming a raft guide

Whitewater rafting

Kayaking

Family

Recreation

Birth

environment

Raising my daughter

marriage

outdoors. quality of life. rural setting recreation opportunities

Recreation

the beauty-clean air-wild life

The small town atmosphere, good place to raise kids.

Climate, small town feel and the people

Agriculture

My family

Rafting

Family... Small town atmosphere to raise children

Family moved here when I was young.

My wife got a job at one of the Young Life camps.

Community

Family

The river

I was raised here.

community

Amenity migration. I came for the quality of life, river and mountain recreation opportunities, and a belief in the growth and improving vibrancy of this community.

Whitewater and skiing.

Climate, beauty of mountains, friendliness of locals

I was a raft guide way back when

Grew up here

Boating

small town atmosphere, away from cities

Outdoor recreation and inviting, walkable development of South Main

Children and grandchildren

Quality of life and the small town feeling

I have grown up in Buena Vista

bought a business

Work

Peace & quiet & beauty

The mountains

A job opportunity w/ neighbor that moved here.

Job

The surrounding features

Recreation Beauty Affordability

The outdoor lifestyle, small town and great community to raise a family

Recreation Affordability Weather Small friendly town

Mountains / western

Small town atmosphere

small town atmosphere

Grew up in valley

Family

Mountain activities, great people, white water park.

Work - Job promotion. CDOT

Small town community feel, lack of congestion, quiet, and ease of getting around town, ie bike friendly

Family

Relatives.

Small population, quiet environment, safe place to live relative to urban or "resort" areas

Married a local.

small town feel, access to hiking and biking.

A small town where I could ride my bike to work. A place where people "lived and let live" ie: horses in the back yard, junk cars down the block. If you don't like it, don't buy the house next door.

Job relocation

Job

Business opportunity, lifestyle.

Recreation

Quality of life - which is at risk since you came to town.

Job at DOC

We came here a long time ago with the hopes of being part of a small community. We're Colorado natives who had enough of the large Denver hordes.

Nice mountains, small town

Affordable housing.

I was raised here - my family was raised here.

Outdoor activities

Family & retirement.

To start a new business.

Grew up here.

Schools, environment

Work / housing.

Natural beauty and recreation.

Looking for summer vacation home n the Rockies.

Birth.

The "magic" of the area. Mountains River Small town

Beauty

The mountains & river.

Summer weather. Small town with friendly neighbors. Fishing.

Parents moved here in 1961.

The mayor was my friend.

Business opportunity

We have children and grandchildren in BV. We liked the "outdoor" atmosphere as skiers and mountain bikers.

The beauty of the surrounding natural environment - views of the Collegiate Peaks, river, wildlife is one major factor that brought us here. The friendly community keeps us here.

Job teaching. More sunshine than the mid-west.

Family / job.

Its beauty - small - low level of crime.

Natural beauty, safe living environment, friendliness of people. A great "community" and temperate climate also central Colorado location & relatively close to Colorado's largest cities.

Born there.

South Main development.

I've been here since a child. This is my home.

Small town natural resources.

Scenery

The mountain environment & "real town" community feel - NOT a resort town.

Small mountain town feel that was different than "resort feel" of some of the bigger towns nearby.

Extended family.

Native Colorado husband wanted to return to his home state. Vacationed in BV for some 30 years. The beautiful view coming out of trout creek and God making a dream come true.

Active lifestyle & friendly community

Wanted to be in the mountains but in an area with a mild winter.

Community recreational activities. long time vacationers here.

Husband's job.

Family friendly small town.

Small town atmosphere + purchased a business.

Retirement & many many years of camping & fishing.

The small town feel & Banana belt (came from Summit County)

Husband's job.

Small town friendly and quaint sweetness of the town as a whole. Wildlife and beauty.  
The beauty- didn't have a job when I came, but I worked hard, made it work, and now I own my own home.  
Nature, location, size of town, and people  
Family  
Natural environment, small town feeling. Mountains and river.  
Opportunity  
South Main.  
Small town with many opportunities for outdoor recreation. Clean air, wildlife.  
Family living in the area  
Small town feel. Hospitality of citizens. Views (of course). Not a tourist trap town. Not Aspen, Breckenridge, or Vail.  
Work opportunity for a spouse. But we loved the area beforehand and were looking for a way to be able to live and work here full time.  
Small town feeling.  
I grew up here.  
Rural small town - safe place to raise a family.  
Parents retired in Twin Lakes and wanted to be close to them.  
Wanted to live in mountains in small community / employed at school.  
Work, family.  
Retirement.  
Teaching job - beauty of area & small town community. Affordable to buy a house, proximity to W. Slope & Front Range. Great people!  
Relatives.  
Amenities. Small town. Adventures opportunities close by.  
Use of friend's home.  
Outdoor activities and the community.  
The South Main project - Turned out to be a total bust. I bailed and bought something else. "Affordable housing."  
Mountain climbing passion  
My parents used to live here and I liked the town. It felt familiar and I like the scenery.  
Employment at the prison  
Born here.  
The mountains.  
Small town, central in Colorado. Family enjoyment for growing children and retirement destination.  
Summer resident - small friendly town with right kind of recreation opportunities and historic perspective  
Outdoor opportunities  
Life in mountains, friends  
I love it here. Family owns vacation cabin here.  
The beauty and simplicity  
The river, and the small town where you can bike and walk.  
Cheaper to live here after the Climax mine shut down than move back to Denver area, husband was working highway construction. Moved to Chaffee County for that and husband dreamed of living in the mountains.  
Love beauty, great people that live here, potential for town to "get it" to keep character to be special, recreation  
Work, opportunity, like the community  
A safe family environment to raise children  
Quality of life. Small town - with Mountain feel Western lifestyle  
Small town atmosphere  
Parents  
I moved here over Salida in 2006 because the start of South Main represented a shift and spur in

growth. LOVE what they have done and are doing!  
Beauty. Own vacation home.  
The river  
Work  
Recreation, community, ability to walk and bike  
Family  
A car.  
Born in Salida. Buena Vista native.  
Work and the beauty.  
Climate, winter recreation.  
It was an area we like. Had spent vacations in the area for many years.  
Small town, recreation opportunities, the beauty of the area.  
Small quiet town  
Small town  
Weather, mountains  
Beauty, clean air, (except ACA), 1 traffic light, people  
Friendliness of the people  
Retirement, small community  
Dirt bikes Mtn Bikes Canoeing Hiking Hunting Teeping Public Rifle Range Public Lands  
The Mtns. & river  
Small town, quiet, not snobs  
Burned out. Needed to get out of Dodge (Denver). Girlfriend lived here during H.S. and her parents were building a house West of town.  
Small town, relatives, Mtns, views  
Job / raise family  
desire to raise a family in a small town.  
Born here  
Buena Vista Native  
Small Town  
Small town feel, location, and lower cost than Salida  
initiation to partner with locals in developing and running community outreach center  
Slower pace of life  
Beauty of the area  
The idea of south main, to own property and be involved in the growth.  
Recreation  
My job  
Valley surrounded by mountains  
Business  
We wanted to live in the mountains in a town similar to where we grew up.  
A friend lives here.  
Family  
Raised in Buena Vista  
Amenities/climate to raise a family  
The outdoor recreational opportunities, community feel, and small town atmosphere.  
Mountains. River. Friendly people.  
Geographic attraction and natural amenities Business Opportunity  
Family  
proximity to outdoor recreation, small town, learning opportunities  
The small town feel, recreational opportunities, affordable housing market.  
Business  
camping, fishing, shopping, dining, good neighbors

Love.

Spouse's work opportunity

family

Weather, beauty, small town, community involvement, lower taxes than my prior state I lived in, good housing to choose from if you want to stay more than 3 months.

I originally came here for a seasonal job.

I came here on vacation and stayed

Climax Mine.

Living in a community where healthy living is a way of life.

Work

## Why do you continue to live in Buena Vista?

### *Open-Ended Responses*

Beautiful scenery and family-friendly community with small town feel and a good mix of different age groups and income levels.

I love the river, mountains & trails that are beautiful & accessible. My husband & I left the chaotic front range to live in a small town we love.

Enjoy living in area.

I love my work and the area, I can ski without the I-70 traffic.

The people

Friends

So far still a small town. A lot of what brought me here has been lost.

It's my home.

The "view / reasonable quiet.

Reasonable quiet, the people.

It's the BEST place on Earth! Because: 1) Scenery & gorgeous mountains. 2) Recreation opportunities (hiking & horses & water). 3) Small town, friendly community & safe. 4) Peace & quiet atmosphere (tranquil).

1) Small town feel 2) Family friendly 3) Recreational opportunity

Climate, activities.

Lifestyle

Family atmosphere. Small Town. Outdoors - hike, bike, run

The river

Climate

Outdoor activities, small feeling in the town.

We love it.

Family.

Small community close to outdoor activities.

Because we have hope that it will get to the point where our children will love it also.

Friends / Colorado's best people live here.

Low taxes

Because it's our home for over 25 years.

Family Business, work.

Beauty People Quiet Safe Recreation

Family Safe place Schools Outdoor community

I've invested here & I believe this town has a bright future.

Bought a house and bicycles.

The size is small.

Why would I leave?

Love the lifestyle & people in this community.

Size Surrounding areas Location People

I have property we purchased from my parents over thirty years ago. I like it the way it was in the 1950s & 1960s. Go back to quiet and quaintness.

Access to outdoor recreation View - mountains

All kids born and raised here and some still here & grandkids here.

Small town, inherited my home.

Beautiful valley Wildlife Small town atmosphere.

Colorado native returning to Colorado; job opportunity; great community.

I own my home

Small town environment and Family / people / scenery / recreation



Love it

Love living here Like the small town

Access to mountain recreation Lots of interesting retired people Small town atmosphere Clean environment

Outdoor opportunities, rafting, beautiful area, small town, community social character

Easy access to forest and BLM land Climate & beautiful surroundings.

hard surface roads, county beauty.

Business owner here. It is a great place to raise a family.

We have always loved this town & hope that our elected officials will continue to be responsible stewards of our trust.

Husband's job & to uphold my saying "I know there are billions of people in this world - - - but not where I am."

Recreational pursuits Small town atmosphere Beauty

Weather & the quiet winter months.

Still can.

We love the views, the hiking, fishing, hunting & camping in the high country. This is our home. Our home is paid for.

Love it - as is!

Balance of great people and beautiful surroundings

The community and the small town lifestyle

Great small town, and place to raise kids

It's nice. Mountains are beautiful here,

Friendly family environment

The factors that brought me here are mostly still in place (but some are deteriorating).

Safe place to raise kids

Love the community, about to buy a house

People. Play. Laid back mentality.

I'm trapped by my business, but love the town

Enjoy it and see positive changes slowly happening

Proximity to outdoors, sense of community, small town culture

Mostly quiet

I have a business that is finally working.

Not always sure. Friendships. Small mountain town.

Friends, paddling, a good job

Family, weather, recreation opportunities

small town feel, central location, proximity to outdoors, affordable real estate

nature activities

It is the most amazing community

family and same as #117

The amazing small town and beautiful community we have built over the past decade.

I like living in a small town, away from the influence of a large city area.

great community, beautiful surroundings and outdoor activities

The people, community, and recreation - in that order

environment

The natural beauty

it's a great community, especially for raising young kiddos

Centrally located in the mountains. Large young community. Excitement of the town developing and growing. Being a part of the change.

It's home.

Small town feel, outdoor opportunities

The climate, small town feel

Agriculture

It's beautiful

Quality of life

I always loved it here, growing up. Want to raise my son the same.

Great community and recreation opportunities.

community

I enjoy the lifestyle, the community, and the beauty

River, community, outdoor opportunities, small town feel ( aka Salida is large)

It's a great community to raise my children in.

This town has great potential. I see it as the next great destination community in the region.

Weather and outdoor activities.

Climate, beauty of mountains, incredible sense of community

beautiful, fluff opportunities that don't exist elsewhere, great community, beauty, outdoors, potential

Love the community

family friendly

small town community, safe place to raise family

Love it

Children and grand children

Better than anywhere else I've lived

I have always wanted my children to experience this wonderful small town, however I am worried in the direction it is going and for the first time in thirty years, I have considered moving.

love it here

Small town atmosphere/ friends

Peace & quiet & beauty

Beautiful summers Active church Good fishing Friendly people

Even though I don't live in BV, I do all my shopping & work in BV. I love the small town atmosphere and sense of community.

View

Comfy here, good trail head access

People Recreation Beauty Affordability

outdoor lifestyle, great, friendly community

Fabulous community Recreation Affordability Weather Small friendly town

Love the area

Like it here so far

small town atmosphere

Mountains - fishing - outdoor activities Family

Love recreation

Family, friends, fun.

family and friends

natural beauty - safe, quiet, peaceful town.

Small population, quiet environment, safe place to live relative to urban or "resort" areas

Like the area, not town government.

small town feel, access to hiking and biking

Beautiful location and has kept a small town feel. If I want all the amenities of a city, I'll live in a city.

That is not what is important; quiet, clean, peaceful, and freedom is.

Family Friendly Community, outdoor pursuits

Love it.

Community, lifestyle.

It's beautiful, natural, the mountains, the friendly people, etc.; small-town feel.

Not sure - Love it here, but feel our town & our quality of life is at risk.

School system

We've established ourselves here in business and in church but we regret to say that the liberal lifestyle that's taking over the town may drive us out or drive us insane.

Nice mountains, small town

We like this community, this valley.

the beautiful scenery, small town atmosphere, great place to raise my children. Self-employed business owner - we made our life here.

Outdoor activities

It's my home. It has heart. I have deep history here.

Love the town & people plus weather & views.

I feel comfortable here, the close natural resources.

Retired after work; nice place to retire or raise a family; friends are here.

Friends, family

My business is here.

The start of South Main illustrated a shift in priority toward a more pedestrian friendly town. They have done a great job building trails, adding river features, and parks.

The weather and small town atmosphere.

The setting. The people.

The "magic" of the area. Mountains River Small town

I love it!

Summer weather. Small town with friendly neighbors. Fishing.

Have family here.

For the beauty of the surroundings.

Great place to live

We rent our home but at one point hoped to retire there. Due to the extreme cold in our area (midwest) Florida is looking better.

The people are friendly. There is a diversity of people & most value differences among each other.

Friends, location, mountain trails.

Friends & home.

Love the nature.

Natural beauty, safe living environment, friendliness of people. A great "community" and temperate climate also central Colorado location & relatively close to Colorado's largest cities.

Family still lives there - I own property.

Small town feel.

I love that we are a small town who're there for each other. I love our mountains, the town, everything.

Retired.

Like people and area.

Scenery

The mountain environment & "real town" community feel - NOT a resort town.

It is a "real" Colorado town and a great place to raise a family. It does not feel like a tourist town. I have never lived in a more family and community oriented town. I love it more Every Day.

A wonderful sense of community. Walkability to schools, library, church, friends' houses.

Roots - church & friends - climate - ability to ride ATV in area.

Active lifestyle & friendly community

Small town friendly atmosphere

Own home.

Husband's job.

Family friendly small town.

Lifestyle - outdoor access

Love the valley.

Right now it's affordable compared to Summit County (husband still commutes to Summit County for work).

Love the small town and friendliness.

Decent people, friendly community. Clean & environmentally friendly.  
I love the feel of the community- small, tight-knit, people are interested in one another.  
Feeling of being part of a community  
Community  
Same as above.  
Authentic Colorado lifestyle  
Wonderful people/awesome surroundings Potential for growth / limits -> more choices in amenities.  
Love it - why move?  
Good for raising family.  
See above.  
The Town retains a very strong sense of community and heritage while at the same time embracing the new wave of entrepreneurship and responsible, contemporary development strategies.  
Atmosphere and location. Scenery.  
Not sure anymore.  
For better or worse, it is my town.  
Don't want to sell house in this economy.  
Built career here, have close network of friends, like the mountains.  
Family.  
Small town atmosphere.  
Same as above.  
Great place to live, people & climate.  
I love the area & people & the resources that are within 2 hours of this town.  
Love the town and surroundings.  
Sense of community, nice people, amazing outdoor/recreation opportunities.  
I love it here. The mountains, old mountain town, my neighbors are the best.  
It is a very pleasant community that meets my needs.  
Have a house I love, friends, it is "home."  
It is a beautiful area  
have a lot of family here. And spread out of Denver. Also Denver too big and dangerous now. 70's were fun!  
I have a good job. But now that my kids are raised I wish there was a better music venue and a Rec Center.  
Beautiful small town.  
See above  
It is safe and community driven. We would love to raise a family here as long as it doesn't grow so large that it ruins the sense of community and family that is so integral to living here.  
Same as above  
People - atmosphere - area  
The people and the area  
It's has a lot of outdoor recreation and a good downtown feel.  
Not sure really, husband passed away almost 2 years ago, I have 3 years before I can retire. BV has changed and it hasn't. Lots of outdoor activities but not so much for us older crowd, I'm not a river person.  
Love it, best place ever  
Great community to live in and many great things will happen in the future  
Enjoy the family environment. Although we do question staying here on a regular basis due to the difficulty in finding adequate housing and jobs to support our family.  
Small town atmosphere. Too much growth is not a good thing. If people want growth they should go to the front range.  
Own a home  
Recreation & family friendly  
Still beautiful, like the small town character, friendly people.

Work. Outdoor Recreation. South Main neighborhood.  
I am settled here, own a home.  
Great place to raise our kids  
Family  
My house is here, and my family is here.  
It's my home.  
Nice place to live.  
Scenery, recreation opportunities, small town atmosphere.  
Love the small town atmosphere. Close knit community. Love the outdoors.  
Hope that we can save the town  
people  
Same as above  
I like the town and the general area.  
Love it, love it, love it  
Recreation  
The people  
My soul soars here, it is quiet.  
Too late to go anywhere else now! (LOL)  
Own businesses, Mtns, small town, people  
Ok place  
Family like it  
It's my home  
I enjoyed growing up here  
Friendly / safe  
Same reasons as above.  
running creekside / the small town  
Economy  
Still love the small town feel  
The people, the progress of the growing community, the easy lifestyle  
Because we can.  
I love it here and I love my job  
I own a house here  
location  
We want to live here.  
The friendliness of the people, the smallness and atmosphere of our town  
Love the small town and community.  
It's my home, small town, stress free, peaceful, no major traffic, public lands, outdoor activities  
Enjoy the small town living.  
Community, recreation, and the view.  
The same.  
Geographic attraction and natural amenities Business Opportunity Community  
Small town atmosphere that is concerned about the welfare of its citizens. The beautiful scenery and  
wildlife contribute to the appeal of Buena Vista.  
love it here! The people and the community  
The small town feel, recreational opportunities, affordable housing market.  
Like the people. Like the small town, like the culture.  
I want to raise my family here.  
Spouse's work opportunity  
Outdoor recreation and the strong community  
Same as above. But I work very hard to keep my taxes as low as possible so I can stay here. I make  
sure I don't have a car payment or credit card debt so I can stay here too. We should not be spending

tax payer money unnecessarily.

The recreation opportunities, scenery and community. I feel safe, the community in general seems happy and healthy.

Nice quiet place to retire

Job, climate, safety.

The sense of a strong community.

## What is your dream for the future of Buena Vista?

### *Open-Ended Responses*

Maintain family-oriented values without the sale of retail marijuana. Get another grocery store.

That it can have a year round vibrant community & continue to be quaint.

To retire.

Smart growth, affordable housing, year round economy to support our local businesses.

Healthy & growing economy

Preserved & smart growth.

Keep it small and protect our night time sky.

Stay relatively the same.

Natural growth

That citizens can continue to enjoy living in this special place.

Continued sustainable conscientious growth.

Improved medical support.

Vibrant small town. Opportunities for young people. Lifestyle.

Vibrant downtown.

To avoid regulations that make it more expensive to live here.

NOT to turn into Boulder or Woodland Park.

For keeping the small town environment. Very big factor.

A recreation center and bike path.

It needs another supermarket. City Market kills the locals. Speed limits in town need to be 25mph - not just by schools & South Main.

Continue to be safe for families/children. Christian/religion oriented. Strong leadership that genuinely represents the wishes of citizens. Improvements funded by summer tourists.

To continue a small community with adequate activities.

River walks / music festivals / top notch rec center / summer water park that puts BV on map for water experience it has become.

Smart growth with a small town heart.

Keep it the same

Common sense growth with Everyone's interests in mind.

To grow for family not tourists.

Does not become a Vail or Aspen where only the rich can afford to live.

For BV to grow & to bring in more people, work, restaurants, etc.

A continued safe place to raise a family, a town with high quality schools is critical. Jobs are equally important to our community. To that end, our town should incentivize manufacturing (as Steamboat Springs has done with Smartwool, Honeystinger) to invest here.

Adequate housing for all economic classes. More diverse commercial opportunities, but no big box stores or service stations that would negatively impact existing businesses.

No more increase in population.

To stay a small, comfortable town that continues to celebrate its children, history, & well-being it is pretty good right now but some codes for the town would be good regarding Hwy 24 - closed business with ugly closed signs, pedestrian crosswalks. And no trailers - RVs parked for any length of time allowed.

Year round work. Scuzzy junky areas cleaned up. Affordable housing. Safe and healthy place to live.

Since I am not a full time resident, I don't really keep up with town happenings. It would be wonderful for the town to try getting a grocery store and another Alco type store.

Continued smart growth. More developments like South Main - Traditional neighborhood design.

That it would remain a safe place to raise families as it was for my family.

Keep the friendly, small town atmosphere.

More job opportunities; cultural growth and revenue. Revenue gained w/ environmental and technology jobs; however, keeping beautiful mountain town living and vibe.

To get another grocery store and a store similar to Walmart.

To stay small & walkable and be able to know your neighbors

Moderate progress

To maintain & grow slow.

Responsible development as population increases New sources of well-paying jobs Resources for active seniors

My dream is for BV to retain its historic & social character, to protect its unique & beautiful outdoor environment & outdoor opportunities in the surrounding county. I sincerely hope we can build on the BV Strong movement to form strong social connections & a sustainable future. We need new schools, auditorium, & other community gathering places - community events & to emphasize local foods & business.

To stay an agricultural & ranching community

Controlled growth - more services. Rec center.

To have BV continue to be the quiet mountain town we love. Our western heritage is important to us! Stay at 2,000 - 2,500 residents - period. Town is not equipped to handle any more. Our housing is affected - our jobs are affected - our infrastructure is affected - our environment is affected. The more people - the more problems - the more land we develop and voila a city - uck. We moved here to get away from a city.

Maintain small friendly character, but be affordable.

Slow controlled growth so that people of all ages, economic level can live here.

Not move.

Our dream is to keep BV a quiet, historic town, no more development & no more people moving in to ruin our small mountain town!

No more "infill," bring some more job options - big box or industry.

More jobs in multiple sectors. Great education including college development. Better bike/pedestrian access.

For bv to become a more self sufficient community and have amazing local business that attracts people to town. We can have a strong Main Street economy that employees many people without becoming a hokey tourist town

Densification and a year round economy

See it & the community thrive & be self sufficient!

Create a strong arts and recreation community

I want it to stand out as the best place in Central Colorado to raise a family.

Re open the Pearl in Grand form

That it grow responsibility, handle the meth problem that is growing, create job opportunities for younger folks

A vibrant community that values its community members as well as tourists and a REC CENTER!

Rec center, ice rink, amenities!!!

Town with a great reputation as a place to come visit and have fun, that has sustainable growth and attracts vibrant smart people.

Maintaining current characteristics of town while continuing to grow smartly.

I hope it's economy contracts and it remains a quiet peaceful place to live

To keep growing with an authentic atmosphere of people and businesses but still stay a small mountain town.

A walkable vibrant, yet small-town feel with affordable housing for real families with real - life incomes.

We could develop recreation opportunities in an environmentally sustainable fashion, but also address social justice and gentrification issues for people who live here.

affordable real estate, geothermal power, more greenhouses - sustainable agriculture, livelier downtown area - shops, restaurants, bars

Slow growth but not too big. Community/Rec center for all.

To grow gracefully.

Stays safe and small

A small town with all local business and a happy community where we do thing for each other.



year round thriving community

Sustainable small town environment that fosters community and reasonable development

The wildness that BV is a gateway to remains

Controlled thoughtful growth with less special interests driving it.

a vibrant community year round

balanced, thoughtful development. affordable housing, sustainable work

Affordable housing. Better developed bike trail system. Mountain town growth and development  
meanwhile keeping the small town feel. Better jobs year round

slow positive growth

little development aimed for tourists. Hopefully only development to help local living!

Better housing, a vibrant downtown, a cohesive and attractive feel to the businesses on 24.

Stay a small town with MORE GREAT restaurants. We do not want to be a mini Vail.

Not to have it be too over developed.

More community infrastructure. More festivals and events. Commercial zoning that promotes  
manufacturing and use of the airport

more affordable housing. More emphasis on fine arts and culture. More rec opportunities for family/kids  
in winter months.

More in-town bike and walking lanes. Possibly develop the railroad tracks into a trail or bring in a tourist  
train. Affordable year round and summer programs for kids and at a large rec center. And my biggest  
dream - a large grocery store with a wide variety of healthy and seasonal food.

Development of the economy and infrastructure. Jobs and housing that make Buena Vista a more  
sensible place to live.

growth but not too quick it invasive

Growth!! More art, music, food! Better housing, more small businesses, jobs! A rec center!!!!

Recreation center, more city voting to make decisions, bike lanes,

To have year round recreation and enjoyment, indoors and out.

more community

To be an adventure sports mecca that maintains in small town feel. To provide economic and cultural  
opportunities to allow our children and grandchildren to stay and/or return here.

Keeping it a small town with some more amenities and more seasonal festivals.

To hang on to our strong community identity of caring and friendliness while embracing change and  
growth. We need to make things like the community dinner a tradition, while also encouraging good  
growth initiatives that bring jobs

an eco-friendly, walkable, adorable town buzzing with happy people and butterflies

Rec center and more activities

Sidewalks, community pool, music venue, new middle and high school, increased early childhood  
daycare options with an un-permitted Arkansas river

to have slow and minimal growth, keeping with current atmosphere and standards

More new development, such as South Main, will continue to preserve small town character, Preserve  
and make more accessible our beautiful environment, and all can benefit from the increase in jobs and  
activities that development of this type brings.

A small town where my grandchildren can grow and learn

More vibrant year round community

To stay a small town! Tourism is great to a point, however too much tourism is going to take away our  
small town and make this town an Aspen (too expensive to actually live here and raise our families).

managed growth

To not become overly commercialized

Stay as is.

I like it just like it is.

A thriving cultural / art center and healthy-sized sustainable economy.

Clean affordable lifestyle

A few more services and amenities would be nice

Quality growth w/ more restaurants, jobs, professionals, clean up "ugly" eyesore properties.

A vibrant economy that maintains the friendly atmosphere and community through conscious growth. Also an increase in walkability and bike friendliness.

More small business & restaurants Rec center Bigger grocery store

New stores more growth WalMart, Target, Fast Food

maintain more native BV control

retain its historic identity

A vibrant valley town.

The town and businesses can work together for a common goal.

Rec center

Improve its historic character and maintain uncongested ambiance, friendly atmosphere, pedestrian friendly, bike friendly. Better broadband service.

Be a larger community too boring Have to go elsewhere to do things

Balance small town feel & quaintness with job growth and economy growth for upcoming generations to be able to stay - more gift shops antique shops, restaurants staying open later for tourism - some manufacturing creating jobs.

Maintain town infrastructure before adding and supporting activities that depend on nature. Improving law enforcement presence to keep out transient & non-productive citizens.

That the local government will get out of the way and remove many regulations.

responsible development which retains small town feel but provides a better living opportunity for lower incomes

Keep it the way it is as far the feel in town, but bring in another job source, other than the prison.

Something that will provide a year round livable wage to keep younger people here.

Developed well, without hindering small-town feel.

Aquatic center please.

A small town with a diverse community where everyone feels free to participate in community life, raise their family (however they define it), Town looks like town and the country. We honor our past while preparing for the future.

Some other stores - tourists like to shop - so more stores. A much bigger grocery store perhaps a Target or K-Mart, no more traffic lights, some new restaurants; maybe a Wendy's or other type fast food - would help w/ tourism too!!

For you to leave!

Progression & expansion

That we be a self-sufficient small community that caters to the 365 day a year locals and not to tourists, snowbirds & river rats. May we thrive in self-sufficient business and let families raise their kids here without fear.

Stay the same as much as possible.

Responsible, moderate growth.

Some growth - retain small town atmosphere. Would hate to see the whole town to try to be like South Main project. Our town has much history & West Main has its own charm.

Keep small town feel

We supply more of our own local foods. Strong schools. Compassionate, diverse community. Senior-friendly for active seniors!

More business downtown.

For it to continue to be a quiet, friendly town.

Stay small town; non-Aspen OR Boulder. Jobs for young folks. Year-round economy.

No recreational marijuana, no more breweries

To continue to grow & thrive.

Better school facilities, build a recreation center with pool, more sidewalks and bike lanes

Acting upon your survey question regarding the removal of debris and junk cars.

1. To have viable small business that can thrive year-round. 2. To maintain low-profile architecture plan to preserve the view. 3. To have a gathering place for 200-400 people for theater, concerts, conventions, reunions, weddings - that is weatherproof.

Performing arts building - w/ high school or independent. Continue business development Main st.

Keep Small town feeling.

Skinny streets, vibrant downtown, beauty street trees, more trails east of river.  
Keep it small. Clean up the obvious trashy homes & yards.  
Don't have one, we just don't need another Aspen.  
Continue to thrive as a community while ensuring the town does not run out of potable water.  
Keep the small town atmosphere  
As more people retire I would like to see more active older adult type buildings and also assisted living type housing so people would not feel as they grow infirm they would have to leave.  
While I recognize the importance of attracting business & development of affordable housing, I hope it is done tastefully without sacrificing the natural beauty of surroundings & friendly accepting community.  
Rec center, all surface track at high school.  
Have enough year round jobs so that we no longer need tourism running our valley. Do not want to become an Aspen or Vail. Colorado already has plenty of tourist destinations.  
Small enough to provide shopping options.  
Cleaner & better zoned properties. Clean up of several properties in town and along CR 306. Some growth - more jobs so our young folks stay here or want to move here. Facilities/activities for our children & a larger newer grocery store and new middle & high schools like Salida & Leadville. More restaurants i.e. Italian preferably & clothing stores.  
To stay small yet provide employment opportunities.  
I hope it grows its businesses but still has small town feel.  
That we stop focusing on rafters and the water park, that is NOT all we are! What about our ranchers?!  
We need more farm to table restaurants and to be considerate of our environment.  
Less development.  
A responsive community  
Independent public ownership & expression  
That BV continues to nurture community while welcoming others to enjoy our environment in a responsible manner. That our community becomes a leader in water conservation, environmental respect & develop a vibrant Main St.  
I am not against moderate growth and improvements to sustain the town. I am against developing "at all costs" to grow the town. I came here because it is NOT like Aspen, Breckenridge, & all of Summit County.  
A great, thriving community for all ages --> family/children, retirees, seasonal rafters & working adults.  
To stay a friendly family town.  
Performing arts center & strung support for existence of a vibrant arts community.  
Fewer churches, more saloons (my husband wanted me to add this!)  
To have progressive and growth minded people in our city government.  
increased choice by residents to walk / bike due to better biking / walking infrastructure.  
Slow steady growth, without too much change in atmosphere.  
Continued but monitored growth to serve our town folks better.  
Seeing more full-time jobs instead of seasonal. New grocery store.  
Keep it small.  
Careful eye on growth - retain all its wonderful qualities.  
To stay true to its roots while allowing growth. It would be great to see a few bigger businesses (bowling, entertainment, chain restaurant) that still allow for locals to benefit from the economy.  
Slow, sustainable growth  
Growth within reason  
Limited growth while maintaining current ambience.  
To grow responsibly without losing identity  
Improved Main Street / new super market. Elimination of unkempt houses, work/live development.  
Stay small & rustic.  
Remain a "real" small mountain town. Strong sense of community.  
A vibrant, historic Main street surrounded by robust commercial corridors. Lots of community events, heightened visibility state-wide and nationally, and exceptionalism at all turns.  
Love it, just good growing to continue.

More restaurants and more activities.  
No master plan to save the town that doesn't need saving.  
Keep it a small, rural area.  
That more people do not have to rely solely on summer tourist business.  
That it would not become another Vail or "Selby-ville"  
Controlled growth.  
Retain small town character.  
That we would be a balanced community that maintains small-town feel & values, agricultural & land preservation & development with recreational opportunities & gradual sustainable growth.  
Don't grow too fast.  
Maintain historical value! Build on the natural amenities - more civic events.  
Peace and tranquility.  
For the town to grow in a controlled way in order to provide some additional amenities for its citizens while retaining its small town character.  
A retirement facility.  
To continue to grow - but enforce codes so the town looks nicer. No junk cars in the yard, weeds, broken down buildings, etc.  
To thrive and continue to grow  
A nice place which it was and is. But as little development as possible.  
That everyone's homes actually increase in value, like the Front Range.  
Economic development to support residents.  
To have measured growth without significant change to the character of the town. But with flexibility to morph to the wishes of the majority.  
To remain small enough to keep the sense of community, but have enough local job opportunities to make living here affordable.  
Little bit larger, more modern amenities, maintain walk ability.  
To stay basically the same, just upgrade/clean up the existing buildings & areas  
To be basically the same, improving the old existing buildings.  
That it grows in a well planned and smart way, supporting business owners and working together.  
Something for EVERYONE who lives here year round to enjoy, no matter the age.  
Keep special build character, to continue to build special people wanting to come here, get away from "rafting" we have so much here.  
To be a vibrant, prosperous town with great jobs, and opportunities for all. Balanced growth with environmental considerations. Preserve the historic nature of the town.  
I would love for the community to grow in a way that keeps it a safe family environment, but allows the families to be able to have adequate housing and employment. Family friendly activities and resources are important and need to be improved greatly.  
Maintain the quality of life Family friendly atmosphere  
To remain small, historic, and safe.  
Better schools!  
Beautification of the downtown area. Continue to offer a variety of outdoor activities.  
people can find houses to rent and make a living wage.  
Continued growth with new families moving into town and larger employers to provide more/higher paying jobs  
Leave it as is.  
Quiet, small town atmosphere.  
Senior housing/assisted living. You did not address this need.  
Smart growth Improve the look of BV - East main & Highway 24 Fill empty buildings with new businesses. Fix the stop light corner (Texaco)  
To return to a small local community with far fewer tourists.  
keep small town values  
Small growth of conveniences (to compete w/ City Market) home Depot, movie theater, better restaurants.

A little growth, but not too much.  
Preserve an element of the history of Colorado. Don't be and Aspen or Breckenridge.  
To never become big city rules & regs  
Stay small, stay friendly, locally grown food, walk/bikable  
Not to become an Aspen wannabe! Affordable, decent housing.  
Not to have development such as Love's Truck Stops near B.V. More cultural events. B.V. is sterile compared to Salida (never thought I'd say that, but it's true)  
Keep small town, develop slowly  
Affordable place to live and work (own home/commercial property)  
more places to eat and shop (super market)  
To complement the uniqueness already here  
Stay a small friendly town  
A vibrant, year-round economy, without losing the small town feel. I don't want a Salida... if I did, I would already be there.  
transformation to true community as expressed in things like BV Strong  
Simple and slow growth  
Slow, planned, steady growth with job opportunities  
Keep the friendly, small town feel  
To retain its clean, small town feel, but increase the selection of restaurants, job opportunities, and  
Steady growth and development, with a vibrant business environment  
Business to come to town. Fast Food Casino  
stability  
Continued slow growth with possible new industrial opportunities for future growth. Improved school facilities and performing art center. Agricultural opportunities for students.  
That is have a cohesive look and that affordable house (not just workforce housing) is available to all socio-economic levels or people.  
More jobs that require a higher education. Continue to improve our town but not lose the small town feel.  
Let it take its own course, its great right now, and it was great 10 years ago, preserve what it is, people making sacrifices to live in this beautiful area  
That local government will encourage and assist smart growth through incentives. Town should be focused on providing infrastructure and safety, not programs.  
Keep businesses local (no big box) and increase educational opportunities.  
Reasonable growth with more cultural activities.  
Address design of all thoroughfares to better establish a sense of place A more vibrant downtown  
Increase in downtown foot traffic (seasonal is acceptable)  
Retain the small town atmosphere despite the influx of new residents.  
preserve integrity and have sustainable growth. Water is important to include in the planning.  
Fill in empty storefronts downtown and the gap from downtown to east main with a mix of commercial & residential.  
Hope that is does not keep changing  
Don't turn it into another Aspen!!!!!!  
Being able to walk everywhere in town and feel safe.  
More cultural opportunities  
some limited growth with higher quality job opportunities for young adults  
A Super Walmart or some type of competitor to City Market. If we had a Super Walmart, people would come from all over (Salida to Leadville to Frisco) instead of driving to Colorado Springs or Denver once a month to stock up.  
I would love to be able to catch a shuttle or bus to or from my house 2 miles north of town or even if a taxi business come to town. It would also be great to see a recreation center. My dream future for town leaves the disc golf course where it is and bathrooms are added for the ball field and disc golf course users.  
Grow slow.

Move beyond the "destination" mentality. I'd like to see Buena Vista actually offer year-round amenities (retail, second grocery store, etc.) to its citizens, not just the tourists or tourism industry. That we grow as a community and keep the wonderful features that naturally exist.

## What changes might make you likely to leave Buena Vista?

### *Open-Ended Responses*

Lifting the ban on the sale of retail marijuana in Buena Vista would make me seriously consider leaving BV.

Job availability & wages (for my husband) & lack of affordable housing.

The wind. Too much development.

If it turns into a Summit County suburb.

Cannot build homes that are affordable.

Traffic & speed of cars on Hwy 24.

Loves - another stop light. Starting to cost and look like Vail.

More urbanization and density.

Triple population & more crime.

Increase of population, a change in the town like Summit County.

Lack of peace & tranquility. Industrialization, unsafe community. People moving here & changing it into whatever place they came from.

Too much commercialization.

Failure to enforce codes. Lack of assisted living & care. Too much commercial / industrial development.

Decrease in medical support.

Health

Gentrification.

Big city attitude. OR TURNING INTO BOULDER!! If I wanted Boulder I would move there.

BV grows nicely & keeping it a family friendly town.

Traffic Traffic. Traffic. There should be a noise pollution law on these diesel trucks in town.

Rising cost of living. Less access to facilities such as groceries, town infrastructure i.e. utilities. Less safe.

Too much influence & changes initiated by State Parks, State & Federal Forest Service, Colorado Parks & Wildlife and environmental groups whose goals are to further restrict access & uses of public lands!

Too much growth.

Even more quiet / nothing to do in winter season than it already is.

Apartments / big box stores / pot shops

If the growth turns BV into another Aspen / Summit County and loses what keeps BV unique. And/or if the cost of living / wage continues to the point we can no longer afford to do business / live here.

Big stores and tourist only focus.

Family - health.

The town making BV a South Main.

Anti-business, anti-development rules & regulations by our town & county governments.

Creating another Dillon / Silverthorne / Denver atmosphere.

More growth.

Personal health.

Not much unless the quality of the people change.

More health issues.

Global warming, no water, Arkansas river dries up after extensive drought.

Loses small town atmosphere.

Too much growth.

Trying to make it an Aspen / Vail type community.

Slum neighborhoods; dirty environment; huge loss in jobs and growth.

Not changes, but if better medical services are not improved.

We need more stores.

Too many people / box stores / too many 2nd homes Trendy or chic place to live

None

Death.

Loss of medical providers or City Market or Library. Lack of code enforcement  
Gentrification would make me leave because the town will lose its heart. Environmental degradation & loss of wildlife would make me leave. Too many big stores will make us just like every other city - locally owned businesses are better.

Overpopulated - When everything you do costs you money. Laws & regulations.

Health, inadequate health services.

Qualities of schools going down.

If BV slowly turns into another Aspen (this seems to be the desire of certain of our more affluent landowners. Case in point: South Main (what a travesty).

Encroachment of industrial uses. And personal changes in health or finances.

Very good ideas if trustees would consider what residents want instead of what they want. We pay the taxes and should decide where they go. Town board administrators need to be 100% accountable for all aspects of maintaining a way for our businesses & neighborhoods can flourish. Don't build more.

Cost of living rises.

Higher property taxes commercial & residential

Health

Too many people moving in & crime rate rising.

More development like South Main.

WAGES! With house rentals & home prices skyrocketing, cost of living is going up significantly without salaries being adjusted accordingly. Need more well-paying jobs.

Housing options for locals becoming financially unviable.

Police state. & south main

poor planning around hwy 24

I will leave if sale of "recreational" marijuana is legalized here.

Any more development and power for the crooks in South Main

It turning into vail, aspen, summit

If I cannot afford to live here any longer.

Vail is allowed to relocate here

Industrial growth, excessive ATV/snowmobile use, too many police enforcing minor rule breaking.

Too many big box stores, losing sense of community, too many people

Growth

The only thing that would make me leave is NO CHANGE...The only thing constant in life is CHANGE.

The energy is growing some aspects of this town need to wake up. love & peace

Increased religious fervor

Big industry, like manufacturing. Being over-taken by the wealthy pushing prices up and moving regular people out.

If it gets heavily populated

High rent, too many people, too much industry

lack of affordable housing, excessive vacation rentals, second home owners

Stagnant development

health

Sprawl and cheaply built low-income housing.

development of big box stores and large chain retailers.

high housing prices, no jobs

Continued dedication to the highway corridor and not the improvement of main street.

Too much tourism with the idea that we should just get them here and deal with it after and too much age bias.

it would be sad to see BV get too big and commercial

over commercialization. poor zoning and development that is without thought and consideration of a master plan. dense development on rural, agricultural land. more development like south main.



No growth. Local gov't holding back healthy development. Affordable housing availability. No change to the infrastructure.

commercial overkill-disregard of environment

More south main feel. That whole part of town is not Bv feel. Narrow roads. Cramped housing and parking. Looks likevail puked up south main.

Better year-round work and activities need to happen or will likely leave the area

Rich people buying up property and renting them at outrageous rates

Making it another Aspen or Breckenridge!

Over development

A town council that stifles positive growth

Work.

A lack of change would make me more likely to leave, or an atmosphere that continually fights change. more bike friendly roads

I am more likely to leave if no changes are made

Large box stores, chain restaurants, too many vacation rentals

A lost job, no job opportunities

less community

Economic diversification. Reduction of seasonality. Reduced car dependency (bike, pedestrian, and transit friendly). Higher capacities in local governance.

Over reaching government control of the community.

Hard to imagine!

Don't think I'll leave, but I would be upset by ugly developments. I think we can do better and actually build in ways that make town more attractive and dignified.

Getting too big or losing the community feel

permitting the river, more hideous commercial buildings, less pedestrian and family-friendly development

too many modern influxes, urban-like growth

If it deteriorates, or more current building projects are abandoned, or current buildings remain vacant and new industry/businesses build new buildings that don't capitalize on space available.

My children and grandchildren leaving

None

Becoming an expensive tourism location. I feel we are heading that direction. Families are having trouble making a living here and raising their children here. Home Prices are increasing and wages are just not enough for families to come here and stay. Also, if you keep changing our roads to "fit in" with the South Main roads like what was done by the Softball Fields. I have yet to speak to one person in town who likes the new roads that were done last year.

health

If it starts to feel/look like Vail or Summit County

More taxes & making it like Aspen or Vail.

Too many people If it became a town for the wealthy

A big box store (we already have one in Salida).

High prices Food - gas - housing

Big box stores

ATVs on the streets

Motorized vehicles on more trails. ATVs on roads Decrease in business

Will not leave.

The town growing into a Boulder, Crested Butte or Vail type.

increased population density, increased development

Over-development of the wrong kind. - over commercialization.

if it continues to be unfriendly to business.

Tourism.

A move to catering to Highway 24 through-traffic, noisy activities, congestion

Losing businesses left & right.

High crime rate.

Town spending money on projects & activities that are "popular" or "trending" among small number of citizens. Town needs to focus resources on all segments of the population.

If they continue to increase their control over citizens.

too much commercial development, big box stores, decreased walkability

Improper development, rules, codes, regulations to the point all freedom is lost.

retail marijuana

Making recreational MJ sales okay.

Close-minded people verbally and physically intimidating minorities, progressives, etc.

You want to know this so you can run all the old timers out. Please stay out of our lives.

High cost of living Loss of economic growth

Liberalism and a society of being tolerant to everything that is against my moral standards. Pot will always be illegal in my eyes and it won't be long where brew pubs and distilleries will be on every street corner. Also we attract too many of the river rat type. Not good for the economy.

Lose once small town, family oriented status.

Health reasons.

Should just rely on prison & tourism. Small factory type businesses should be encouraged.

Too much commercial development. Adding a traffic light.

None.

Bad health?

Senior citizen services. Changes in BV. Too Expensive.

Too many people, changing demographics.

Our schools have always been good, but APE got a "C" from the state last year. If they got a "D" I'd move to Salida.

Only those of a personal nature.

1. Change in health. 2. Negative political atmosphere. 3. Feelings of insecurity - more crime, drugs.

Big Box Stores. Noisy or dirty industry. Allowing ATVs any & everywhere.

More pot-head rafters.

Will be moving probably within the next 2 years to help care for my mother & be around relatives.

Drugs and gangs, should they develop, would drive me away.

Relax the codes, etc to allow easier access to development of new business

We are not big fans of bars and saloons and if a lot more came in it would not be good. Also we hope the town always has a grocery store, although it is difficult to park a large vehicle in their small lot.

Obstruction of the Collegiate Peaks & diminishing of the small town atmosphere by corporate interests & tall multifamily housing units, and/or high-rise buildings would drive me away.

Failing health, failure to maintain clean water and air.

If local government starts to dictate what I must do with my property to promote tourism that is destroying this small town feel & safety.

Do not plan on leaving.

Too much industrialization or overbuilding.

None

If everything keeps focusing on the rafting, and all the tourism. Even though tourism is important that's not all we are. There are people who live here all year round!.

More growth. More pot shops and liquor outlets.

A community run by "good old boys" as it is now.

Too much regulation - cost of living increases.

Unlikely - but if BV became a Breckenridge/Aspen sort of resort town.

If the town "explodes" and begins catering to growth at all costs, creates more tourist attractions and changes the small town dynamic and low key family oriented feel. If condos & urban trendy establishments take hold like so many other towns have become - the small town community will disappear.

If the prison closed.

Health.

Health

If it becomes too big & less dog friendly.

Not leaving unless find cheap beach front property on an island.

If it becomes too high cost (Aspen-like) If it starts to feel too homogeneous.

If town government starts mandating changes to its citizens - I don't want to live in Breckenridge or Vail.

Not sure.

if BLM closes for riders (Four-Mile / ruby) and too much traffic.

If it gets too big & like Aspen or Breckenridge.

Loss of these qualities & large growth.

Loss of jobs, increase in housing costs.

Big box stores, traffic, noise

Poor growth or no growth

Spread of Hwy 24 type streetscapes. Big box presence.

The status quo.

Excessive growth, if it is not broke - don't fix it!

Illness.

Declining downtown, poor schools, political unrest and/or extended controversy.

None

Shortage of housing needs.

South Main mentality.

Too much local government interference. Come on folks, we're not Aspen, so quit trying.

If I can't find a job.

Have no plans at this time to leave.

Too many people who don't care about BV.

"Affordable" housing in my neighborhood.

Too much commercial growth... Too many people...

Nothing.

Consistency or lack thereof - of the local government & to developers.

None

Connect the trail system (i.e. trail on Arizona St. to trail behind high school). Add or improve bike lanes.

Houses 5' from each other. I came to get out of the city, not back into one.

If retirement facility need is not met.

health needs only.

Too much government interference

We plan to stay for many years until retirement, then going somewhere warmer at least for the winters.

Being bullied. It's water under the bridge now. But many years ago we had a local guy picking on my sick father about the state of his property (not good I admit and cleaned up since) but there were other property owners who were as bad or worse. Only thing is they were younger and healthier and could have kicked his ass.

No growth, No vision, voting against business like Recreational Marijuana.

None.

Fast growth which would cause loss of the town character or creating safety issues with undesirable growth.

If the cost of living here is inflated too greatly by part time residents or an increase in non-locally owned chains and businesses makes it unsustainable to stay.

If it grows too much

Big box stores, chain fast food, if it gets too big - we have all of that in Salida.

If the town continues to make it challenging to meet their codes. There is so much red tape, everything takes forever to get approved and there is often a lack of clarity. Simple things have to be taken to P & Z as well as the trustees, which could be dealt with if there were a clear plan, direction.

My health.

Continue to focus on ..., kids, festivals, etc. Please build our community to be special!

If the historic downtown is not preserved, if new primary jobs are not created, if town becomes stagnant and doesn't change in a positive, progressive direction.

If no changes happen I might leave Buena Vista. The lack of recreational opportunities for children and young adults can make raising a family here very difficult. The small town feeling is great, but teenagers don't have any amenities and get bored and into trouble.

Large music festivals that do not promote a quality atmosphere to residents. Large growth and development

Too much growth.

Job market

If the schools got any worse (APE got a C in last year's score)

Big Box stores.

If the expenses became too much. If I have to go to a nursing home.

Loss of job/income

Death

None

Unrestricted growth.

When I can no longer live independently or drive.

Nothing. Love it here!

More tourist and weekend events. More traffic jams on Hwy 24 because of unwanted changes to Hwy 24.

Too much development

lack of health care

Encourage low income and people on social programs - there's no work here (why they're here)

Too much growth. I don't want to see big city attitudes.

Less family friendly

Music festivals where the town is overrun with attendees. We don't have facilities to cope with many more visitors than we already get in summer.

If it should be come too much urbanized

Increased traffic, lack of local food, less pedestrian friendly

Overpriced housing.

Winning the lottery

Get too big, too much corporate business

High commercial taxes / business expenses

A town administration that is adversarial in its dealings with new business-minded people and any form of development or re-development.

No growth

If local government continues to make business difficult to maintain, grow or expand.

Pushing locals out because of increasing property taxes to "support" new development/business.

Focus changing to non-family atmosphere economy

Too high of living cost. Too high of property taxes

Fast food and big boxes on the Hwy. Too many people

Not change, but status quo or business as usual in planning, permitting and governance could cause me to look elsewhere

No changes and any more marijuana stores either medical or recreational

major change taxation restrictions

Turning it into a tourist trap. Quick money is nice for the govt. and retail. but it does nothing for those that work here to provide services for those that want to be here year-round. Most people that live here don't want a \$15 hamburger that almost tastes as good as a \$6 hamburger.

Altitude affects my health

If the cost of living gets too high to live comfortably.

Growth, traffic, loss of freedoms due to strict government regulations,  
Local government stifling new/old business and residential growth through over-regulation and serious red tape.

Big box stores and wildfires.

Continued increases in taxes. Lack of quality grocery store.

Town continuing to stifle small business over trivial matters.

Over development and commercialization of the area. Open spaces need to be retained.  
need to seek a more healthful environment

The arrival of big box stores and housing sprawl

Too much change. Trying to move to the big city way of life

Too much growth. Too much noise.

2 stop lights

If access to affordable housing remains minimal. And if the town government puts outside interests before local interests.

No cultural growth

health

If I'm taxed out. I am already very frugal so that I can stay. If you the town have a large tax reserve, you have taxed us too much and you should rebate us - not keep piling up the money to spend on something stupid - like the Coggins Building. Thank goodness the appraisal put some sense into people. If the owners of those buildings don't/can't fix them, then should be bulldozed at owners' expense. The taxpayers should not be on the hook. The organization that purchased the gas station, did NOT do their due diligence and paid WAY TOO MUCH. Good luck with that one!

I would only leave if I could no longer support myself here.

I don't think it can grow large enough to get me to leave with what life expectancy I have.

There is way too much emphasis on rafting and tourism and getting people, people, people here in the summer.

Big box stores. I like living simple, fun-filled, meaningful lives that aren't dependent on stores and restaurants.

## Do you have additional comments about your community or this Comprehensive Plan activity?

*Open-Ended Responses*

The city focus on cleaning up Hwy 24 and West Main. Enforce regulations on properties that are not attended to.

Town Staff do a great job, and the board of trustees are great community leaders.

Please listen to people. Some of us have been here for many years and don't want to leave or priced out of our town by rents that are not "affordable housing."

Don't do so much to improve and try to maintain the existing qualities of small town atmosphere.

The addition of Toilets at Colorado & Main are certainly not an enhancement! What a mistake!

Toilets do not increase tourism or enhance the view of the town --- splash pads is nice. Toilets, no way.

Our goal is to maintain a family friendly atmosphere while encouraging sustainable growth.

What's the plan for medical facilities and doctors?

I live right off Hwy 24 I watch the traffic when the town has the sign telling your speed traffic really slows down when it's not there they are speeding like crazy.

The speed limit is a must to lower in town limits to 25mph.

It is geared toward developers & business making \$ while the year round resident continues to bear the financial burden of the cost of town up-keep and limited access in summer.

Thank you for initiating this Comprehensive Plan activity.

No

This town is at a crossroads in its life - get big and stupid or stay small and smart.

Why do we have someone from Aspen doing this?

Strongly object to the narrowing of Hwy 24 & growth centered in one direction.

All should be heard not just the ones with money to make it their way.

Rodeo Grounds community building for wedding receptions, etc. Roller hockey, etc. Conventions, conferences, etc. Has area to expand & parking.

I feel the town of BV stifles BV's growth for their own agenda & not for what is best for BV.

Our library should be open on Sunday and close on another weekday as an alternative. Staff there seem somewhat anti-public. By that I mean they rush to get you out and seem not concerned about people / users.

I like this approach. Was Director of Purchasing for City of Arvada for 14+ years and don't recall the City reaching out to citizens like this.

I hope this isn't just an activity and there is actually follow through.

Need of affordable assisted living and nursing home.

It seemed as though several questions were repeated, only worded differently and in another section. town council / board of trustees needs to develop policies so staff can do their job (Especially in area of land development, finance infrastructure, etc. Many of items on Trustee agenda should be handled by Staff/Administration). Too much micro management by council.

Appreciate the time and effort to get my input.

I would like to see a bowling alley, swimming pool, rec center, and more activities for young people that don't cost.

Develop the amenities the town already has. That is what attracts people here.

Look at other Colorado mountain towns that are thriving and see if similar ventures can be done in Buena Vista.

Keep the "kids" in mind & give them plenty to do & a pride in their town.

Keep up the good work.

appreciate the survey, hope it does some good.

Hope it works.

I am concerned about people being allowed to camp in other than designated campgrounds.  
I appreciate the opportunity to fill out this survey. I believe it is extremely important to make this planning effort collaborative & to include residents.

If you don't like it here - don't move here and try to change our beautiful area - "Vacant land is beautiful"  
Too long. Too much repetition.

I'm glad the town is doing this. BV needs downtown improvements and better services.

The only additional comment I have is: BV Strong! I have great hopes that those to whom we've entrusted to guide our little town don't push us off a cliff.

I think many of these questions are very vague & that the answers can be interpreted in many different ways.

No

No

I would like to see current business owners and new business owners supported and encouraged, versus micro-managed and attacked.

I would have said so already

I think this survey was a great idea and I hope that its purpose is to improve and hear the people who live here

Make it easier for small businesses to get started. Allow alternative signage and help advertise what BV has to offer; besides chamber of commerce.

Please consider the effects of the comprehensive plan in terms of lifestyle and gentrification as well as economic development. We want it to be a nice place to live, but we also don't want to make it an unaffordable place to live.

Would love to see some sort of rec center, swimming pool or even a bowling alley. Something to do in the winter

I know it is going to grow so I hope that the community will come together to realize that because it is inevitable that it will grow, we need to choose thoughtfully how it will grow. I hope to see more successful, creative, wonderful businesses downtown, on the highway and in South Main that are truly viable year-round. I hope the BLM area across the river continues to be developed thoughtfully... I love seeing people use it. I think the small town environment is created by the sense of community that is upheld by the residents - I think that will remain even if the population grows and we continue to increase in tourism... as long as decide to continue to be a thoughtful community. We need more fine arts!

No

I hope this isn't just another survey that isn't listened to and gets stomped down again by special interest groups, i.e. South main.

I would love to see mailboxes back; I think it's nuts to require every BV resident to head to the Post Office for mail... I know this was voted on a few years ago (before my time living in the town limits), but I wish that would change

it should not be driven by the local developers who have money at expense of all community members  
Highly recommend a rec center for our community. Maybe bowling, swimming, gym. We need something to keep active in the winter and for the kids and elderly alike.

I would like to see more options/times for shuttles from DIA and Co Sprgs airport.

no

This was a long survey.

Buena Vista is growing whether we like it or not. Please embrace this reality and help develop BV into the town that it needs to be - not the town that it was 5 years ago.

I'm thankful for the opportunity to have a voice!

Yeah. This survey was written poorly. It offered leading questions and prevented respondents from adequately addressing pressing challenges due to its lazy commitment to Likert Scale questions and ranking exercises that lacked well thought-out alternatives. It was sloppy, poorly thought out, and lacked critical analysis. We deserve better than this.

NA should have been a choice in some questions. A comments box in some of the questions would have been appropriate.

No

i hope we don't go along with the chaffee country open for business model where we just elicit ANY and

ALL new development, any and all new business. more is not better growth can backfire. we need to create a really lovely place to live, not a new strip mall hell.

I love this town and in general the direction things have been going. I'm here for the small mountain town feel and all the recreational activities. A lot of us more recent transplants came here because it's an awesome mountain town but not a resort, I hope we can keep that feeling.

we need a pool!!!

Thanks for capturing public opinion in this manner.

We need another Grocery Store. Focus on the highway and downtown, NOT South Main. We are Buena Vista and have been Buena Vista before South Main was created. Please realize that there are other people living in this community that do not want to live in South Main and that loved Buena Vista for what it was before South Main was created.

Keep a more than 60% of money in reserve

This is a good attempt to involve community

We are not Aspen?

No

See attached letter.

City government needs to back off on regulations for new business. Too many regs drives business away.

We are not happy with people coming to this town and wanting to change it.

Yes.

Use impact fees to make growth pay for itself.

Adopt / use the 1976 Building code.

BV is unique and with great care its balance between being a small community with uncongested ambiance yet with adequate services can remain

We need to get a "big Box store" to bring in some revenue to our town. We need to grow or people are going to start moving. A lot of people are moving!

Sidewalks should be repaired safely by town, never saw a place that you pay half - Mail should be delivered to homes

Economic Development question #1 - example of why local government regulation is not right - allowing Eddyline Brewery construction across from Library & in town when such an industrial building should have been constructed in the industrial area. See attached photos of viewscape changes for westside residents. Questions # 3&10 - Town cannot "develop" activity when infrastructure is in constant need of improvements like drainage, street maintenance, etc. Question #5 - a lot of empty commercial space exists already. Why? Lease amounts too high for small population to support.

Thank you for the survey.

An aquatics center is a public health issue. We have a very dangerous river flowing through our town, but nowhere for kids to learn how to swim.

No

Yes - OMG - You are going to code us out of existence - you are taking an authentic town & making it disney land. All of these nitpicky rules are not good for us.

We need businesses and jobs. I don't feel large enterprise is the answer. Manufacturing would be good, but this country forgot how to do this.

Stop making growth decisions based on financial gains.

Good maintenance of already existing community buildings, parks & trails. Remodel existing historic buildings.

As a long-time resident I am frustrated that everything is geared for South Main growth. Our town is so much more than that & there are many more businesses that are good businesses that have supported this town & paid taxes for many many years.

More encouragement agricultural activities. Better sidewalks.

Not at this time.

Have to be careful not to become another expensive community.

This was a loaded question clearly written by a town staff person who wants a new Town Hall. "I would like to see a new town hall or civic center that is innovative and inviting." We do not need a new town hall. We do need a civic center.



No

Thanks for doing this!

Restrict mining on South side of town - ACA - environmentally a disaster. Dust and noise.

Keep it simple. We have limited resources. Pick the top 5-10 things & go for it.

The post office is a rip off & does a fair job at best.

We would like a campground closer to Buena Vista, tents and RVs

Our community is comprised of people from all walks of life with widely varying backgrounds. All people are welcomed & accepted. This is rare in larger (or in some cases other smaller) communities. We should go to any extent to preserve this atmosphere.

This is too long.

Use the BV of the 1970s as a guide for what we would like in the future, unless you prefer the tourism old west feel, then I would recommend brothels and casinos. Maybe hang someone now and then.

Would like more shopping options - like a step up from family dollar - miss shopping.

We need a beautiful sign upon entering the town & planted flowers & bushes - such as Dillon & Breckenridge! Provides a great first impression & is so welcoming to all. Also -- need for more continuous sidewalks. Encourage companies to move here. Work-out-of-the-home jobs a plus.

No.

Rec center would be good.

All the changes so far haven't been very positive. Growth has interfered.

1) assisted living needed. 2) Art center. 3) More GP doctors. 4) Minor emergency clinic.

Too much bureaucratic control & intrusion.

#1 priority is that BV becomes a year-round bike/pedestrian commuter-friendly community.

I know the idea of a large annual music festival is popular with some - I am a huge music fan myself - I am absolutely against a festival of thousands of people annually. There is no place in this small town to escape such noise and the town can't sustain the logistic nightmare of something that size.

No

I really don't want BV to become an art, bike, river only town.

Primary health care is becoming a \_\_\_ and gre

Too long of a survey with questions that cancel other questions.

Options for seniors will become an increasing need.

No

No.

I live in the golf course area. The recent development of the community gardens there changed the daily patterns of the elk & deer that went by our home every day - such a loss! Everything one does can affect so much. That development changed much for us. We hear rumors of a music & camping venue in our area - please don't let this happen anywhere close to cottonwood creek & families that live there. We really need more recreational space- fields, pool, gymnasiums. Everyone is fighting over the few spaces we have and we need to begin accommodating.

Good that plan is being updated

Limit 2 story dwellings in order to maintain views.

Onward to the future.

No, good research!

No.

It feels as if it were written by a fourth grader.

1) Yes, this constitutes too much regulation & interference. 2) Too much for rafting.

I agree with trying to make Buena Vista a town that does not rely solely on summer traffic.

I would like to see attention of town on the older housing subdivisions, instead all on the new developments. Homeowners need to be required to clean up properties, remove junk vehicles, have enforcement of controlling barking dogs, loud music, etc.

Newcomers move to BV because they like what they see -- then they want to make changes.

When will results of this survey be published?

Some provision needs to be made to accommodate summer residents/housing/traffic.

Let private enterprise carry on.

Don't let the few dictate the future. Stay objective. Don't fight growth - let's direct growth.

No.

A community Rec Center with pool, spa, and work-out facilities would be a great addition, especially for the winter months.

Don't be so closed minded on new industry. The water bottle thing years back was crazy. It turned out fine from what I can tell. You make it so hard for industry to move here. Then let South Main do whatever they want.

No - except about the library parking. I miss going.

We moved to Buena Vista in September and housing is hard to find. We are able to find housing but we have jobs that make it to where we can afford it. Household with smaller children or only one income are probably struggling. But overall Buena Vista has a bunch to offer and it is a really nice town. Yes, when a business comes to you like the distillery, whiskey bar, or the medical Marijuana store treat them equally. Study and educate yourself to learn that Marijuana is not the Gateway Drug. Alcohol is the gateway drug. Pharmaceuticals Kill. Dr. Gibb is the drug dealer, not the medical marijuana store. Please watch the series Weeds by CNN!

There are many poor families, neglected children, and not enough jobs.

It is important to discuss and create an open discussion forum to receive all stakeholders' input. This is a great start.

We love Buena!

I just hope it's done well. We don't want development to be a free-for-all, but it needs to be simpler than it is. Make a plan that is simple, clear and easily enforced.

Develop uniqueness - why not sustainable living community?

Hope to see the Rec Event Center happen. Also, hope to have the neighborhoods off Marquette connected to the trail system at CR 313--it is not safe to cross over the street to the trail system on the west side of town. Also, keep bringing new businesses to Main Street! We need a vibrant community that is attractive to young people and young families!

More sidewalks are a waste of money. Most people who walk don't use the sidewalks, they walk in the street even where sidewalks are present.

Question 108 was worded poorly! Town does NOT need a new town hall. We do need a civic center.

The two should not be tied together.

If Salida can afford a performing arts center in their school, we can also. But I don't want a prison like their new school; it is so ugly.

Police should stop the ridiculous practice of ticketing drivers for one or two miles per hour over the speed limit. The whole town is a speed trap.

Leave it as is. Would love to see it go back to where it was 40 years ago.

I like being able to express my opinions in surveys like this. Not everybody likes tourists, and the crowded streets and store when guests come to town. While a limited amount of tourists are good, too many cause problems.

Several motels could improve appearances along Hwy 24.

Some of the questions were poorly worded

I love this town. I know it has to change some - but I hope it isn't controlled by "the new guy in town."

Let's think about who we're trying to bring in. Growth for its own sake isn't needed.

Need balance, making zoning/permits etc. not as confusing & expensive.

I'm very spiritual but not a Christian. Too many phony self-righteous "Christians" around. If you're not a "Christian," you're almost ostracized. Also, No Loves Truck Stop

Hope town listens to these comments

Get grants, lottery money, donations, etc, to fund projects - not property tax increases of any kind (slight sales / lodging tax increase is OK)

Current staff in planning department should be replaced with persons that can think outside the box and assist families that are trying to come to BV to make a living and enhance the town. I have been through the process and I talk to everyone who has gone through or is going through the process with the planning department and it is so discouraging and unyielding in lack of assistance and common sense. **THE TOWN NEEDS TO HELP BUSINESSES RELOCATE OR GROW HERE NOT HINDER THEIR PROCESS!**

No

Personally I found the survey to be pushing several underlying themes that might make the results not as objective as they could be. These underlying themes seemed to resemble social political issues like environmentalism, emotional issues such as affordable housing, new urbanism and pushing walkability and biking in place of automobile transportation. I don't know if these questions are a reflection of town administration or the company working through the code re-write process.

Overall, I think that we make it too difficult for new businesses. Granted, this is second-hand information, but I've heard of the issues between the board and businesses from multiple sources.

Just want more info / input updates in paper/mail box/website/emailing

Too much government.

New middle and high school

Why are the lights on all night at the fairground? Outdoor lighting on churches or businesses should have a cover to direct light downward - i.e. lights outside Clear View Church - on all night and shines in windows of residences.

Small towns can thrive with equal amounts of tourism and industry. the key is finding the balance. encouraging big companies to manufacture in BV, would be a great step in the right direction.

I think the process you are using is remarkable and I am very impressed.

Nothing's wrong with it!

The current administration and/or land use codes are not conducive to smart growth or encouraging new business. The process is broken. The Town needs to pay close attention to those that have gone through and that are going through the process to open a new business, building, build a new residence, etc in town in the past several years. There are real horror stories of the ineffectiveness and overreach of local government. Local government should be encouraging of new business and residential growth but has earned the reputation of being "closed for business" with its current land use codes and attitude. There are too many/high fees, restrictions, processes, etc for simple items many of which are already approved by way of the code, but people are delayed and held up by over-processing. The current administration has earned the reputation of not being friendly to new/current business and any form of development and should be reined in or replaced with a more business minded/friendly staff.

I would really like to see a historic small movie theater on Main St in operation.

The snow removal is ineffective. Instead of pounding down the snow into ice fields, remove the snow! When the 22" recently fell, the Town did a good snow removal job, showing it could do the same thing with lesser snowfall amounts.

The Hwy. 24 project SHOULD NOT be left in the hands of the cdot engineers to design the aesthetic. Town MUST acquire the two properties at the gateway (regardless of cost) -- establish architectural and usage standards -- sell property to a commercial developer to implement a gateway that speaks to downtown commercial district.

What about Colorado Mountain College? It is an important asset but seems to be phasing out in BV. Can the town actively encourage greater offerings at CMC?

Not for sure now

I tend to see it leaning towards the south main area. & the developers. Hopefully they don't screw it up like Highat did!!!!!!

I am so glad that walkability was included in this survey! Walkability is key and something Buena Vista is seriously lacking!

Think about sustainability and not just growth for growth's sake. Start the process knowing this is already a great place.

Great community - TERRIBLE survey. Get out of the way for new business coming in - i.e., make ALL permitting as fast as possible e.g. business should not have to wait even one day, let alone MONTHS to open their doors.

Thanks for asking for community input!

No

Town government should not be the playground of special interest groups - tourism, real estate, developers.

My wife and I love it here and hope it only gets better.

## What would you like to tell us that we have not asked?

### *Open-Ended Responses*

Nope - did I mention town staff are wonderful!

Some type of \_\_\_\_ to (current usage). (Mark typ.) parking lots and global warming and please protect our sky. Hard to see the sky and stars. BV is a small mountain town and there are few left. We moved here because we liked it that way. Please be careful how you change it. It's too easy to destroy what we already have by thinking we need to improve upon it.

Leave Hwy 24 alone. It's adequate. No medians. Stop catering to Selbys and take care of the long-time residents. Did we really need this survey money spent?

Consider in town mail delivery (eliminate 1/2 all the traffic crossing 24).

Consider what truly kept this town going. Like good people, old timers. No pot heads!!!

Thank you for providing this survey & taking the time to gather citizens' comments. We hope they (the comments) will be used. Government officials should find out what those who elected them want, & then act on that.

I have heard repeatedly that is very difficult, frustrating & time consuming to open a small business in BV. Small business needs to be supported & fostered by local government.

Need improved medical facilities and more doctors.

Clean up or vacate the properties on East of Colorado and Arkansas Streets. They are a health hazard and an embarrassment.

The purpose of local government is to enforce the law, provide services (roads, water, sewer, fire, police) to its residents, and represent the residents. It is not to give away tax dollars to developers, to build cultural centers, or to fund recreation. The assets (infrastructure) of the people such as streets, sidewalks, water, and sewer must be protected.

BV is a good town but when people come here to live they want to bring their town here if that is what they want then go back, we don't want it.

Some town employees are very helpful, others are not. They are employed by us the taxpayers. They need to work on their people skills. It's not about them, it's about BV.

Higher taxes on rafting, hotels, summer business. Use that \$ toward street repair, snow plowing, community rec center. We are not and do not want to be like a ski resort or even Salida. We should maintain our traditional BV flavor.

Please do more to improve the "parks" in town. In particular, Town Lake Park. It has so much more user-friendly potential.

Need competition for what has to be the busiest City Market in Colorado. Need rafting companies to contribute to infrastructure improvements. Need existing businesses to update look/facilities to code and allow for ADA requirements. If BV is to be better for tourism, BV needs to consider all tourists and not let people talk negatively about accessibility concerns and dilapidated buildings. People serve in military to retire in in beauty of BV. Let's make them welcome here.

Just because the mine is in Leadville is open right now and people need a place to live that work there, doesn't mean that Buena Vista has to jump through hoops now. Let's be smart. Let's not over build or develop then get stuck with vacant buildings later.

As a taxpayer I hope you really take this into consideration.

Buena Vista It's not about making money, but about families and good schools. A place to raise kids. The Texaco station & Coggins buildings are eye sores and they need to be addressed by our community, the recent decision not to purchase was a huge mistake as the cost of NOT redeveloping far exceeds leaving them to sit there - they hurt all businesses and more importantly they hurt the image of this town.

I think BV needs, somehow, to create an identity something like Central City prior to gambling. It needs more commerce but not in conflict with existing merchants, rather complementing them, i.e. no big box stores. I think developers should pay for their projects. Tap fees etc. could be deferred or amortized but not given away after all most water, sewer etc. are usually enterprise funds that have to balance. I think more effective signing is needed. In the past when traveling 285 I tended to think that Johnson Village was BV. Recently being in BV for other purposes I tended to think Hwy 24 was Main Street. Not until moving here did I "discover" East Main St. I found that while looking for a coffee roaster.

Who is paying - raise in taxes? Whoa!

When will we get a "nice" swimming pool & local gym?

Be true to Buenie. Don't import.

I think the new land use code should be clear, comprehensive, and enforceable. BV can grow attractively or "trashily"

Residents should not be required to pay for curbs, sidewalks or paving when they make an improvement to their existing property because it makes improvement cost prohibitive. Codes should not be so restrictive that small town activities cannot take place on residents' private property - i.e. restoring a car, fencing your garden, storing firewood!

It was a beautiful town before they let all the developers come in.

Need the town to seek a competitive grocery store.

This survey - while probably necessary - was way, way, too long! I just hope I have not wasted my time.

This form is way too long. Fewer questions with more explanation might be better.

We need additional noise control particularly enforcing State Law regarding unmuffled engine retarders on diesel trucks - Most other communities have reminder signs - we have nothing. Enforcement of obvious unregistered and unroadworthy vehicles parked on public streets - at least one owned by a public official!

Please, let's not lose our small town atmosphere just for the love of money, growth. Salida is much bigger than BV and is close enough to enjoy what they have to offer.

If there are codes for residential development in existing residences - they need to be made public.

No

We need to accept the fact that there is a new younger community that are trying to make it work here not retire here

Respect the voters. Allow NMWC to sell rec MJ!!!

It sounds like you dream of expansion and growth. Can't there be one place that could be left alone?

Salida is ruined and it appears BV is soon to follow

Thank you

Many of the questions in this survey were phrased as leading questions...Make a stronger effort to have unbiased question phrasing in future surveys.

Please stop equating the reduction of vacation rental properties as a solution for low income housing. If you actually look at the listings of vacation rentals in the area, practically none of them would qualify as low income if they were on the long-term rental market. They are two different issues with hardly any overlap.

That any and all influence on local government decisions by the Selbys and their development be completely transparent

5 questions about responsible environmental planning out of 122 suggests these concerns should be more pressing to BV govt

Some of my responses are neutral because I don't know enough to have an informed response. I'm looking forward to being more active in the community and knowing what the local government is up to, though. I also hope that whatever new expectations or standards are formed are enforced consistently. As a community member currently in the building process, I have seen bizarre treatment from officials acting without consistency, and that's certainly not encouraging for new development, residential or commercial. Thanks for the opportunity to weigh in with the survey!

#1 priority. recreation center. Our kids would benefit greatly by having access to more indoor recreation opportunities

better advertise Surveys like this so you get everyone's opinions. Reach everyone for their opinion.

Maybe stand outside city market and let us know we have a voice when taking this survey. Then you can better reach people off line as well.

I think bv has great potential through design and new business growth it can be great. Any way we could get another grocery store like Safeway to move into town? City market in the summer is murder We love the new playground.

Listen to the younger community members, those with kids and little money. There are many of us that feel we get overshadowed by the old folks that have a loud voice about not changing anything. I want development but not the stuff that caters to the wealthy. I want choices and want to be heard.

More trails, with better access to trails. Also, a Waffle House in Johnson Village would be nice... just,

you know, think about it.

Sure. You asked us to rank alternatives in this exercise, while trying to identify issues. Where is the framework for analysis? What are our community development objectives? Why aren't we ranking them? How can we determine priorities if we can't prioritize our objectives first?

The recreational marijuana ban is silly. Follow the state regulations and stop blowing the issue out of proportion. I have no interest in the stuff, but it has a negative impact on our tourism.

in question #49 - you say should we minimize our environmental impacts. this is outmoded thinking. humans must have a positive impact on the environment. Our tourism industry, in fact relies on that. Let's do better than only harming the environment somewhat. let's create a community that nurtures and improves it. ALSO - in the winter sports questions - snowmobiling and cross country skiing cannot in any way be considered one and the same. we NEED more human powered opportunities. we are already over run with snowmobiles in winter!! and atvs in the summer. it is loud and obnoxious on most trails we desperately need more trails where no motorized vehicles are allowed!!!!!! MAJOR importance for the future of our town.

more safe ways to cross highway 24 are needed (other than current options)

Night light pollution should be addressed. Part of small town mountain character is being able to see the stars. If the prison lights could be changed to just direct light downward on their property instead of to the skies and towards Midland, it would do a lot. Is this something the state could address?

Safety on the Hwy 24 corridor is of vital importance, and as summer is approaching, I don't see anything that has improved in that respect.

What are you going to do if they close Climax or the prison?

We need jobs more shopping More city services

I think bike lanes that are separated from traffic are friendly and safer for kids

City government needs to back off on regulations for new business. Too many regs drive business away.

Apparently government wants to run everybody's lives and families.

Buena Vista is and always will be a small-town economy based on recreation, retirement, real estate, and rehabilitation. Increasing the cost of living might also cost us our local corrections facility and many other payroll/service businesses. We are not Aspen or Breckenridge and we don't care to be.

include an envelope next time or make the survey available online.

All this is for nothing if you don't hire new staff in the planning department.

The Public Library services are responsible to community needs, and hopefully will always be able to add services as needed. Broadband (internet) service needs to be expanded for BV residents.

No.

Not all about tourism - Locals live here full year round and need shopping facilities, activities - so that the town is supported all year. So much that cannot be found in Buena Vista so locals are forced to go South to shop.

Quit trying to control everything!

Do not okay recreational MJ sales.

No

There is too much regulation that hampers business development; let competition decide.

How about respecting the residents realizing we are the core of this town - not you, not the tourist.

Here's an idea - how about a new grocery store for the tourist of course - Please leave our town - go away.

Clean up private properties that have trash, junk in yards & buildings are in such bad shape - it looks like "dog patch"

Town was absolutely crazy to invest in property at 24 & Main. No one else can buy or develop these severely overpriced properties. Both parcels have extreme liabilities. Gas station still has tanks underground & Cogwell Banker building is not salvageable. (Also grossly overpriced by seller) I tried to buy one at "fair market" value & was outbid by Town of BV.

I would like the recreational marijuana to be voted down. Too tempting for the young people.

Convert Columbine Park into municipal building. or build Town Hall by police station in River Park be more economically conservative.

Town staff stands in the way of business development. Their "stick to the letter of the law" attitude with zero flexibility or apparent ability to think for themselves has slowed countless new business

developments and made BV look like amateur hour for new businesses. Town should pay for sidewalks and not burden new businesses with expenses the town should cover!

No.

Regulation costs everyone money. Be more business & development friendly. Focus on making it beautiful.

Right now we have a wonderful view of Mt. Princeton. It is a major factor we considered when we bought our home. Flyers for development around us suggest multi-family structures may be approved. This would diminish the... and change the character of the community & obstruct ....

Address the need for more parking downtown.

Eliminate the deer in town and allow year round residents to water without restrictions. This would beautify the town without cost to the town. We could once again be proud of our yards and gardens without the need for unfriendly fences.

I don't like to have to travel to shop when it's not adequate.

Many answers to this survey do not consider degree and balance. Answers are not cut and dried. I.e. environmental impacts.

Leave the town as is. It's been ruined by too much population already.

Good questions! However, lengthy, much redundancy.

We need to be proactive in water conservation. This could start a new development by requiring lawn-free landscaping. As this progresses, public spaces could eliminate watered grassy spaces, then encourage residential lawn replacement.

I appreciate the forward thinking for sustaining and making our great town better. I appreciate this survey and look forward to many future public forums where all opinions of residents are heard. I hear many/much talk about the "old timers" who have lived here for a long time and have seen much. I hear the younger generations' frustrations with the "conservative" outlooks of the older ones on the town changes and growth. I would caution all to avoid throwing the thoughts of older and wise generations to the wind. There is value in life experience and much thought needs given to all of these topics for future.

Please encourage City Market to expand and improve both the store and parking lot, OR Encourage another grocery store to come to BV.

Not everyone can continue to ride a bike, walk, & jog all their life. BV is full of retired people and lots of them ride ATVs to get in the back country. BV is losing out on not allowing ATVs to ride on their streets. ATVs are safe if not safer than bike riding, we have to obey the traffic laws. Not all bicycles do. Thank you for this survey. I wish Hwy 24 would stay the same to traffic. No parking & no medians. The town has a big job to do.

Senior living accommodations unexpectedly needed - assisted living center, etc. (a continuum of living facilities -- skilled nursing. A demographic study is needed. Many retirees who would like to spend their remaining years here, have no continuing care options (independent living --> health care).

I'd like to see the town allow camping in the River Park area. Even if it's just during special events like PaddleFest.

If you are a Town Rep. then your positions should reflect a positive attitude. The negative behaviors should not be administrators.

Nothing.

Take better care of the people that have lived here a long time.

Thanks for asking for input!

I'm against the new gas station!

Get rid of the houses w/debris - help the owners/renters to clean up!

Nothing, good questions.

Maintain what we have. Let new residents and businesses figure it out if this is where they want to be. Lay off the downtown. I know that Jed Selby wants it "beautified" more because that ultimately helps him sell his ritzy-ditzy area. It's not all about him.

Buena Vista law enforcement should do something for the community other than harass drivers.

Also, town needs to patrol and make homeowners clean up alley ways. Grading alleys would help.

Snow removal in heavy snows is non-existent on residential streets.

Infrastructure can't handle all the tourists that the chamber brings into BV in the summer. Too much advertising of our town to the Front Range.

Highway 24 plan - CDOT's plan is a disaster! Highway 24 needs a comprehensive plan, but not the one proposed by CDOT.

Nada.

How many people will complete this study. 10%

How will work force housing be monitored & managed, so we do not have pockets of adverse neighborhoods that are taking more of our staff's time (law enforcement).

You needed to address the need for a retirement facility, yet no mention was made of such.

About the library parking. Everyone complains - it's not just me.

One great thing about Buena Vista that wasn't touched on is the school system. It seems to be great and a great school is truly an asset to a town.

Don't treat the old timers as if we are imbeciles. True the deer have invaded and we will never have the beautiful yards and truck gardens once seen in every neighborhood. But we know stuff. All you have to do is ask.

Once again, be pro-business! Educate yourself on the benefits of CBDs. Be pro-growth to support jobs, sales taxes, and families.

Keep this process going. It creates citizen involvement and, in the end, a more citizen built community and not just a development opportunity. As you know, BV is 8000 ft above average.

I think that the expansion of south main is important to our growth as a town. I do think, however, it is contributing to the onslaught of wealthy tourists who are buying up housing as vacation homes or those investing with the idea of renting to make money without contributing to the growth of the town. I think this type of growth makes it impossible for those who are invested in the town (teachers, business owners, laborers, locals) to afford to live and work here.

Why don't you consider incentivizing existing business people with affordable housing rather than going into that business yourself? This seems like a very bad idea. The town staff is burdened now; becoming landlords of the projects will be something else. Additionally, trying to charge this to developers /commercial for affordable housing will likely slow down this side of things, as it is very expensive to build anything as it is in BV as it is. If you are going to charge for it, make it even and fair. Business owners/commercial space/ builders are burdened enough. Work with the business people that are there, trying to make the town cool, trying to offer cultural amenities and make it easier for them. Cultivate a spirit of collaboration. Please don't allow the pressures of housing and the improved economy to create a free-for-all, where the quality of the town gets lost. Thanks for your hard work. Just don't destroy town to be "suburbia" - this town Rocks and the people that get BV need basic support & want small town - celebrate uniqueness.

Please preserve the special historic nature of this town, create more cultural opportunities and continue to move this town forward. Also, form-based codes are definitely something to consider for the land-use code process.

Salida has committed to replacing a playground at one park each year. I'm super glad to see we finally upgraded the equipment at McPhelemy Park, but all the other parks need it also. Let's follow Salida's example on this.

Why do we have to retain someone from Aspen to redesign our town in that image?

I think we should allow limited events in town. Many elderly people refuse to leave their houses in the summer because of the crowded condition. This should be addressed. We are not a bicycle town. They are a hazard on the road, and few if any obey traffic laws. The police should enforce the same traffic laws on cyclists as they do on motorists.

I'm sure any government involvement means higher taxes. Home taxes are already too high!!

I would like to see another competing grocery store, like we used to have.

We have so many talented people in town & I would like to see us prioritize an event center, (pavilion) - perhaps connected to the college. BV would be a great destination place for seminars, business meetings.

Bigger is not better

Get grants to help seniors maintain their house/property.

Activities for kids 1st - 12th grade. Need Highway walkways. Safe crossing Highway at Brookdale.

Larger Supermarket Two biggest lies told by Christians: 1) We'll have you over for dinner, and 2) I'll pray for you. Told to me by a Real Christian.

government seems to discourage new business & activities - some ordinances are no good.



Town Gov't needs to go to home rule. In vision/dream world, demolish old Texaco + Coggins buildings and small building by Wedge bldg. Relocate/buyout Mtn Computer Wizards / Hi-Rocky and demolish those buildings, close/remove diagonal street by Hi-Rocky/Coggins bldg. then get development ideas/designs for that whole big area (perhaps include new town hall/event/rec center there. Not sure what conditions Wedge bldg is in but if not good, that could go too. Would be good place to have new town hall across from BV Chamber if trailer park there was relocated (redevelop @ Sleeping Indian TP on CR 361?). Need to have law for only 2 hr. limit parking on East Main St. Also, lots of parking near downtown along Railroad, especially if town got permission to have cars park right up to the RR tracks so could be 2-3 rows for parking there.

I think you have covered everything

I think BV needs to continue to ensure we don't become the next Salida.

I am prepared to host community events with the goal of sponsoring those events and others that involve community.

Put 9 more holes in Golf Course. Secure water rights.

Local government folks need to be coached to adopt the mindset of facilitators, not gatekeepers. That's very difficult to change. And yet what vibrant small communities have in common is the successful implementation of this one paradigm shift.

ACA Berm should never have been allowed to remain along the north side of the property after showing it was developed without proper building permits & still is over 6' height and the "top soil" for the berm was stripped off the land just south of the berm. They did not water as promised and dust blows all year. Government should not be in the way for businesses to come to town. We need Another Grocery Store, fast food, big box stores or chain stores - encourage them to come to BV. How about an outlet mall for the downtown empty businesses? How about a public bus that stops at all banks, post office, downtown, grocery store - can be electric to encourage riders - shouldn't be dial-a-ride, should be a regularly scheduled service.

How can BV attract year-round young adults who can afford to work and settle here.

Please don't destroy Buena Vista. This is my home and it's like no other place I've ever been. Please consider the wants and needs of all citizens of this town.

Do you feel the Town's Management of the current land use codes are responsive to growing an economy and its citizens? Water/sewer tap fees are too high. The survey is poorly worded with very leading questions.

Decrease residential parking on streets. Designate more playgrounds/parks in residential areas. Bike lane on Marquette. Improving the highway corridor with sidewalks, medians, and bike lanes would help slow down traffic and be a huge benefit to the community.

Get rid of the terribly ugly yellow and red signs. They are an embarrassment. Write fewer speeding tickets for 2-3 mph over the limit, other than perhaps the 15 mph limit on East Main.

Current practices for guiding the emergence of new business on main street are disgraceful. Time after time, new business owners are being ambushed at the last minute by authorities having jurisdiction.

There needs to be a much better hand-holding process and a town advocate for business owners.

Nonsensical code enforcement needs to ease up.

BV needs more affordable housing so that the people who work in our shops and restaurants can afford to live here.

It seems like you are asking the same questions in different words or ways. That worries me!

The efforts of local government officials are appreciated.

This survey is going to be really skewed because the drop-down questions are not working. Again, I'm using a Chrome browser.

Public or paid transportation, especially in the summer would increase my ability to spend money around town. I would imagine the same for many others who are just too far to walk or bike and want to go out for a meal and a few drinks.

nothing

The deer population in town is out of control. If you expect people to limit their front fences to four feet, do something about the destructive deer!

If you are looking for young designer/marketing minds please reach out to me or my wife.

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