

Q14 If you had one BIG IDEA to help make Sumter a better place what would it be?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	better places for kids	10/1/2018 2:55 PM
2	More businesses; more for young people like more coffee shops, not just Starbucks.	10/1/2018 2:51 PM
3	more sidewalks in neighborhoods.	10/1/2018 2:41 PM
4	more outdoor and fitness related activities- bike trails, walking/hiking trails, kayak and canoe options. nature center.	10/1/2018 2:36 PM
5	make certain we keep SHAW	10/1/2018 2:27 PM
6	Expand dog park and animal activities	10/1/2018 2:24 PM
7	Fix up everything that needs it to make Sumter nice and Community Friendly.	10/1/2018 2:21 PM
8	bring in Target and Publix	10/1/2018 2:14 PM
9	publix and target and hobby lobby. walking area, like another Dillon Park.	10/1/2018 2:10 PM
10	Monthly community events around the entire City... not just Downtown. (Family Friendly Safe Block Parties)	10/1/2018 1:42 PM
11	Keep making downtown a place people want to go to.	10/1/2018 9:56 AM
12	Bring in bigger businesses.	10/1/2018 9:52 AM
13	More pay for police.	10/1/2018 9:40 AM
14	Better community relations between law enforcement and the citizens of Sumter.	10/1/2018 9:32 AM
15	Support public schools and vote for strong board members.	10/1/2018 9:23 AM
16	A non racist Sheriff Department Bigger and better Big Box Retail Stores a Interstate Hwy have the city limits come out in take over Dalzell Cherryville Wedgefield	9/30/2018 10:22 AM
17	Bring something to Sumter that no other place in the midlands have already, to attract people to the city. Also a new arena with seating for at least 9 or 10 thousand people, to bring quality shows and acts to Sumter, and NBA exhibition games. A giant fountain downtown with year round dancing water, like Buckingham fountain in Chicago, people will come to see something like that.	9/29/2018 8:41 PM
18	More affordable housing	9/29/2018 10:06 AM
19	Clean up problem areas, where there's always crime. Abandon houses, streetwalkers, loiterers.	9/28/2018 5:20 PM
20	Developed south side	9/28/2018 5:06 PM
21	employment to attract residences	9/27/2018 10:36 PM
22	Bring in something for young adults to come too and wanna hangout.	9/27/2018 8:14 PM
23	Increase venues of entertainment for adults and families.	9/27/2018 4:55 PM
24	We need more curtains store, shoe stores that carry width. Everyday Suit Store that people can afford. More stores like SAM's, so we don't have to go to Columbia & Florence.	9/27/2018 4:50 PM
25	To bring more shoe stores and a curtain store and a nice dress store.	9/27/2018 4:47 PM
26	Improve the type of stores downtown. Better recreation for seniors.	9/27/2018 4:42 PM
27	Have prisoners come and pick up trash.	9/27/2018 4:34 PM
28	??	9/27/2018 12:13 PM

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29	Better resources for the poverty stricken and working class, better water quality, especially considering the county is corrupt and knows about issues with the water and has done nothing to improve it (Wis investigation and personal experience), better schools. Less rural encroachment. More utilities provided by black river electric. Fewer corporate Walmarts and more small business.	9/27/2018 9:47 AM
30	Allow the younger generation to give more input on decision making. Gearing Sumter for 2040.	9/26/2018 9:37 PM
31	Allow Olive Garden to come in.	9/26/2018 2:35 PM
32	Clean up blight on the entrances to the community.	9/26/2018 2:10 PM
33	Less embezzling, more education.	9/26/2018 12:04 PM
34	Keep area around all schools looking good in each neighborhood. Sidewalk and brick wall falling down around Bates Middle School on the Estate St. side by the football field.	9/26/2018 12:00 PM
35	Food truck Fridays (even if it's only 1 Friday a month in summer months)	9/26/2018 11:55 AM
36	Develop downtown by looking at many business options.	9/26/2018 11:51 AM
37	Road development.	9/26/2018 11:47 AM
38	Better T	9/26/2018 11:44 AM
39	Better public transportation. More services helping people getting to & from work.	9/26/2018 11:40 AM
40	Use the old buildings- make the new businesses use old buildings for a tax break.	9/26/2018 8:51 AM
41	Power lines underground.	9/26/2018 8:43 AM
42	Bring in a Publix	9/26/2018 8:39 AM
43	A CITY/COUNTY day-care center for 0 - 3 yrs.	9/26/2018 7:17 AM
44	Thoughtful change with its cornerstone.	9/24/2018 4:48 PM
45	Bring everyone together regardless of race and to build a building for the homeless.	9/24/2018 4:25 PM
46	Consider adding turn arrows at some stop lights because of the high volume of traffic at rush hour. Pave the road downtown in front of the health department across from Wendy's.	9/24/2018 4:17 PM
47	Use abandoned homes for Habitat for Humanity instead of building new ones.	9/24/2018 3:53 PM
48	Improve roads, especially drainage, and bury utility cables while working on the roads. I like what was done on Alice Drive and think all roads should be improved like that. Increase how often dumpsters/bins at the recycle centers are emptied. Need to encourage their use, but I get very frustrated when all the bins are overflowing and closed for use all weekend.	9/24/2018 3:48 PM
49	Increase support of our Public Servants (better pay, benefits) increase their numbers and increase neighborhood involvement as well. This is a beautiful place and we need to protect it well.	9/24/2018 3:40 PM
50	increased community events, with different targeted age groups (i.e. family events, professional events, etc.)	9/24/2018 3:33 PM
51	Build community, improve education and learning schools.	9/24/2018 3:24 PM
52	Make Sumter attractive to businesses so they will want to invest.	9/24/2018 3:19 PM
53	downtown revitalization	9/24/2018 3:15 PM
54	Attract more stores for shopping, independent coffee shops, environmental education. Volunteer opportunities.	9/24/2018 2:48 PM
55	live work program, land back program/conservation	9/24/2018 2:38 PM
56	Live work program, land bank program/conservation	9/24/2018 2:29 PM
57	More upscale shopping stores (i.e. Francesca's, American Eagle, Anthropology).	9/24/2018 2:13 PM
58	organize a culture festival	9/24/2018 1:52 PM
59	service project called Sumter serves, like adopt a highway where groups, businesses, etc would choose from a list of approved projects and provide money or the actual labor for its completion...things like I already see Lowe's doing. Example revitalizing the small park on Main street . Encourage and subsidize more historic home ownership and restoration. Encourage home ownership and fewer housing projects	9/24/2018 10:33 AM

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60	Purchase vacant buildings and develop the old Broad Street area rather than encourage development on the Broad St extension so that the core of the city isn't devided. Also, work on the homeless situation outside of downtown and the drug trafficking going on around the county.	9/23/2018 8:17 PM
61	Bring boutiques and small Mom & Pop shops in downtown	9/22/2018 2:08 PM
62	More recreational places for teens to be involved with verses "hanging out" at the mall	9/22/2018 8:08 AM
63	Sumter needs more parks, not just sport parks.	9/21/2018 12:57 PM
64	A better transit system	9/21/2018 11:21 AM
65	IT IS IN MY OPINION THAT A TRADITIONAL COLLEGE THAT OFFERS BOTH BACHELORS AND MASTER DEGREES WITH CAMPUS HOUSING WOULD DO WONDERS IN CREATING A MORE DIVERSE COMMUNITY THROUGH BOTH EDUCATION AND CULTURAL INFLUENCES.	9/20/2018 11:46 AM
66	REDUCING the amount of fast food businesses in town. This could be done through zoning laws. Either by setting a cap on the amount of fast food joints in the city or regulating the number of outlets that can be within a unit of space. We have a major obesity problem here and when you drive down Broad street all you see is fast food on both sides of the street for miles. Sumter is not a large city yet there are 6 McDonald's and 3 KFC's here.	9/20/2018 11:36 AM
67	Bring in more business to lower the unemployment rate.	9/20/2018 11:32 AM
68	Lower the taxes on rentals	9/19/2018 9:57 PM
69	change the tax system so people who live inside city are not double taxed by city and county.	9/19/2018 4:00 PM
70	Build a place for the homeless people that is big enough to provide shelter for them especially when the weather is bad hot or cold months	9/19/2018 12:21 PM
71	A Walmart off 441 near Shaw Air Force base	9/18/2018 10:19 PM
72	?	9/18/2018 10:14 AM
73	Hire more people pay more money	9/18/2018 4:59 AM
74	I would love to open a water park here	9/18/2018 3:56 AM
75	City and county governments have a "healthy sumter county year" campaign involving recreation, business, schools, environment etc.	9/17/2018 8:44 PM
76	Give incentive to businesses in Sumter and others to come to Sumter instead of having to go to other cities. Invest more in the city!	9/17/2018 12:24 PM
77	Infrastructure	9/16/2018 11:45 AM
78	Continue to grow USC Sumter, making it into a regional, residential, 4-year college. Have USC Sumter act as a resource to foster conversation and understanding related to income inequality and the racial class-based reasons for it. Ongoing public forums about these issues, like the national issues forum, would be a good way to go. Use this as a launching point to ask what Sumter could really be in 2040 if it untethered itself from the current racialized socioeconomic hierarchy. Do residents of Sumter's south side want to live there? Do they want their neighborhood to look like it does currently, or would they make changes? These questions shouldn't be left to the residents of one area of neighborhood, and they should be heard by all Sumter residents in order to make plans for the future that can go beyond historical inequities, thereby making it possible to truly make a better town that has fully, intentionally, reckoned with its past and made it possible to create a tomorrow with a horizon that is not bound to prior assumptions or realities.	9/16/2018 11:13 AM
79	More population density	9/16/2018 1:11 AM
80	More housing for single mothers	9/15/2018 10:36 PM
81	Don't be cheap about taxes, we need what they buy.	9/15/2018 11:06 AM
82	.	9/15/2018 1:15 AM
83	Being a part of a board to help regulate the quality of the rental home market options in Sumter. Joyce.shreve24@gmail.com	9/12/2018 9:56 PM
84	New developments in entertainment and business to bring better jobs	9/12/2018 4:29 PM
85	More high end retail stores and restaurants. A fun activity COMPLEX, Waterpark, Ice rink, usage of the Sumter Civic Center for entertainment. Ordinance to allow social clubs and the such.	9/12/2018 11:57 AM

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86	Enforce city codes. Geo-location app to fix potholes and other problems. Make builders put in parks and common areas.	9/12/2018 10:44 AM
87	Elect a new progressive Mayor. Enforce city codes - cars on yards - really???...who does that? Get a real dog park. Leave green space in new subdivisions. Schools-Education - go ask teachers @ SHS what's really going on.	9/12/2018 10:38 AM
88	Provide an education facility @ Swan Lake, have an educational director to set up programs for the public (adult & children) that would bring visitors from all around the area. It is an under utilized natural asset.	9/11/2018 9:13 AM
89	Condo/Apartment living in Downtown Sumter. We have some beautiful old buildings, turn the 2nd/3rd floors into condos/apartments to attract people to downtown.	9/11/2018 9:09 AM
90	Dump school administrators and get competent ones. Bynum was horrible, as was Harris, and the current one is not much better.	9/11/2018 9:01 AM
91	Bring in more kid friendly things to do for all ages but affordable even for low income like the single parents working two jobs just to get by. This helps shows that Sumter as a whole cares for the people living here even military families. Mirror Mt.Pleasant SC hospitality and family functions/ places.	9/10/2018 8:40 PM
92	Improve the dvhools.	9/10/2018 8:00 PM
93	Better funding of schools	9/9/2018 7:20 PM
94	Longer prison sentences for repeat offenders.	9/9/2018 10:13 AM
95	Development in the County off St Paul Church road and around Shaw AFB. Must have drastic improvements in roads businesses and the overall site of everything. Must look good because sooner or later there will be a crunch again to close bases or take away people. We need the infusion into Sumter not Columbia where a lot of people go because of what is not available	9/9/2018 9:02 AM
96	None	9/8/2018 4:34 PM
97	Develop downtown.	9/8/2018 12:18 PM
98	Create a high-end (over 55) condo complex. Also, revamp the mall and recruit more high-tech industry	9/6/2018 11:42 PM
99	Min wage	9/6/2018 4:57 PM
100	This question requires more serious thought than I have time to provide right now. :-)	9/6/2018 4:44 PM
101	Build a large park with activities for all ages in the area between Sumter and Dalzell. Everyone who has young children need a safe place for them to play, ride their bikes, skate. Need to get them back outside	9/6/2018 12:03 PM
102	push down town redevelopment more	9/6/2018 11:46 AM
103	Utilize our resources to improve the educational system.	9/6/2018 11:22 AM
104	Create a local market in the downtown area that has food, businesses, and forms of entertainment under one roof (Example: Ponce city market in Atlanta, GA)	9/6/2018 12:16 AM
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106	A couple of airstrikes south of Liberty St.	9/5/2018 1:09 PM
107	Become a real community	9/5/2018 10:29 AM
108	A more active and responsible city council and school board.	9/5/2018 9:00 AM
109	I would create zoning for neighborhood pubs and stores within residential neighborhoods. Old people would hate this and never allow it, because alcohol is the devil's work, etc etc	9/5/2018 8:53 AM
110	Get rid of abandoned buildings	9/5/2018 7:36 AM
111	community functions, open to all and includes pets	9/4/2018 4:49 PM
112	I have already done it. Google Porchd or look me up on LinkedIn, Aimee Vora. Train competent young adults to code and develop tech skills so I can hire them to develop augmented reality technology	9/4/2018 4:09 PM

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113	Build a casino off/near the 95 freeway! This would bring jobs, provide various entertainment and restaurants and increase the number of visitors who would spend money thereby generating revenue for the City/County of Sumter	9/4/2018 2:44 PM
114	Encourage small locally owned businesses and support them. Discourage chains and big box stores.	9/4/2018 2:17 PM
115	We need more activities, volunteer programs - 4-H or FFA - to get the kids involved and away from trouble and drugs. Would love to see more food options like an Olive Garden.	9/4/2018 2:12 PM
116	set up a better bus/transit system beyond just downtown Sumter. Not all can drive that live in Sumter. Also, maybe a monthly mailer, not e-mail, on goings on and such.	9/4/2018 2:06 PM
117	Better housing. More things to do.	9/4/2018 1:58 PM
118	No	9/4/2018 1:40 PM
119	Community relations across the board	9/4/2018 12:35 PM
120	Need more shopping options, like Publix & Target. Better school districts.	9/4/2018 12:30 PM
121	New businesses.	9/4/2018 12:18 PM
122	In regards to the previous question, perhaps stricter litter regulation. I appreciate volunteer trash cleaners and occasionally pick some up myself, but there is so much litter.	9/4/2018 12:15 PM
123	More recreation for kids.	9/4/2018 12:03 PM
124	Better, affordable housing and good paying job opportunities for any education level.	9/4/2018 12:00 PM
125	Not sure.	9/4/2018 11:55 AM
126	Renovate downtown - more business there!	9/4/2018 11:49 AM
127	More living options on Main Street and subsequently more restaurants and green space.	9/4/2018 11:09 AM
128	Make a highway. Bring Target. More jobs and things to do like events. No more hotels or apartments.	9/4/2018 10:57 AM
129	Better road repair and floodwater management (infrastructure).	9/4/2018 10:52 AM
130	Create programs within the community (that does not have 200 eligible rules), skills training, so that people who are not keen with the idea of college or cannot meet the entrance requirements have other viable options.	9/4/2018 10:18 AM
131	N/A	9/4/2018 8:48 AM
132	Better medical care and housing for the mentally ill	9/4/2018 12:24 AM
133	Free education for the lower income population to help them make better choices regarding, family, financial, etc. More diversity in housing. Overall appearance, such as what's been done downtown without losing the history and old buildings.	9/3/2018 3:51 PM
134	More open spaces to enjoy life! How about more sidewalks, parks, biking paths? A few really nice and inviting playgrounds that are maintained regularly and safe! Regarding Sumter Mall, fill with vibrant stores and make it inviting and safe! It is probably one of the most depressing places in all of Sumter. Sorry...that was two ideas!	9/3/2018 9:34 AM
135	Create and publicize an information and referral center which facilitates easier identification of and access to a wide array of businesses, from digitization (of photos, personal papers) to junk removal and handyman services. Accelerate neighborhood revitalization where houses are boarded up. Provide incentives for religious, educational and cultural organizations to conduct classes, workshops, and/or social services in vacant buildings downtown if businesses do not move into the area. Consider housing a model child care program, exercise/physical therapy, or a computer skills training program in the downtown area with an affordable and attractive cost structure. Advertise on travel and media outlets, including in train (Amtrak) and airline magazines.	9/3/2018 12:49 AM
136	Create a venue/amphitheater designed for outdoor presentations such as music and theater.	9/2/2018 10:05 AM
137	Have a designated Town Center with ample parking that allows for the arts & entertainment to regularly function. There are a lot of locations around town now, but none are designated at the Official 'Town Center' location that can handle large & smaller venues.	9/2/2018 9:16 AM
138	Bring in more business and better restaurants. Target, Publix, Trader Joe's and make a children's museum. Add a playground to Patriot Park.	9/1/2018 11:18 AM

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139	pick up trash, makes things neater cleaner	9/1/2018 8:17 AM
140	Some food options that are actually healthy and not just chain restaurants would be nice. Also, some more culture would be nice. Something like an independent movie theater that caters to people that don't just want to see big movies. Also, it would be nice to have somewhere to hang out that is not a bar.	8/31/2018 9:16 PM
141	reduce urban sprawl and work on the beautification of Broad street from Washington to Shaw AFB...it's horrible.	8/31/2018 9:30 AM
142	Build a target or Home Depot.	8/30/2018 8:05 PM
143	Have more community activities	8/30/2018 10:27 AM
144	Have a tax for renters. They receive benefits without paying. A small fee multiplied by so many renters would provide relief to businesses and property owners. There would also be more money to provide more entertainment and improve roads.	8/29/2018 9:54 PM
145	A better place for the homeless people	8/29/2018 9:43 PM
146	Better schools in the district. Everyone wants to go to Alice Drive Elementary/Middle. But there is only one. Mirror ADE/ADM so that people do not get turned away for this reason.	8/29/2018 3:18 PM
147	Clean up the slum ares.	8/29/2018 3:00 PM
148	Our children have nothing but baseball (which we love) but they need more. We need a Water Park or Plex High wire something for the children and teens to do besides sit in the Beacon parking lot.	8/29/2018 2:03 PM
149	TARGET AND CHICK FA LA ON MCRAYS MILL AREA!!	8/29/2018 10:25 AM
150	More entertainment options.	8/29/2018 10:12 AM
151	The city to clean up trash in town & keep sidewalks clean. Could not fill out field about neighborhood problems	8/29/2018 7:44 AM
152	BAN FIREWORKS	8/28/2018 6:09 PM
153	Be progressive	8/28/2018 6:02 PM
154	Stricter law	8/28/2018 3:47 PM
155	Take control of all roads in the city limits from the state. Properly maintain the roads, sidewalks & mow regularly. Myrtle Beach, Charleston, Hilton Head & Greenville wouldn't put up with this, so why should we? We're worthy of better and need to start acting like it.	8/28/2018 12:41 PM
156	The interstate corridor I would develop more like shops that has major brands like NC. Does! that draws a lot of paying travelers off 95 and potentially to the city of Sumter.	8/28/2018 10:10 AM
157	Sumter is a family-oriented town -- so support it. There needs to be more for whole families to do together, like a Children's Museum with hands-on activities. Larger playgrounds at the major parks with lots of activities for all ages.	8/27/2018 12:56 PM
158	Just make better	8/27/2018 11:02 AM
159	Better advertisement for community get togethers/festivals	8/27/2018 10:36 AM
160	more job opportunities	8/27/2018 10:19 AM
161	Pay teachers better. A LOT better.	8/27/2018 10:06 AM
162	Move all the shops on bultman downtown. I really want to see downtown thrive.	8/27/2018 9:42 AM
163	More attractions for families	8/26/2018 11:43 PM
164	Make it somewhere where people aren't scared to stay. Main Street is coming together great, if we made all of Sumter look this way I believe more people would come out and the more people out of there houses,equals money for local businesses.	8/26/2018 10:54 PM
165	A themed hotel for traveling families. DC comics superheros. No scary of course. then have a pool area with life size superheros as your towel holders. you could sleep in the Wonder Women room or Superman room and it would be all themed. That would be awesome. BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME. Have a water park like Hartsville, indoor Trampoline park, outdoor aquatic center in North Sumter.	8/26/2018 10:09 PM

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166	Quality larger malls	8/26/2018 9:48 PM
167	A place to promote physical activities for people of all ages. A place where people would feel surrounded by nature that would motivate and guide them through different activities like running, swimming, hiking, biking, climbing. A big area dedicated to nature and physical activities, to healthy minds and bodies. I can see it and I can feel the energy that something like that would bring us and communities around Sumter.	8/26/2018 9:17 PM
168	More ecumenical, multi-racial interactions and activities. Bipartisan meetings to work on common issues. Initiative and Leadership definitely required.	8/25/2018 10:13 PM
169	Make people take better care of their properties	8/25/2018 9:08 PM
170	Transportation and infrastructure initiative: four-lane ALL of 521 to I-20 and four-lane ALL of highway 15 to I-95. We are surrounded by interstates but not physically on any of them. We should try to maximize our proximity since Sumter does not have the benefit of being a interstate town like Florence.	8/25/2018 6:24 PM
171	revitalize the downtown area	8/25/2018 2:00 PM
172	Keep revitalizing downtown area. More boutiques, restaurants, clothing stores and improve the offerings at the Opera House to be on par with Newberry's.	8/25/2018 1:47 PM
173	parent education for all parents and strong schools	8/24/2018 11:19 PM
174	more city gardens or parks for all ages	8/24/2018 5:04 PM
175	More free and accessible community events that can bring everyone together.	8/24/2018 12:28 PM
176	Clean up drugs in our city. Fix up the way children dress. Stop people from coming in stores and walking streets with there underwear showing.	8/24/2018 8:58 AM
177	Meeting for more diverse minds	8/24/2018 8:57 AM
178	Bring in more business and events.	8/24/2018 8:33 AM
179	Taller buildings downtown	8/23/2018 6:08 PM
180	Not one in particular.	8/23/2018 4:03 PM
181	Coordinate traffic lights; adding sensors so traffic isn't stopped in one direction when there is no traffic coming in the other direction.	8/23/2018 8:45 AM
182	Hold city subsidized housing occupants more responsible for the living conditions	8/22/2018 5:55 PM
183	CHANGE THE GOVERNMENT TO A STRONG MAYOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND A "FULL TIME" MAYOR. NO "PART TIME" JOB.	8/22/2018 3:38 PM
184	More uniform storefronts, some kind of theme so that it all ties together. We are so hodgepodgy around town.	8/22/2018 2:02 PM
185	Something that would help all the old people out.	8/22/2018 10:14 AM
186	Improved policing of public areas as noted above	8/22/2018 9:21 AM
187	I'm not that creative	8/22/2018 9:19 AM
188	Bring businesses to Sumter! Bring places that will keep money and business in town. If that requires lowering taxes on those businesses, if that requires some sacrifice to them, it must be done! Sumter is not growing at the rate it could because big businesses are not coming here. And that's businesses that people spend money at, not businesses like factories and corporations. We need retail, we need big chains! Do something to make them happy and entice them here!	8/21/2018 5:53 PM
189	A better mall	8/21/2018 4:24 PM
190	see #13.	8/21/2018 2:26 PM
191	Come into the 21 century! Look at Florence.... Take note!	8/21/2018 12:46 PM
192	A one stop shop to help residents get to the resources they may need or questions they may have in general about the types of resources that are available. Too fragmented.	8/21/2018 11:24 AM
193	Sumter could host a major entertainment event that deliberately attracts all of our ethnic groups. Can you imagine how creative, exciting and unifying that would be?	8/20/2018 5:50 PM
194	Start over and or get rid of the military base.	8/20/2018 12:24 AM

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195	Try to get drug users some help free as many of them are poor!	8/19/2018 10:11 PM
196	Continue improving the downtown area	8/19/2018 7:39 PM
197	Bring in more stores in Sumter besides Wal-Mart and Kmart have more of a variety of shopping centers	8/19/2018 6:02 PM
198	More diverse social and entertainment activities for adults and children.	8/19/2018 12:59 PM
199	A larger shopping/entertainment district between downtown and Shaw that could attract visitors form outside Sumter/Lee/Clar.county lines	8/19/2018 5:59 AM
200	Encourage and/or attract businesses to build in rural areas	8/18/2018 9:43 AM
201	More community gatherings	8/17/2018 5:10 PM
202	Fixing up the run down parts of town, especially the terrible roads.	8/17/2018 6:55 AM
203	Open a mall that rivals 'Mall of America' that would draw visitors from all over	8/17/2018 2:21 AM
204	TEACH PEOPLE HOW TO BETTER THEMSELVES	8/16/2018 8:42 PM
205	Build an amusement park for our young folks and kids because they are our future.	8/16/2018 3:27 PM
206	We need to realize that sumter will develop as we bring in more business and industry. We have not been good bringing in a consistent flow of new business opportunities	8/15/2018 3:49 PM
207	Improve the current downtown area.	8/15/2018 10:21 AM
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210	Evaluation/Redevelopment of decaying neighborhoods	8/15/2018 5:28 AM
211	More things to do for all ages. I think the use of some of the older spots that once were on Broad St. that were businesses before they all headed out the Columbia way would be a good thing. It just seems like we shift one part of the "ghost town" from one side of town to another. I would love to see a nice Putt-Putt on the scale of what they have at the beach in out town. Using Sumter and SC themes for the designs in one of these areas. Try to attract some business back up the Broad Street way so it is not so congested and more convenient for the folks that do live in the "heart" of Sumter. That way there is more to do all over town. Try to attract some unique businesses and not all chains to town and downtown. Mast General Store would be marvelous downtown! I know you only asked for one idea, but I do love this place and would love to feel that real hometown warmth again!!	8/14/2018 2:19 PM
212	Continue to expand the downtown district and have places down there stay open later.	8/14/2018 1:25 PM
213	Help more people out	8/14/2018 12:45 PM
214	Affordable housing built for people who actually live and work in Sumter. NOT people who move here with pensions, 401 and stocks.	8/14/2018 12:33 PM
215	Better housing and job opportunities	8/14/2018 12:26 PM
216	Add a Target, Sams, Home Goods. No more Family Dollar type stores in the city limits. Promote small businesses.	8/14/2018 11:34 AM
217	Recognize that economic growth is not the only key to a successful life.	8/14/2018 9:06 AM
218	Make it more attractive to draw more people/business here	8/14/2018 9:00 AM
219	More jobs and more activity in the area and more things to do around here also the crime rate needs to be dropped	8/13/2018 10:45 PM
220	I think I gave a good list above this. Please take it into consideration.	8/13/2018 8:43 PM
221	Indoor play place for small children - we have great parks and outdoor activities but when it is too hot or too cool or more often too wet - there is no where to go to burn some energy.	8/13/2018 1:43 PM
222	more restaurants and shopping	8/13/2018 12:46 PM
223	Get the litter situation under control. Which is what the litter alliance is doing. Other than that, I would make Broad street look better by burying the electrical lines.	8/13/2018 11:35 AM
224	treat everyone the same.	8/13/2018 9:22 AM

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225	Greater investment in the infrastructure of the city.	8/13/2018 6:49 AM
226	Decent paying jobs	8/12/2018 6:27 PM
227	Make Subdivisions more attractive and more Restaurants such as Olive Garden, etc., more entertainment for adults & children - different types of museums, etc.	8/12/2018 4:47 PM
228	DO SOMETHING ABOUT LITTER	8/12/2018 11:38 AM
229	CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE THING AT THE MOMENT .	8/12/2018 10:47 AM
230	more parks with water	8/12/2018 4:20 AM
231	Bring in better stores for our mall, more kid friendly things to do,	8/11/2018 7:30 AM
232	Beautify the bad parts of the city.	8/10/2018 11:30 PM
233	LARGE outdoor waterpark area with 6-10-lane pool and adequate deck space for hosting swim meets. Look to Carnes Crossing pool in Summerville, SC as an example (https://carnescharleston.com/fun-fitness-pool/). It has a great open-air barn to get out of the sun. Our YMCA is too small to host meets. Sumter Aquatics has plenty of deck space, but nowhere near enough parking.	8/10/2018 4:29 PM
234	FIX THE ROADS	8/10/2018 11:59 AM
235	Repair roads	8/10/2018 9:53 AM
236	I will attract more businesses to keep money in our community to help with growth and attractions.	8/10/2018 8:09 AM
237	Mentoring program for at rest to help foster their sense of self worth and help insure them being a valuable person for Sumter	8/10/2018 2:24 AM
238	A well lit pavilion for outdoor events that could be used by the citizens of Sumter, for religious and non-religious events.	8/9/2018 10:08 PM
239	Clean up and beautiful entrances into Sumter	8/9/2018 5:31 PM
240	Building a water park for youth. More affordable housing for the middle income families.	8/9/2018 5:19 PM
241	Help people feel apart and proud of living there no matter what part of town they live in.	8/9/2018 5:17 PM
242	Improve our school system.	8/9/2018 5:13 PM
243	Infrastructure--Storm drains, roads, jobs (company's that employ local people that pay local taxes to help support the above)	8/9/2018 4:32 PM
244	the big idea would be to heavily incentivize the rehabilitation and use of existing structures, in all parts of Sumter, and to heavily tax new construction in any situation if suitable structures could be used. whole neighborhoods are blighted, and there is not incentive to improve them, which leads to more blight. everybody wants to be in the best and most attractive places, but that's not where the community as a whole needs them to be, and there should be a price for ignoring what the community needs. Also, this area needs an ombudsman in order to make it harder for government to ignore the needs and rights of taxpayers	8/9/2018 10:40 AM
245	Clean up junk and enforce traffic speeding and DUI enforcement where nothing is done to save lives except on the rarest occasions	8/9/2018 8:47 AM
246	Bring in Hobby Lobey Kirkland etc	8/9/2018 7:17 AM
247	Something to keep kids, teens, adults busy & having fun at a low cost	8/8/2018 8:58 PM
248	More activities for younger couples, romantic getaways, activities for youth.	8/8/2018 6:25 PM
249	Bring all areas of housing up all over sumter.	8/8/2018 3:51 PM
250	better business, everyone leaves to go to Columbia, I don't even consider going into town for shopping	8/8/2018 3:43 PM
251	more events	8/8/2018 3:38 PM
252	Clean up rundown areas and make all residents accountable for appearance of property	8/8/2018 12:46 PM
253	For more people to show the love of Jesus Christ--this isn't a bad place to live, but we need more unity.	8/8/2018 11:49 AM
254	To build a mall or some type of theme park.	8/8/2018 11:00 AM

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255	Can't think of anything that would help at this stage	8/8/2018 9:05 AM
256	Can't think of anything that would help at this stage	8/8/2018 9:05 AM
257	Invest in infrastructure and technology-focused higher education.	8/7/2018 8:34 PM
258	More options for a family to do something fun together.	8/7/2018 7:06 PM
259	Cleanup litter fine ones who litter	8/7/2018 5:26 PM
260	Rich businesses would donate to our youth to hang out to keep them out of trouble!	8/7/2018 5:07 PM
261	Quit wasting my money trying to bring back down town sumter	8/7/2018 5:04 PM
262	My one big idea would be a family fun center. (Affordable)	8/7/2018 4:40 PM
263	Improvements to the infrastructure in and around Sumter to accommodate the growth for which was not properly planned.	8/7/2018 4:30 PM
264	ROW HOME TOWNHOMES. I feel like all of the homes being built are for those who want bigger homes. Whatever happened to continuing to build the two level townhomes for maybe starters or college students? I think that style home should return to Sumter	8/7/2018 4:00 PM
265	A lot of people drive to Columbia for entertainment (jazz clubs), and shopping opportunities. If Sumter offered more options in this area it could keep those consumer dollars in town. Making more hotels is not helping the residents of Sumter.	8/7/2018 3:53 PM
266	More Family style entertainment, and movie theaters.	8/7/2018 3:12 PM
267	Make it more visually appealing	8/7/2018 1:49 PM
268	An initiative for everyone to get involved in the growth of Sumter County	8/7/2018 12:53 PM
269	City council need to run the city of Sumter and the city manage needs to manage. Thompson and a few others do not own Sumter	8/7/2018 7:04 AM
270	Increase the appeal for businesses to land here - to broaden retail options as well as family entertainment	8/6/2018 8:55 PM
271	A constant green light for traffic headed downtown on Broad St. at the 76/378 bypass. A traffic light for traffic turning left onto the bypass. Another traffic light for traffic headed west on 76/378 (Broad St.), with another light for traffic exiting the bypass onto Broad Street heading west. In my 63 years of traveling through this intersection I have observed may near accidents - some could have been extremely serious. The only change I've noted at this intersection is the increased traffic over the years.	8/6/2018 11:42 AM
272	Education Pre-k - 12th. Let teachers teach - cut out paperwork. Make teaching classy & a sought after profession - Pay our teachers to be higher than upper middle class!	8/6/2018 11:32 AM
273	Bring vendors from within the state for Iris Festival. Make Sumter financially attractive to businesses.	8/6/2018 10:44 AM
274	More housing not low income or Section 8.	8/6/2018 10:38 AM
275	Help with being able to start small business, especially for minorities	8/6/2018 10:30 AM
276	Bring Jobs, Publix, Encourage more outdoor activities - I love farmers markets	8/6/2018 10:24 AM
277	Mixed Use Development, Bike Stations, Restaurants/Bars, Parking Garages	8/6/2018 10:19 AM
278	Better Mall	8/6/2018 10:14 AM
279	Increase business in Sumter.	8/6/2018 6:10 AM
280	In crease law enforcement and put the proper protections in the schools.	8/6/2018 4:29 AM
281	I would bring more department stores and a different variety of entertainment like comedy nights etc. Just somewhere nice where the young people 25 and older can enjoy.	8/5/2018 10:34 PM
282	Continue the improvements to downtown	8/5/2018 9:18 PM
283	Better education and more places for teens to go and have entertainment in a safe environment	8/5/2018 2:33 AM
284	Bring together multidisciplinary groups to focus on specific neighborhood areas and make change in those areas to reestablish the vibrancy of neighborhoods on all sides of downtown. At the same time, stop tract builders from stretching the city limits out toward the base.	8/4/2018 1:46 PM

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285	Remove tear down vacant/dilapidated businesses, trailers and homes.	8/4/2018 11:44 AM
286	Get rid of the "mall" and do more to attract other retail options. Improve the horrible road conditions and maintain them.	8/3/2018 10:20 PM
287	To demolish the older dilapidated and abandoned homes. I live in the Wilson Park (Cherryvale) area and bought my home there twenty years ago now. Some of the homes on my street and surrounding roads have had homes that no one has lived in since I've been there this twenty years. The property owners should be made to do something with these properties!	8/3/2018 3:25 PM
288	No comment.	8/3/2018 10:09 AM
289	Train law-enforcement to recognize that racial profiling is an issue that needs to be addressed.	8/1/2018 2:56 PM
290	Fix the roads. All of them not just parts. Alice Drive is a disgrace. One end is a modern and very nice highway but the other end is torn up. PAVE THE REST OF IT.	8/1/2018 1:36 PM
291	more things for people to do better the mall	8/1/2018 9:44 AM
292	Bring more business into Sumter area to open more job opportunities for young people.	7/31/2018 8:05 PM
293	Growth! Partner with large business (i.e.,Tanger Outlets, Amazon, etc.) to help the area grow by providing jobs/careers and to attract the consumers from surrounding areas to visit Sumter.	7/31/2018 6:56 PM
294	Lower the taxes!	7/31/2018 5:52 PM
295	more sidewalks to promote activity	7/31/2018 5:50 PM
296	plan and advertise events to encourage new people (especially young professionals) to get out and meet each other. Summer kickball/softball leagues, more young professional events. There needs to be more resources to get young people meeting each other and wanting to stay.	7/31/2018 3:56 PM
297	Education! Would love to USC-S have more Bachelors options to attract more students to study here--then jobs to keep them here	7/31/2018 11:27 AM
298	Beautification	7/30/2018 1:33 PM
299	Same answer as above. Biggest complaint I hear from friends/neighbors is a lack of variety in family entertainment options. Soliciting new businesses in this category would benefit current residents and make the community more attractive to those considering relocating to the area.	7/30/2018 1:15 PM
300	Tear down old mall and build new Tanger or Premium Outlet	7/30/2018 12:11 PM
301	Focus on housing instead of building new government buildings	7/30/2018 10:00 AM
302	Bring in more diversifies retail options to keep patronage in Sumter instead of Columbia, Florence or Charleston. Invest more funds into heritage preservation such as historical societies and archives.	7/29/2018 11:43 AM
303	Allow flames to be used in business	7/28/2018 11:17 PM
304	?	7/28/2018 9:44 PM
305	Jim Clyburn has represented SC a long time. You would think the area where he grew up would look and have the feel of history. Take a look at every street (Walker, School Street, Samson, Edwards, etc). First, pave the roads and give them a sidewalk, please. Give us the hope, that we will move back, but only because the racial divide from 1 side of Liberty Street to the other, who wants to put up with that?!?!	7/28/2018 1:03 PM
306	Bring more department stores in so that people will not have to go out of town to shop. We get poor service from some of them because they are the only store of that type in Sumter .	7/28/2018 12:30 PM
307	Show more interest in grandparents raising grandchildren.Grandparents don't have a great support system in Sumter. Please don't include DSS.	7/28/2018 12:53 AM
308	Better shopping & restaurant choices.	7/27/2018 11:57 AM
309	City Council,County Council,Chamber of Commerce,and the citizens working together for the good of the people.	7/27/2018 11:19 AM
310	Need to get Christ back in our schools.	7/26/2018 5:35 PM
311	Build a nice big water park or small amusement park, which if governed appropriately will generate jobs and help boost the economy.	7/26/2018 5:08 PM

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312	to get rid of the houses that look so bad and look like they are about to fall down. Require folk to cut their grass for pay a fine. Some yards look like snake beds.	7/26/2018 5:03 PM
313	Make the mall a two story mall and bring in more revenue with stores that people love to shop at. Bring more entertainment here, whether it is a water park or go carts, laser tag or either paint ball . . . just something fun for kids to do to make them excited for the summer.	7/26/2018 11:55 AM
314	My idea of making Sumter better is to balance the level of living and security in rural areas. They are many people are forcibly limited.	7/26/2018 10:43 AM
315	TEAR DOWN OLD VACANT HOUSES.GET RID OF CARS OUT OF YARDS.MAKE PEOPLE TAKE CARE OF THEIR PROPERTY.	7/26/2018 10:14 AM
316	olive Garden	7/26/2018 8:23 AM
317	make people on Welfare work, drug tested and teenage mothers also do some type of work in community	7/26/2018 2:09 AM
318	Better communication regarding community activities an oppoertunities.	7/25/2018 11:38 PM
319	Build a water park	7/25/2018 10:18 PM
320	Build future commercial development in areas other than Broad and Guignard Streets; decrease the gridlock.	7/25/2018 5:16 PM
321	I would increase the retail, restaurant, and entertainment options in Sumter.	7/25/2018 4:57 PM
322	Allow big chain stores to come in and do away with Blue Laws.	7/25/2018 4:48 PM
323	A nice park close to the growing downtown area that included a long beautiful bike trail.	7/25/2018 4:33 PM
324	Road conditions need to be improved with the population ever growing.	7/25/2018 4:02 PM
325	More adult entertainment and upgrade the Sumter mall with additional stores including high end stores.	7/25/2018 1:58 PM
326	Add more jobs for the unemployed.	7/25/2018 11:52 AM
327	Improve schools	7/25/2018 11:49 AM
328	A program or emphasis which would encourage citizens of Sumter of almost all ages to take pride in being a citizen and taking care of our city's properties and fellow citizens.	7/25/2018 11:48 AM
329	Improve education and home life.	7/25/2018 10:26 AM
330	A new mall with better shops and for goodness please get more resturants	7/24/2018 6:33 PM
331	Fix Alice Drive	7/24/2018 11:30 AM
332	Just one Slightly upscaled Shopping Center. A 55 + Housing/walking community (maybe to the upscale shopping center!). Please no more Walmart.	7/24/2018 9:43 AM
333	More pole lights in the county area	7/24/2018 8:57 AM
334	Attract new business to the Sumter area.	7/24/2018 5:23 AM
335	Restructuring low income areas and tearing down abandoned and condemned houses and business and putting these large areas up for auction to people that want to expand Sumter for the better	7/23/2018 10:22 PM
336	Getting a Target	7/23/2018 9:08 PM
337	Spend tax money wisely...Pay teachers more...Help small businesses.	7/23/2018 4:18 PM
338	Get better stores like Target, more stores in the mall, a small waterpark. Things that teenagers can do so they can stay out of trouble.	7/23/2018 4:01 PM
339	GET THE DRUGS OFF THE STREET AND LOWER THE CRIME RATE ESTABLISH MORE JOBS	7/23/2018 3:36 PM
340	Better use of convention center	7/23/2018 3:00 PM
341	Quit wasting money on things of little or no significance to the people of Sumter. Find Tangible improvements that would provide activities for our young people and quit depending on the YMCA to fill a gap that leaders fail to provide. Determine where county improvement efforts are failing and FIX IT!	7/23/2018 1:07 PM

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342	Have more places and things for young children and middle age children to do	7/23/2018 12:38 PM
343	improve infirststructure, ROADS and bridges	7/23/2018 12:04 PM
344	none	7/23/2018 11:58 AM
345	Have a convention center/hotel with an auditorium for concerts that big enough to accommodate at least 500 visitors.	7/23/2018 11:14 AM
346	Something for teens to do. More family fun activities	7/23/2018 10:54 AM
347	Clean out the ghettos.	7/23/2018 9:43 AM
348	Create affordable housing for working people who would like a decent place to stay, not apartments, but houses. Also, create a way to eliminate the credit requirements for housing, it should based on your work history. It's time for people that work hard every day and still have to struggle to pay for mediocre places to live. We all pay taxes, EVERYONE should benefit not just a few.	7/23/2018 9:20 AM
349	Employment opportunity	7/23/2018 9:13 AM
350	Encourage the residents to be a "part of the community". Too many people are isolated with everything being computerized. Create a program to get the residents of Sumter to come out and meet people... not just in Downtown, but in different areas.	7/23/2018 9:10 AM
351	Better restaurant options	7/23/2018 8:57 AM
352	Start a clean up project as you have done in the downtown area. Broad street needs to be cleaned up, the business are run down and look bad. This would include ALL of Broad St.	7/23/2018 8:20 AM
353	less regulation on business	7/23/2018 8:11 AM
354	NA	7/23/2018 7:23 AM
355	To have more activities and stores	7/22/2018 9:20 PM
356	A Riverwalk that brings beauty to our city.	7/22/2018 3:34 PM
357	more entertainment spots	7/22/2018 2:15 PM
358	Keep working on downtown with hotel and restaurants if work continues it could be a destination for people from Columbia and Florence I have started to like the modern economic building good things are going on just keep it up	7/22/2018 12:14 AM
359	Improve the south side of Sumter and improve/redo some areas on broad street where there are old ugly buildings and closed businesses. Also, wish there was an easier way for visitors traveling nearby to see and get to downtown Sumter / historic area.	7/21/2018 11:11 PM
360	This may seem trivial but the landscaped "Uncommon Patriotism" markers like that on Hwy 15/521 intersection scream out for an oversize American flag....invest in demonstrating the "Patriotism"	7/21/2018 5:55 PM
361	More economic development to bring more jobs to the area. More social events for all ages.	7/21/2018 5:06 PM
362	none	7/21/2018 4:41 PM
363	Make housing requirements more lenient for low income,elderly, handicapped and people in need with bad credit.	7/20/2018 11:05 PM
364	Focus on crime and disapline in schools Encourage more mom and pop stores	7/20/2018 8:30 PM
365	Demolish the Sumter mall and develop an area similar to village at sand hills or market place commons at the beach. There could be a better use for that property	7/20/2018 7:07 PM
366	All elections bipartisan	7/20/2018 7:05 PM
367	a mall of Restaurants	7/20/2018 6:59 PM
368	Help the schools!	7/20/2018 6:37 PM
369	Widen, beautify Broad street	7/20/2018 2:06 PM
370	It would be difficult but put in jail any drunks for at least 2 days.	7/20/2018 12:46 PM
371	Not at this time	7/19/2018 5:18 PM
372	rebulid	7/19/2018 8:28 AM

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373	Create more children friendly businesses to keep them off the streets and out of trouble, this to push them to go to college, and promote less teen pregnancy and crimes.	7/18/2018 3:52 AM
374	focus on cleaning up the rural areas , trash, debris, drugs, alcohol, dogs, not just downtown and industrial park areas.	7/18/2018 2:47 AM
375	Stop stealing our tax dollars and use it fr the programs it is allocated for, advertise towns halls more openly.	7/17/2018 6:11 PM
376	A venue that is larger than the Sumter Civic Center to bring more Sports (Pro/College), Cultural, and Musical entertainment.	7/17/2018 5:33 PM
377	To big a community center accessible to everyone	7/17/2018 3:47 PM
378	This is being worked on. But, it is critical that we train and educate our students to move directly into the workforce if they are not college bound.	7/16/2018 5:33 PM
379	More things for kids, teens, and young people	7/16/2018 5:10 PM
380	E D U C A T I O N is the key- it is mandatory to break the cycle of depending upon government assistance and govt housing	7/16/2018 9:39 AM
381	Get a new city manager	7/15/2018 8:34 PM
382	Get a new city manager	7/15/2018 8:33 PM
383	stop making so many "new" subdivisions just to develop land and shopping areas instead rehabilitate the ones we have and take pride in our history.	7/15/2018 4:50 PM
384	Clean up the Government - Get rid of the "Good Old Boys".	7/15/2018 5:11 AM
385	Getting more high school I Kids in to technical school training.went they are ready to high school. And prevent them from going to jail or prison.	7/14/2018 11:22 PM
386	Only allow trash containers to be by the road on pick up days. They are an eyesore when people leave them out all of the time.	7/14/2018 6:25 PM
387	Plan more community family events to get our community together and engaged with one another.	7/14/2018 4:32 PM
388	Multiple forms of entertainment should be available. There is only one bowling alley and there should be at least two. There is only one public pool, and while we do have splash pads, there is not enough pool space in the summer. The resource centers and YMCA need to provide more types and more affordable activities for the children year round.	7/13/2018 7:57 PM
389	cut property taxes	7/13/2018 11:17 AM
390	Less crime, more variety in Stores and restaurants.	7/13/2018 11:13 AM
391	Revamping of the educational system to be geared toward "EDUCATING" our youth using veterans and retired professionals, also raising salaries to attract better qualified instructors.	7/12/2018 3:13 PM
392	nothing	7/11/2018 5:17 PM
393	Knowledgeable in Government grants to help the community.	7/11/2018 4:01 PM
394	Fix roads.	7/11/2018 3:40 PM
395	Develop future entrepreneurs & educate responsible parents	7/11/2018 12:25 PM
396	Incentivize a litter-free community, all across the county.	7/11/2018 11:41 AM
397	A large apartment complex in the heart of downtown to further our growth and expansion.	7/11/2018 11:17 AM
398	Build possibly a water park or some other sort of fun park with sometimes entertainment for all the people!	7/11/2018 12:34 AM
399	The removal of eyesore and abandoned buildings that are not in the historic district. Governmental enforcement actions to improve the appearance. If the owners will not take action then find an enforcement that will allow government control of the lot and demolition to vacant with auction authority to the lot.	7/10/2018 6:41 PM
400	Make incentives to businesses to renovate and use existing buildings and properties to help alleviate the unappealing abandoned and/or vacant areas in once popular business and shopping districts. This would also help with the annoying sprawl and traffic congestion on Broad Street.	7/10/2018 5:24 PM

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401	We need more planned neighborhoods with neighborhood pools and neighborhood schools and businesses etc.	7/10/2018 4:53 PM
402	Spruce up all roads and sidewalks. Look at all the new sidewalks, roadways and traffic circles which are not maintained. Sumter can build anything but maintaining it is another story.	7/10/2018 10:26 AM
403	N/A	7/10/2018 9:54 AM
404	More businesses	7/10/2018 8:27 AM
405	Clean the city	7/10/2018 7:16 AM
406	To have more places to entertain family and the younger children	7/9/2018 9:12 PM
407	Less focus on the old rich neighborhood (Wilson hall area particularly) and care more about others as well	7/9/2018 9:03 PM
408	Encourage church leadership to have ecumenical gatherings of all races several times a year with a representative from each race participating in the planned program.	7/9/2018 8:27 PM
409	Stop letting all the new homes be built that are so awful! Clean up what we have so the nice homes around town that are already built will sell.	7/9/2018 8:08 PM
410	better law enforcement such as traffic laws,speeds limits and traffic lights	7/9/2018 7:24 PM
411	??	7/9/2018 6:43 PM
412	law for cars parked on lawns. make's your neighbor's property look bad. brings down home values.	7/9/2018 6:30 PM
413	Clean up the abandoned areas of structures and debris. Improve the road conditions.	7/9/2018 6:10 PM
414	Help out all who need assistance in the area, especially the disable and elderly.	7/9/2018 6:07 PM
415	More emphasis on the 441 corridor (hint, Willie Sues)	7/9/2018 5:50 PM
416	Sumter is a small quiet place. I would like to see more done to the rural areas of Sumter County. More parks, sidewalks and community garden. Lets work to get rid of the FOOD Deserts that plague the surrounding rural areas. Dollar General and Family Dollars are not grocery stores. They are great for household items. These stores, the lack of green spaces, and built environments are the reasons for higher rates of diabetes, hypertension and other chronic illnesses that plague our city. Please take a look we have dialysis clinics around the city and the 2 main causes of kidney disease is hypertension and diabetes. We also need more money for health fairs. Please use the new hotels in the area to bring more health and wellness conferences. Please target the churches about health.	7/9/2018 5:23 PM
417	Better paying job, more for kids (teenagers) Activities, better shopping mall.	7/9/2018 5:05 PM
418	Add more businesses, chain and local. Chains bring brand recognition and locals bring small town feel. Both bring raised economy, increased tourist spending, increased rate of tourism, more jobs which lowers poverty rate, etc.	7/9/2018 5:03 PM
419	Straighten out the school district. Financial mismanagement, cronyism, district directives and mandates, and a top heavy structure stifles educational success. Get rid of all the dead wood in the district office and divert the money to the students and teachers. Give the power back to the people that are not isolated from the educational process!	7/9/2018 2:04 PM
420	Reduce slums.	7/9/2018 11:11 AM
421	I think a large state of the art indoor concert/event venue would be awesome, possibly on 378 between Hwy 521 and Hwy 15 where there is space and plenty of parking available, mass transportation to venue easily accessible, well landscaped and manicured to attract larger shows of all kinds to the area. A nice, classy hotel/restaurant adjacent or even attached (like the Philip's Arena in Atlanta) would make it perfect for concert-goers to see and stay.	7/9/2018 10:47 AM
422	Big water park or something of that nature	7/9/2018 10:31 AM
423	Entice larger employers to relocate to Sumter, where work ethic is strong and living expenses are low. Perhaps offer tax breaks to entice businesses to open here. It will allow the community to spend money locally versus traveling to Columbia, Florence, Charleston, and Charlotte on the weekends for entertainment and restaurant choices. Downtown Sumter should be themed for nightlife - dinner, theater, live bands, jazz, etc.	7/9/2018 10:03 AM
424	Get rid of roadside trash Get rid of roadside memorials	7/9/2018 12:28 AM

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425	Remove all Section 8 housing from Sumter County and having a zero tolerance on crime.	7/8/2018 1:48 PM
426	Have more eating places. Get rid of the good ole boy system. New businesses are doomed if you are not liked by the good ole boys in this town.	7/8/2018 8:46 AM
427	we should all come together to help our poorest neighborhoods be something that we all can be proud of.	7/8/2018 8:10 AM
428	Develop community/neighborhood associations throughout Sumter county to encourage a true sense to ownership and buy-in by all residents, whether home owners or renters. Establish quality standards.	7/8/2018 6:47 AM
429	Fix our roads!!!! especially in the county and out side counties such as wedgfield and rembert	7/7/2018 7:08 PM
430	Determine ways to recruit current top Sumter students to return to town to create new business opportunities.	7/7/2018 4:15 PM
431	Sidewalks and nice trails in all the communities	7/7/2018 4:06 PM
432	clean up drugs and gangs and people trying to cause wrecks. need more lanes to be able to drive a lot of places	7/7/2018 2:56 PM
433	Give each home and business owners a specific time to clean all sites. Make the African Americans clean there neighborhoods.	7/7/2018 1:54 PM
434	Fix the streets; pay greater attention to traffic patterns.	7/7/2018 1:29 PM
435	Enforce speed limits (fines would pay county expenditures with some left over to fix school budget mess.)	7/7/2018 1:24 PM
436	fix roads	7/7/2018 1:18 PM
437	Increase penny tax to two cents tax. The additional penny would go directly to education!! We MUST improve Sumter education.	7/7/2018 11:41 AM
438	Recreational facilities	7/7/2018 11:37 AM
439	Add more police Completely re do mall	7/7/2018 11:22 AM
440	Reduce crime. Make the Title Merk City go away. There's a reason Sumter has this nickname. Do away with the reasons.	7/7/2018 11:22 AM
441	affordable housing for homegrown residents	7/7/2018 11:08 AM
442	Get new police chief and sheriff	7/7/2018 10:52 AM
443	Conduct classes on human relationships.	7/7/2018 10:35 AM
444	Eliminate vacant houses & trailer parks	7/7/2018 10:33 AM
445	Make the building permit office more taxpayer friendly	7/7/2018 10:28 AM
446	Under ground facilities, street lighting, eliminate 4way stop signs, street repair, remove unqualified people from police and government.	7/6/2018 11:59 AM
447	Encourage 'town hall' style meetings to promote community engagement	7/5/2018 8:52 PM
448	Bring more stores and restaurants into downtown, and art in the windows of unused buildings so they are at least nicer to look at	7/5/2018 6:32 PM
449	Spend money on infrastructure especially the potholes in roadways and repaving old streets.	7/5/2018 5:47 PM
450	Prefer not to answer	7/5/2018 4:17 PM
451	A big public swimming pool (not free), an ice skating rink in the winter,	7/5/2018 4:05 PM
452	Start building more office buildings that will bring more jobs and stop building so many hotels. I think we have enough hotels now.	7/5/2018 3:55 PM
453	A water park like the recently opened Neptune Island in Hartsville. We have the aquatic center but it's not in a good part of town so I won't take my children there.	7/5/2018 3:32 PM
454	Improve Education options.	7/5/2018 3:31 PM
455	Push for diversity and inclusiveness.	7/5/2018 3:09 PM
456	Improve the vehicular traffic management system and supporting infrastructure.	7/5/2018 2:58 PM

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457	Better customer service	7/5/2018 2:49 PM
458	.	7/5/2018 2:09 PM
459	A target, Publix and some more clothing stores. Texas Roadhouse, Olive Garden etc	7/4/2018 10:16 AM
460	I don't know	7/4/2018 9:06 AM
461	Jobs	7/4/2018 6:24 AM
462	Underground utilities, for downtown and Historic District	7/4/2018 1:13 AM
463	Curfews for teenagers	7/4/2018 12:25 AM
464	Cohesive neighborhoods with sidewalks, green spaces, and parks	7/3/2018 10:23 PM
465	SCHOOL VOUCHERS. PUBLIC SCHOOLS LACK SAFE CULTURE	7/3/2018 7:27 PM
466	Upscale steakhouse such as Ruth's Chris	7/3/2018 4:53 PM
467	do know .	7/3/2018 3:39 PM
468	More trees. Less concrete and asphalt.	7/3/2018 2:34 PM
469	Resurface road. Main roads not the side streets.	7/3/2018 12:54 PM
470	To value and appreciate those who teach and care for our children on a daily basis and make parents accountable for their children's actions and how they treat those who serve the children!	7/3/2018 12:51 PM
471	Create a bypass on Broad St to avoid "franchise row" and get into downtown.	7/3/2018 12:18 PM
472	continue to develop using the penny tax	7/3/2018 11:20 AM
473	See if you can attract more artistic persons to downtown area to live and develop shops in abandoned buildings. The downtown area has SO MUCH potential but you need creative people down there to build and develop interesting places to see and products to look at. Art, fine crafts, skills not found other places. Forget standard retail sales, you need unique and unusual. Do you have a community theater or drama club? You should. It should be for all age groups. What about local concerts in the the park or on the steps of the courthouse in the spring and fall. Is there a community band?	7/3/2018 11:18 AM
474	Churches coming together to solve community issues	7/3/2018 11:16 AM
475	To completely alter the welfare system. We are small enough to make a change and a difference. We have buildings where we could house people who need it for a time while they are getting a job. Provide food: NOT stamps, money or other handouts. This is not a trip to the grocery store. Education to be a better and contributing citizen. If we do not CHANGE this generation the next one will not be any better.	7/3/2018 11:09 AM
476	A pharmacy near 441/378. That would make the lives of so many rural residents so much easier. Consider how many people live in Dalzell/Wedgefield/Statesburg! A lot of these residents may not have reliable transportation, and a pharmacy near them could make all the difference in their lives. It would make a positive impact on my life, for sure.	7/3/2018 11:05 AM
477	Crime and racial tension need to be addressed	7/3/2018 10:48 AM
478	Incorporate more family friendly venues	7/3/2018 8:20 AM
479	Needs places like Home Depot and Target	7/3/2018 6:47 AM
480	Embrace Shaw AFB more. Sumter can't survive without Shaw!	7/2/2018 11:24 PM
481	have more community activities	7/2/2018 10:44 PM
482	Restrict 18 wheeler trucks from using Broad Street. They are too big and dangerous for all that traffic. They add to the chaos during lunch time for customers to get into and especially out of restaurant parking lots.	7/2/2018 7:46 PM
483	rotation of law enforcement more drug busts	7/2/2018 6:19 PM
484	Pass a rule to enforce no cell phone use while and put a penalty of at least \$1000.	7/2/2018 5:32 PM
485	Restaurants in more places other than broad street.	7/2/2018 5:26 PM
486	Get better choices for shopping.	7/2/2018 4:30 PM

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487	Better roads conditions. Need paving and lines define so you can see them at night especially when rainy. Ditches need cleaning out to keep of highways from water. More choices of restaurants. Something to do for all ages.	7/2/2018 4:04 PM
488	Invest in educ workforce to attract industry and get away from trying to save SAFB from BRAC	7/2/2018 3:51 PM
489	Move Riley Park baseball field into the downtown area, and develop a minor league program that would encourage downtown development.	7/2/2018 3:41 PM
490	Encourage pride in a clean city.	7/2/2018 3:34 PM
491	Support education at all levels!	7/2/2018 3:31 PM
492	Continue downtown development	7/2/2018 3:23 PM
493	Shopping	7/2/2018 12:19 PM
494	Get more restaurants that want to come to Sumter and find things for people to do (Water park, more at the Civic Center - 21 and over, more to do in our parks for families and singles (meet and run).	7/2/2018 11:05 AM
495	Bigger better mall with more popular stores	7/2/2018 9:29 AM
496	Make all buildings and sidewalks accessible!	7/1/2018 8:20 PM
497	Make it equal in the service it gives to all taxpayers.	7/1/2018 6:50 PM
498	To put a small zoo in downtown Sumter!	6/30/2018 6:44 PM
499	encourage residents to be more active, and to spend time outdoors	6/30/2018 5:08 PM
500	Promote free community events more often. 4th Fridays and downtown events, really make people love the town. Even events with the Optimist Club like Reading Day or community days. I'd say really promote what's happening and let businesses/organizations know that they can get their events on the city calendar. Maybe develop an app that pushes notifications so we remember when things are happening, or do things for kids like "Free Haircut Day" before school starts. Pay the barbers and let kids get free cuts, or Also, there are no safe or nice basketball courts. In New Jersey, I could play basketball on a nice court at an elementary school or at the park. I have no idea where courts are out here besides the YMCA and Crosswell. We've developed Tennis Courts and Patriot Park and Baseball fields. I understand they are money generators, but kids in the hood who don't play baseball or tennis, need fun outlets too. When are the Hope Centers open for Open gym to play basketball, and can other basketball courts be revitalized with new hoops and floorings to make the teenagers and people in poor communities feel like their city cares for them. Also, do you have a schedule for repairing roads. if people knew their roads would eventually be worked on, they'd feel good. I' shocked when I see the difference between roads in low-income locations and roads in Alice Drive School District or Wise Drive. Sumter has a few disparities.	6/30/2018 6:17 AM
501	Treat people right.	6/29/2018 7:31 PM
502	Require all residents within the city to clear, clean and upkeep their property according to city codes or fine them appropriately	6/29/2018 7:16 PM
503	Stop big development of our open land	6/29/2018 6:48 PM
504	Better shopping. Like a Stein Mart and Target	6/29/2018 5:22 PM
505	unity-all colors nationality	6/29/2018 4:22 PM
506	better entertainment downtown	6/29/2018 4:19 PM
507	community, love another	6/29/2018 4:15 PM
508	roads and sidewalk improvements	6/29/2018 4:11 PM
509	find more community activities for youth to keep them out of the streets. Safe places for basketball + other activities	6/29/2018 3:56 PM
510	Better enforcement of the anti litter laws	6/29/2018 3:18 PM
511	better zoning of commercial/retail - Broad St is a horror	6/29/2018 1:20 PM
512	Crack down on drug use. Fix potholes.	6/29/2018 12:06 PM
513	NEW MALL - BIG BOX STORES - BETTER CHAIN RESTUARANTS! Sumter residents travel to Columbia, Florence and Charlotte for shopping and dining.	6/29/2018 10:42 AM

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514	Better roads (repaving)	6/29/2018 9:02 AM
515	Get rid of the trashy streets and yards	6/28/2018 9:23 PM
516	Underground wires EVERYWHERE.	6/28/2018 9:12 PM
517	More stores. I.e Kohl's, target, etc..	6/28/2018 1:10 PM
518	Bring in NEW Leadership.	6/28/2018 12:21 PM
519	More sidewalks everywhere, e.g., N.Guingard Blv	6/28/2018 11:41 AM
520	Stop catering to old money and the powers that seemingly refuses to embrace the diversity that makes us unique. Create better community in earnest.	6/28/2018 10:11 AM
521	Invest in the schools and make the city of Sumter beautiful.	6/28/2018 9:19 AM
522	Fix the roads first and build a water park.	6/28/2018 6:43 AM
523	Target and olive garden	6/28/2018 5:39 AM
524	Above my skill set	6/28/2018 4:20 AM
525	To have a bus system all over the subdivisions because a lot a people come to retire over here and many cannot drive anymore at a certain age and without a car they can not go anywhere.	6/28/2018 1:25 AM
526	Better stores	6/28/2018 12:00 AM
527	Magnet/charter schools. You asked all of the questions above and only one was about schools?? You already know the problem.	6/27/2018 9:40 PM
528	Make the Sumter public schools have Magnet Schools or Charter Schools. Also give military kids open enrollment priority.	6/27/2018 9:38 PM
529	Create more job opportunities	6/27/2018 9:07 PM
530	Indoor play areas for children	6/27/2018 8:39 PM
531	Out reach to ordinary citizens to become involved in the planning for the future. Draft churches and PTA groups to submit names who would participate.	6/27/2018 8:14 PM
532	Continue developing downtown, invest in public infrastructure (particularly *permenent* fixes to roads).	6/27/2018 7:16 PM
533	Fund schools	6/27/2018 6:47 PM
534	Bring in more family related entertainment venue.....jumping park, a REAL movie theater with quality screens (or a drive in theater), indoor swimming pool (one besides the YMCA), park upgrades, playground structure, more food venues....craft store....Hobby Lobby	6/27/2018 6:42 PM
535	PUBLIX!!!!	6/27/2018 6:30 PM
536	Yard/home ordinance.	6/27/2018 6:26 PM
537	Improving the roads Better parks.... bigger parks that attract young families into the area Better planning of commercial areas A Bring in more business like target, home depot, kohls, ect. Bury electric and telephone lines Improve the hospital the er wait times are beyond ridiculous Street lights on roadways and in residential areas	6/27/2018 5:52 PM
538	Neighborhood crime watches.	6/27/2018 5:02 PM
539	Jazz club and restaurant down town	6/27/2018 4:52 PM
540	Have more community activities.	6/27/2018 4:28 PM
541	Fix the roads, especially 521 and 441	6/27/2018 4:08 PM
542	Fix the roads and clean the trash all over the streets.	6/27/2018 4:06 PM
543	Stop building subdivisions and work on the vacant houses around Sumter.	6/27/2018 3:46 PM
544	After school/summer programs for children, teens, and parents that helps them get involved in the community while still teaching things such as taxes, agriculture, technology, etc, to help everyone, especially those that are less fortunate, to prepare for the fast approaching future so they will be on track with the times, instead of left behind.	6/27/2018 3:32 PM
545	Water Park like Hartsville, SC We need more things for our children and young adults to do.	6/27/2018 3:19 PM

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546	Put a traffic camera on McCrays Mill road to catch speeders and those that throw garbage out of their windows! Sumter could collect enough fines to fix our roads then!	6/27/2018 3:03 PM
547	create downtown mixed-use housing with both low and regular income access.	6/27/2018 2:54 PM
548	New business	6/27/2018 2:47 PM
549	More sidewalks , especially on Patriot Parkway all the way to Shaw Airforce base . Finish the bike paths & build more of them.	6/27/2018 2:33 PM
550	Build a target!!	6/27/2018 2:24 PM
551	School. People are home schooling because they dont want their kids to go to scool in Sumter. Thats sad.	6/27/2018 2:18 PM
552	More classy gathering places and events for single professionals in their 30's and 40's.	6/27/2018 2:15 PM
553	Put cameras on the traffic lights to catch red light jumpers. The money from the fines could go back into the infrastructure. Towards schools and better shopping	6/27/2018 2:09 PM
554	Better shopping choices	6/27/2018 1:41 PM
555	Like it or not a very large percentage of our city's population are seniors. There really isn't any support for this group. Take the down town area. All the parking is either on the crowded street or you have to walk several blocks to get to where all the new growth is. It would be wonderful if you had a pick up point say at the civic center and have a shuttle bus that drops you off on Main Street. I think it would be great to have it during the week, say a Wed, or whatever day has the least traffic for the business.This would be a win win for everyone. Run the shuttle say on an hourly schedule say 3 pm - 7 pm.	6/27/2018 1:18 PM
556	Programs for reduced rate of pet neuter/spay, better relationships with crime-ridden neighborhoods.	6/27/2018 1:18 PM
557	Establish Retail Development group	6/27/2018 1:11 PM
558	Have an indoor playground for kids when it's too hot to be outside.	6/27/2018 1:07 PM
559	Not sure	6/27/2018 12:49 PM
560	Improve public transportation.	6/27/2018 12:31 PM
561	find a way to raise per capita income	6/27/2018 12:24 PM
562	Continue to add to down town Sumter with businesses and night life. Stick with the old school/historic Southern feel though. Bring more shopping and eating options.	6/27/2018 11:49 AM
563	More shopping	6/27/2018 11:42 AM
564	More better paying jobs	6/27/2018 11:32 AM
565	N/a	6/27/2018 11:00 AM
566	Tear down all of the remnants of earlier houses and clean up all of the junk and litter all over the county. Set higher fines for littering to discourage that problem and teach pride for our community perhaps in school or such starting with children and adults!	6/27/2018 10:42 AM
567	Businesses near Shaw. Short term rental (1-3 month) options to support incoming and outgoing military community (NOT nightly hotel stays!). MORE affordable private school options.	6/27/2018 10:38 AM
568	bring more job opportunities	6/27/2018 10:30 AM
569	A community fitness center with an indoor track for walking more investment in public health and mental health	6/27/2018 10:22 AM
570	No more 4-way stops, and roads without crumbling and potholes.	6/27/2018 10:19 AM
571	Why not think about a place like Frankies fun park and a water park. There is nothing here for families.	6/26/2018 4:50 PM
572	Allow more funding for the homeless and children.	6/26/2018 4:47 PM
573	A real effort to educate and prepare our children for the future. Ensure that there is truly "No child left behind"	6/26/2018 10:50 AM

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574	If you bring in shopping retailers, restaurants, and maybe non-hole in the wall bars, you would probably keep people here to stay. If you brought these in, then you would also create more jobs as well.	6/26/2018 10:44 AM
575	To concentrate more so on the needs of the future (the youth) instead of being satisfied with the status quo. Growth is somethings that Sumter really needs or it will fall by the wayside. By attracting more high paying jobs, and retail and dining choices, Sumter will be able to better attract more young people, which believe it or not, could potentially make or break Sumter in the near future.	6/26/2018 9:28 AM
576	Update signs, keep updating the area	6/26/2018 9:01 AM
577	Tear down or repurpose old buildings. Improve schools.	6/26/2018 8:19 AM
578	Keep building codes enforced	6/26/2018 7:54 AM
579	Support private schools and bring down the costs.	6/26/2018 5:25 AM
580	Create a litter department, we need to partner with all organizations, state, federal and locals to plan out cleanups. This department could organized specific days of the month as cleanup days, so everyone could focus on clean up in one area at a time. City should have few times per year where they trash truck will pick up anything left by residents.	6/25/2018 10:43 PM
581	Revitalize downtown	6/25/2018 7:46 PM
582	FIX OUR ROADS.	6/25/2018 5:34 PM
583	downtown needs shops that attract everyone, boutiques, good restaurants, a movie theater, etc.	6/25/2018 5:20 PM
584	Something to draw people in from outside of Sumter, such as a water park, higher end shopping center or a large museum like EdVenture.	6/25/2018 4:17 PM
585	Get your school system together.	6/25/2018 9:36 AM
586	Help seniors to maintain their homes.	6/25/2018 9:30 AM
587	Provide more places for family and social entertainment. Ex: water park, Frankie's Fun Park, upscale bars/nightclubs	6/25/2018 3:24 AM
588	Establish more counseling services (christian and secular),	6/24/2018 9:20 PM
589	improve the area near the base	6/24/2018 8:49 PM
590	Community volunteer projects for beautification	6/24/2018 8:41 PM
591	Park where outdoor concert of local bands	6/24/2018 6:48 PM
592	I have no Big idea	6/24/2018 5:18 PM
593	Get rid of everyone in charge at the Police & Sheriff's Dept, because the officers are scared to get in trouble, if they actually do their job! They are held back and waste the tax payers money!	6/24/2018 3:05 PM
594	Provide positive activities for young teens all year round	6/24/2018 1:59 PM
595	I think a huge waterpark like you would see at Myrtle Beach with an indoor arcade and stuff would be fantastic!	6/24/2018 1:21 PM
596	has to be more shopping choices so i WON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL TO FLORENCE OR COLUMBIA.	6/24/2018 1:15 PM
597	Bring more big business (higher paying). There is nothing for people retiring from the military....	6/24/2018 9:07 AM
598	add competitive businesses...ex: a Home Depot - Lowe's Target - Walmart also, take advantage of exits off of I-95...hardly no exposure on I95,	6/24/2018 8:20 AM
599	Fix Broad Street congestion. Revise traffic pattern somehow	6/23/2018 8:24 PM
600	God Told US/WE To Keeps It For "NOW"!!!	6/23/2018 8:03 PM
601	Stop subsidizing laziness and illegitimate children.	6/23/2018 7:33 PM
602	Attract more businesses so we wouldn't have to go to Columbia and Florence to shop. I would also attract more doctors. We have a limited selection.	6/23/2018 4:27 PM
603	Stop useless spending to rejuvenate downtown Sumter and use it in other areas.	6/23/2018 9:02 AM
604	More sidewalks	6/23/2018 9:00 AM

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605	Keep our city clean and the streets safe for families to enjoy and bring in businesses that have entertainment for kids and teens.	6/23/2018 4:18 AM
606	Bring in another big chain store like Target	6/22/2018 11:12 PM
607	Schools absolutely have to be improved. This needs to happen for all kids. But if you want to grow the economy there at least have to be options for the children of college educated parents... otherwise their parents are not going to move here. Not having a Target or Panera is bad, but not being able to use public schools is a deal breaker in recruitment. My family will have spent close to \$200,000 on private school tuition for two children. If I had to do over we never would have moved here to establish my husband's career.	6/22/2018 5:40 PM
608	Expand the footprint and walk-ability of downtown area (Liberty St. at Main, up to and around Swan Lake and Main St. north of Calhoun. Make these areas inviting, attractive, and safe. Playing up what we already have (Swan Lake, beautiful historic homes, etc.) and removing vacant or blighted buildings and re-purposing or redeveloping empty lots is a MUST!	6/22/2018 9:05 AM
609	Attract a better grocery store!!	6/22/2018 8:56 AM
610	Most of the city looks like a ghetto, start tearing down and revitalizing.	6/22/2018 1:39 AM
611	Get golf carts off side walks	6/21/2018 10:34 PM
612	More things for young singles and for couples to do in the evenings.	6/21/2018 9:27 PM
613	More green spaces, community supported gardens and development	6/21/2018 7:00 PM
614	Find way to better inform the public	6/21/2018 5:42 PM
615	A water park	6/21/2018 5:21 PM
616	Allow retail entry to county... it's a shame to drive 50 miles for every purchase you can't get from Walmart. And I'm not a Walmart fan.	6/21/2018 5:17 PM
617	Start with county benefits. Check out IOWA IPERS and start paying your city workers better and secure their future. Get better help for the poor. I have not heard of any kind of un-employment office or a place for homeless people. Get better programs for substance abuse and getting some of these folks help. Perhaps Sumter has all this, who knows. City officials should be out in their city more and shaking hands. I saw our men/women out and talking to random people at least twice a month. Show us new people who you are. Anyway, I might be exaggerating on all that needs to be done. I do know that it's really boring here...that I know for sure!	6/21/2018 5:03 PM
618	Fix the mall.	6/21/2018 4:34 PM
619	We need affordable places to shop and entertain downtown Sumter. How about a nice \$1 movie theater that once things run at the Beacon, they could run there. Once you have something like that to bring people downtown, then more businesses and restaurants will come. Keep up the good work! Keep striving to improve downtown and Sumter as a whole. It has changed a lot since I was child, for the better, but let's not stop improving!	6/21/2018 4:06 PM
620	Continue to support the growth of Downtown	6/21/2018 3:43 PM
621	4 year college	6/21/2018 2:36 PM
622	Better roads and developments for additional development, i.e. shops, restaurants, stores	6/21/2018 10:27 AM
623	I only have lots of little ideas.	6/21/2018 9:51 AM
624	Create a network of trails and greenways that leverage the waterways of the community (Second Mill, Shot Pouch, Green Swamp, Pocatigo Swamp) to create connectivity.	6/21/2018 9:45 AM
625	More activities for our youth and more commercial business, Target, Publix etc	6/21/2018 5:15 AM
626	Stronger community initiatives to help folks have perspectives about issues that stretch across households and incomes, such as opioid addiction, crime, and economic anxieties. Sumter is an extremely divided city on many fronts, and this tends to lead to a miscommunication as to what occurs in Sumter and what should occur in Sumter. If there were a forum where folks could share perspectives from those divided groups of people, I think that we would have a more productive conversation about city improvements and strategies to implement those improvements without also further disenfranchising those who lack access to resources in Sumter.	6/20/2018 11:05 PM
627	Focus on developing a second major business/shopping area away from Broad St.	6/20/2018 11:00 PM

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628	I would like to see more mentorship from local business representatives within the school district. Our educators need community support and our students need adult mentors. There needs to be a more direct involvement to replace the concept of students shadowing their parents at work once per year. The local business representatives could be "shadowing" the students!	6/20/2018 10:12 PM
629	Community involvement	6/20/2018 9:55 PM
630	Have a recreational space to attract kids and families that would contain movies, arcade, laser tag, rock/wall climbing, water park, dining, and other fun activities.	6/20/2018 9:52 PM
631	Fix the roads!!! especially in the mall parking lot. Get quality stores in the Mall.	6/20/2018 9:45 PM
632	Focus more on repairing the roads and improving schools	6/20/2018 9:08 PM
633	It will take more than one big idea. Better pay for teachers, teachings respect for elders throughout schooling. Ring road around Sumter that connects 378 from the west of mthenbase through to 15 and 521 with out going through town and neighborhoods.	6/20/2018 9:03 PM
634	Make it hurt when people break the law	6/20/2018 9:01 PM
635	An outdoor multi-use development that contains shops, restaurants, housing for young people & entertainment. Look at Easton Town Center in Columbus, Ohio or Levis Commons in Perrysburg, Ohio...closer than that, Greenville is a model city where planning revolves around SAFE, outdoor areas where people want to shop, eat, and play. -I'd also love safe, public transportation to Columbia. -You'll notice I stress safety, which is a major concern in Sumter at this time.	6/20/2018 8:25 PM
636	Stop the trash and disrespect for cleanliness.	6/20/2018 8:07 PM
637	Not sure	6/20/2018 7:57 PM
638	get drugs/crime out fix highways and secondary roads	6/20/2018 6:36 PM
639	Target	6/20/2018 5:41 PM
640	Have concerts at exhibition center	6/20/2018 5:35 PM
641	Shopping/entertainment/activities that draw residents to spend their money locally as opposed to driving to Columbia or Florence. It would create more jobs and boost the local economy.	6/20/2018 5:11 PM
642	More jobs, less crime, police presence on streets, MORE MONEY IN THE SCHOOLS- the schools here need so much attention	6/20/2018 5:11 PM
643	Waterpark....if I had the money I would open one.	6/20/2018 4:41 PM
644	Start a serious litter campaign (with tickets) and drug enforcement	6/20/2018 4:25 PM
645	Requiring DSS fund recipients to participate in something like a parenting class or skill building class to prevent chronic reliance on aid. Helping people feel a sense of empowerment	6/20/2018 4:23 PM
646	FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVIES! Yes, there are parks, bowling and skating. Many people can not afford bowling and skating weekly. Give us something to do so we don't have to travel elsewhere. My family travels every week, sometimes multiple times a week to other cities because bowling and skating does not interest our children	6/20/2018 4:23 PM
647	a bigger, better shopping mall. to many empty building.	6/20/2018 4:16 PM
648	Start picking up the trash. We will never stop the litter, but we can invest in cleaning it up.	6/20/2018 4:06 PM
649	Roads and storm drains in town need to be repaved or replaced	6/20/2018 4:06 PM
650	More entertainment for young people, maybe a waterpark, or amusement park, properly staffed with security so fun could be had by all.	6/20/2018 4:00 PM
651	Add shops to bring jobs and where i didnt have to go out of town to shop. Rent is so high for building owners stores cant come to the mall.. taxes are also high on property. I go out of town for all my shopping needs because we dont have the big name brand stores so i spend my money in another town which help that town out.	6/20/2018 3:54 PM
652	All in #13 and Update the Sumter Mall and get more restaurants /stores.... The amount of people that shop Florence and Columbia, Myrtle Beach, Charleston due to the poor selection.	6/20/2018 3:09 PM
653	Big chain stores to produce more jobs.	6/20/2018 3:01 PM
654	More and better businesses, restaurants and entertainment	6/20/2018 2:49 PM

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655	Provide more places for the youth to do positive things instead of hanging in the streets	6/20/2018 2:32 PM
656	Nice, wide walking and bike trail from Shaw to Patriot Park to Palmetto Park to Dillon Park and then down Shot Pouch Creek to Swan Lake and then down Green Swamp Creek to US15. Would connect West and East and North and South Sumters.	6/20/2018 2:29 PM
657	Target and Publix. We got a McAllister's, but our shopping as far as clothes and other items-many people still travel to Florence and Columbia because "Sumter doesn't have what I'm looking for". When I walk into the Belk in Sumter, it does not appeal to a customer under 40.	6/20/2018 2:27 PM
658	See above	6/20/2018 2:25 PM
659	Community programs with Police Officers and Department. Similar to that in Richland county.	6/20/2018 1:35 PM
660	more events/festivals that are open to the public and don't charge a more than \$5/person	6/20/2018 1:03 PM
661	Expand the city sewer lines before creating new housing developments or industrial areas. Create a new or improve an existing water/waste treatment facility.	6/20/2018 11:22 AM
662	.	6/20/2018 10:51 AM
663	I would definitely do something with Sumter Mall. Bring in more stores. Sumter is growing and there have been a lot of good changes happening.	6/20/2018 10:43 AM
664	Add Target	6/20/2018 10:14 AM
665	Better schools	6/20/2018 9:55 AM
666	Bring in different businesses for entertainment	6/20/2018 9:52 AM
667	Stop ignoring the crime problem and fix it.	6/20/2018 9:41 AM
668	More activites and better shopping options, concerts, movies in the park, music in the park	6/20/2018 9:34 AM
669	CLEAN, NICE family friendly things to do, a new larger nicer movie theater, more nice restaurants that are nice sit down but, not \$100 a person	6/20/2018 9:08 AM
670	More good restaurant choices.	6/20/2018 9:07 AM
671	MORE COMMERCE.	6/20/2018 9:06 AM
672	Lower property tax	6/20/2018 8:53 AM
673	Bring in more business into Sumter, especially out by 15s. Home Depot, better supermarket companies	6/20/2018 8:49 AM
674	Enforce the litter laws and clean up the roads from all the trash.	6/20/2018 8:33 AM
675	more bike lanes and connected communities	6/20/2018 8:25 AM
676	More open mindedness about keeping up with better grocery stores, retail establishments so don't have to travel hour away to get this.	6/20/2018 8:20 AM
677	control sprawl and develop greenspaces.	6/20/2018 8:00 AM
678	?	6/20/2018 7:59 AM
679	Bring more entertainment to the city.	6/20/2018 7:58 AM
680	Nice hotel with convention area for local clubs and chapters to host in Sumter	6/20/2018 7:55 AM
681	Get rid of the old mill district completely . I mean Williams Furniture , Korn Industries, Sumter Plywood , etc. Make new single family housing neighborhoods .	6/20/2018 7:51 AM
682	Improve the schools!!!!	6/20/2018 7:43 AM
683	stop spending money on government building and fix the roads	6/20/2018 7:42 AM
684	More diversified shopping	6/20/2018 7:32 AM
685	Traffic and road conditions. Improve road conditions.	6/20/2018 7:25 AM
686	enforce laws	6/20/2018 7:08 AM

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687	If I had one BIG IDEA to help make Sumter a better place I would ask city council to review the penny tax, and the money city money is used. After reviewing that they need to see what programs can be created to help people get jobs and for them to get educated on education , and also monies to put on the South Side of Sumter.	6/19/2018 11:42 PM
688	Have more businesses away from Broad Street to reduce the crowding.	6/19/2018 10:15 PM
689	Build more restaurants, and have better paying jobs	6/19/2018 10:11 PM
690	Breakdown barriers between the races so we would truly have a loving community. What we have now is window dressing.	6/19/2018 9:36 PM
691	have more activities for the younger people to do	6/19/2018 9:27 PM
692	Continue to improve green spaces. Improve Palmetto Park with better lighting, nets and covered seating for spectators to keep them from getting hits with balls at ballparks. Use lake at at Patriot Park to make a landscaped storm drainage area like park in St Louis with seating on sides	6/19/2018 9:26 PM
693	N/A	6/19/2018 8:18 PM
694	Invest in county areas for all residents.	6/19/2018 7:28 PM
695	More shopping options. I can drive 30 minutes to Sandhills and get anything I need. Our mall is a joke and I do not shop there except when I absolutely have to go to belks.	6/19/2018 7:28 PM
696	Tackle the drug and crime issue. I've been told there are jobs out there and people can't pass drug testing to obtain these. How can we bring in big industries if we can't supply the work force?	6/19/2018 7:21 PM
697	More focused, better prepared high school graduates to fill local high-skilled job openings	6/19/2018 7:18 PM
698	Listen to the teachers to fix our school system	6/19/2018 7:09 PM
699	Increase the fines for littering and enforce them	6/19/2018 6:32 PM
700	Fix the school district. Too much infighting and drama. Never in all the places I have lived have I ever seen grown adults act so childish. Rev. Canty should spend time reading his bible, he is the most unchristian man I have ever met. Too much emphasis is put on race, teachers are not respected, they spend too much money out of their own pockets taking care of our children, and the district wastes too much money on unnecessary, and too frequent testing. What ever happened to putting children first?????	6/19/2018 6:15 PM
701	Unconsolidate the school district. But it's too late. Major damage has been done!	6/19/2018 6:06 PM
702	Improve the appearance and add more businesses.	6/19/2018 5:46 PM
703	Fine folks that litter	6/19/2018 5:33 PM
704	We need more places like Hiwire, Target, Homegoods, Home Depot.	6/19/2018 5:25 PM
705	enforce building codes consistently, stop cronyism	6/19/2018 5:17 PM
706	Fix the roads, keep the highway clean by trimming the trees. don't wait for a storm to come when a tree falls in the highway and that's when you clear it up. I've seen several trees leaning over in the highway that needs to be cut. Help out the elderly. If a tree need to be cut on your property why does it cost so much? Isn't there something can be done about this? You need to look out for the elderly. Also the community centers in the rural areas need somewhere for the children to swim instead of going downtown for everything. A water park would be great or a water slide or something. I see some of the Hope Centers downtown have something for the children to keep cool in the Summer. Why not the rural areas. It seems like everything is downtown, not looking out for the children in the rural area. The children is our future you need to look out for them. Children ask me all the time why the community centers don't have a water park. Someone from downtown needs to come out and see what is needed in the rural area.	6/19/2018 4:33 PM
707	Expand and promote Swan Lake	6/19/2018 4:30 PM
708	All citizens regardless of race or income should be treated equally under the law by law enforcement and judges alike.	6/19/2018 4:18 PM
709	Attract new businesses. Generate economic growth and development.	6/19/2018 4:18 PM
710	Bring more stores and restaurant and build on 15 south of county	6/19/2018 3:54 PM
711	Better education, cut crime, bring in quality stores, restaurants and entertainment.	6/19/2018 3:53 PM
712	Establish what is most important to the Sumter communities.	6/19/2018 3:51 PM

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713	No more cookie cutter subdivisions!	6/19/2018 3:40 PM
714	Some kind of attraction or amusement park, water park or a Amphitheatre, more restaurants downtown and entertainment.	6/19/2018 3:38 PM
715	An area downtown for after work happy hours for young professionals aged 28-40. A strong network community for those aged professionals that worked to bring entertainment and events here in town for the 28-40 age group.	6/19/2018 3:32 PM
716	Develop the downtown area into a thriving restaurant,retail center.	6/19/2018 3:28 PM
717	Take some pride in our schools and require more of the children / teachers. People should be able to read, write and do math when they graduate from high school! Also, clean it up! It looks so old and worn down! And get some more things for families to do besides movies!	6/19/2018 3:26 PM
718	Improved shopping mall	6/19/2018 3:21 PM
719	More free entertainment options for those that are struggling to make ends meet such as teachers!!!	6/19/2018 3:16 PM
720	Attracting high end stores and restaurants are needed. Also a Home depot, Target, Tanger outlets etc.Stores that you like so you don't have to leave Sumter and spend your money elsewhere.	6/19/2018 3:12 PM
721	Not sure.	6/19/2018 3:06 PM
722	Better resteraunts and newer housing with larger lots	6/19/2018 2:52 PM
723	Attract a high-end gaming/entertainment complex.	6/19/2018 2:33 PM
724	Clean up the trash in our community and combat the drug problem.	6/19/2018 2:29 PM
725	Encourage people to start a program where we go around cleaning up older homes and yards. Where the occupant can't take care of it them themselves, based on age or physical conditions. And of course better paying jobs.	6/19/2018 2:24 PM
726	Fix the pot holes!	6/19/2018 2:22 PM
727	Encourage community growth and co-opertives	6/19/2018 2:20 PM
728	To build like a family fun park somewhere with like an arcade, go carts, laser tag, something for the whole family to do	6/19/2018 2:18 PM
729	Target, sams and better restaurants	6/19/2018 2:12 PM
730	Upgrade remaining sports fields to open us up for more tournament action.	6/19/2018 2:11 PM
731	More Activities Around And Shops Downtown , All Over	6/19/2018 2:02 PM
732	More family oriented community entertainment- (more festival type of activities sponsored by the city)	6/19/2018 1:51 PM
733	not sure	6/19/2018 1:50 PM
734	Attract more shopping and restaurants so people could stay home to be entertained or make important purchases. Tired of driving to Camden or Columbia to eat and Columbia (or Florence) to shop.	6/19/2018 1:08 PM
735	Have sidewalks/pavements in all residential areas near the shopping areas.	6/19/2018 12:42 PM
736	Plow down all vacant houses that are not maintained. They are an eyesore and give criminal types a place to hide. Promote neighborhood watch groups out in rural areas.	6/19/2018 11:09 AM
737	Rid "merkcity" mentality	6/19/2018 10:51 AM
738	Offer programs to help break the poverty cycle. Job training and education programs that actually make people more employable	6/19/2018 10:23 AM
739	An outdoor entertainment venue	6/19/2018 10:20 AM
740	I think we need another athletic facility with a indoor pool. We need an alternative to the YMCA. You could have regular membership fees, but also offer guest one time fees. This was people from out of town could use it. The YMCA is great, but it is small and old. I really want to swim laps somewhere in town, but the YMCA is crowded, dark, and the dressing areas are sub-par.	6/19/2018 10:08 AM
741	Make Government & Business on same page	6/19/2018 10:07 AM

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742	Fix the Roads! Fix the traffic lights so you can turn left in this town. Build a bypass around Sumter for heavy vehicles. Bring in more retail so I don't have to drive to Columbia. Downtown revitalization is nice, but how about revitalizing the rest of Sumter.	6/19/2018 10:05 AM
743	Remember that the south side has residents, too.	6/19/2018 10:00 AM
744	More resources for healthcare, mental health	6/19/2018 9:38 AM
745	Have an Amtrak train station in Sumter.	6/19/2018 9:12 AM
746	Establish infrastructure toward I-95 to enable growth in that direction.	6/19/2018 9:11 AM
747	enforce littering laws more strongly. maybe have inmates do more litter pickup	6/19/2018 9:05 AM
748	More Jobs, Some Upscale Elegant Restaurants, More Shopping Centers, A Shopping Outlet and last but not least more Entertainment, give the residents of Sumter more to do in their hometown other than the once of month 4th Friday event. Have a few street holiday events... Especially on 4th of July and New Years. The citizens of Sumter would enjoy that.	6/19/2018 8:57 AM
749	Jobs offered a better pay	6/19/2018 8:41 AM
750	Make home ownership easier we have to pay to live somewhere anyway so why not offer incentives for people who do pay but don't have the resources to own especially houses that can be refurbished	6/19/2018 8:24 AM
751	Help with younger children understanding the value of education and hard work. Work with family unit to help raise there standards of self worth Sumter has the opportunity to be a microcasum of what can happen when people of all race come together and help each other grow.	6/19/2018 8:23 AM
752	?	6/19/2018 8:21 AM
753	Reduce crime rate.	6/19/2018 8:00 AM
754	Clean it up! Remove abandoned houses. Clean up the litter. FIX THE ROADS!!	6/19/2018 8:00 AM
755	Streamline use of tax money - less buildings and community centers to drain resources	6/19/2018 7:56 AM
756	Focus on improving the online reputation. I almost did not move here because of how Sumter was portrayed in my online research. I was able to stay here temporarily at first and found the reality much better.	6/19/2018 6:52 AM
757	Lower or eliminate business license fees	6/19/2018 6:45 AM
758	More shopping choices all around. Remove the problems that are stopping businesses from coming to this town.	6/19/2018 6:22 AM
759	Continue to rebuild downtown	6/19/2018 6:10 AM
760	Trash receptacles in neighborhoods where people walk	6/19/2018 5:12 AM
761	Improve & expand mental health services and incorporate them into public schools	6/18/2018 9:25 PM
762	Repair and improve roads	6/18/2018 5:49 PM
763	Simply, continuing to support our economic development and bringing more industry/ jobs to Sumter that would allow for other larger chains (the Targets, Whole Foods, etc) to also move to Sumter, thus attracting an even larger workforce. Not only attracting the workforce but providing enough entertainment so that they would stay here, have families and more activities without needing to drive to other larger cities. Support, encourage and develop young people in business. They are our future! Also, the more entertainment/ attractions we offer, the more likely we are to pull more young people to our city to continue to maintain Sumter for hundreds of years to come. ALSO, increasing gas tax to fix the roads!	6/18/2018 4:38 PM
764	I believe that Sumter should focus more on the local schools. Ultimately, the students are products of Sumter's future. The needs of economic development growth should match the opportunities students are receiving in school. Many students will not go to college. Therefore, their skills and work ethic should concentrate on the job market in Sumter. Investing in education will benefit Sumter's future.	6/18/2018 4:29 PM
765	I would recommend putting more funding into our infrastructure to accommodate the future needs	6/18/2018 4:00 PM
766	Justice- shut the drug epidemic down. It causes people like me who work hard to be robbed not 3 months ago. And the system is flawed- the man should not of even been released for 8 years! He served 2 years- that's it and was at again in less than 30 days.	6/18/2018 3:35 PM

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767	Finish paving Alice Dr.	6/18/2018 10:57 AM
768	fix road conditions and relieve traffic congestion	6/18/2018 10:35 AM
769	Stop with all of the \$40-\$50 events every week. A lot of people can't afford to spend that in a small town. If you want to make people feel a part of the communities and historical / downtown life, offer more free, pay as you go events, or lower admission costs to \$5-\$10 with options to purchase food/drink at REASONABLE prices.	6/18/2018 8:40 AM
770	Build more restaurants (even fast food ones) on the side of Sumter by Sumter high	6/18/2018 12:26 AM
771	Provide more entertainment venues.	6/17/2018 11:51 PM
772	I would love to see a 10-15 mile running/bicycling trail that is shaded, mileage marked, with restrooms and water fountains along the trail. I've lived in other communities with this feature and I miss them so much!	6/17/2018 10:52 PM
773	Bring more business and restaurants to town.	6/17/2018 10:42 PM
774	I would a strong republican ran government!!!	6/17/2018 10:28 PM
775	Tear down that mall and replace it with a better one. Maybe a huge park like Carowinds would be a wonderful addition for jobs and attract businesses!	6/17/2018 8:32 PM
776	Road repair	6/17/2018 8:01 PM
777	More support for schools teachers and education	6/17/2018 7:32 PM
778	Fix the red water problem.	6/17/2018 6:48 PM
779	More things for seniors to do.	6/17/2018 6:08 PM
780	Better traffic management.	6/17/2018 6:08 PM
781	low cost housing	6/17/2018 5:38 PM
782	Lots of varied opinions	6/17/2018 5:29 PM
783	water park similar to Orangeburg county Paid entry	6/17/2018 5:21 PM
784	Bring in better business and jobs and hire African Americans for more than plant workers and Laborers. Create opportunities and invest more in public schools. The decision makers send their kids to Wilson Hall! Invest in public schools! Stop being so racist!	6/17/2018 5:15 PM
785	A place like the Plex in Columbia. Indoor sports place for kids to go other than the YMCA.	6/17/2018 3:50 PM
786	Improve the corridors (N. Main Street, Church Street from Broad Street to Riley Park, etc.). Add a swimming pool and playgrounds on the northern and/or western ends of town.	6/17/2018 2:02 PM
787	Technology, embrace it, harness it. CCTC's new engineering program in the old walmart was a fantastic idea. We need more technology programs to enhance our existing and future workforce. Need to embrace it in the government systems, make it easier to work with our government services online. Need to push way past the rest of the state in use of technology. It's not going anywhere and is only going faster. Automation, AI, Machine Language. We need to get technology ingrained early in our education as well as get it out to our existing workforce. For example, Volvo came to our State but says they wouldn't have because they are having a horrible time getting technical staff. I'd love to be a part of helping build Sumter up in Technology through any means necessary.	6/17/2018 1:14 PM
788	improve roads	6/17/2018 1:14 PM
789	Have a convention center or a place to hold big events.	6/17/2018 12:55 PM
790	Incentives to owners of dilapidated houses to demolish in effort to clean up properties in low income communities to give them a sense of pride.	6/17/2018 12:37 PM
791	Fix the roads and add more businesses. Drug test for food stamps and welfare.	6/17/2018 12:32 PM
792	Enhanced and comprehensive neighborhood redevelopment particularly in areas adjacent to downtown. This would range from blight removal, housing rehabilitation support and incentives, support for social initiatives and workforce training, access to healthy foods, and such. This would help in redeveloping the core of the city.	6/17/2018 12:28 PM
793	expand neighborhood watch groups so people could look out for those living around them	6/17/2018 11:53 AM

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794	Increase retail shops to include big box stores.	6/17/2018 11:49 AM
795	Implement and enforce housing codes. It is crazy to see a broken down trailer next to a new home. Nuts.	6/17/2018 11:47 AM
796	Hiring more Police Officers and increase their pay	6/17/2018 9:36 AM
797	To better sumter for the future the best thing to do is hold children In the schools responsible for their attitudes. Teach responsibility. Stop Making things about the color of a person's skin. We are all human. We all bleed red. Teach parents they are required to follow rules. Drop kids off in the assigned areas. Not the middle of the street. Teach about god. Prayer.	6/17/2018 9:31 AM
798	More eating and shopping places	6/17/2018 9:24 AM
799	Publix	6/17/2018 9:23 AM
800	More law enforcement, crack down on gang violence, do something anything more to make it a safe place to live	6/17/2018 9:02 AM
801	Family fun attraction. Water park,arcade,go cart, attended batting cages that are kept up. Like a Frankie's fun park in Columbia. Putt putt. This could be put just outside city limits. New government.	6/17/2018 9:02 AM
802	More things for your children to go and do besides skating	6/17/2018 8:38 AM
803	Do something with all the old, empty houses. Whether they be renovated or town down, there are too many in the city and county	6/17/2018 8:05 AM
804	Put more resources into the history of Sumter. Use that to bring in more tourists which in return would help our economy.	6/17/2018 7:48 AM
805	More connecting sidewalks and bike trails in populated safe areas to walk.	6/17/2018 6:01 AM
806	Give every child the same education	6/17/2018 5:47 AM
807	Attracting more/up yo date businesses	6/17/2018 3:51 AM
808	Major pay increase for public safety personnel.	6/17/2018 2:05 AM
809	Bury the power lines	6/17/2018 1:23 AM
810	More housing options, more shopping and dining options.	6/17/2018 12:57 AM
811	STOP PRESERVING SUMTER'S "HISTORICAL" aspect. Sumter needs to evolve from its shell and become apparent to the new times.	6/17/2018 12:31 AM
812	Focus on small buisness	6/17/2018 12:20 AM
813	Attracting more quality restaurants, shopping, and homes.	6/17/2018 12:03 AM
814	Bring in more entertainment for the teenagers. Mini golf, bring back the go kart track, the dollar theatre was awesome when we were growing up. The mall doesn't have many options.	6/16/2018 11:35 PM
815	Keep the city and rural areas clean	6/16/2018 11:30 PM
816	Encourage job growth. Target. Old Navy. Publix. Dicks Sports, etc... If Columbus MS can have these things so can we!	6/16/2018 11:24 PM
817	Better shopping.	6/16/2018 11:17 PM
818	Fire entire building dept. & planning dept.	6/16/2018 11:11 PM
819	More recreational facilities!	6/16/2018 11:07 PM
820	Redevelopment of old industrial sites. Increased job opportunities brought about by industry recruitment. Most important-Work force development. Trades training and skilled labor.	6/16/2018 10:56 PM
821	New stores at the mall to bring revenue bck,,, so we don't have to go to surrounding towns	6/16/2018 10:44 PM
822	Better roads Pave the roads	6/16/2018 10:42 PM
823	Charter schools	6/16/2018 10:42 PM
824	Better entertainment, more development of entertainment business and less hotels, restaurants	6/16/2018 10:36 PM
825	Better housing and roads	6/16/2018 10:34 PM

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826	REALLY strive to include everyone in the future of Sumter. This is still a very segregated town	6/16/2018 10:22 PM
827	To attract more businesses	6/16/2018 10:15 PM
828	Target!	6/16/2018 10:05 PM
829	Bring more family attractions, restaurants and retail to encourage people to stay local to grow our community	6/16/2018 10:03 PM
830	I don't	6/16/2018 9:57 PM
831	Clean up run down neighborhoods.	6/16/2018 9:43 PM
832	Family activities	6/16/2018 9:39 PM
833	Our public school system is one of the worst and that's a fact(overall) We pay and extraordinary amount in taxes to our school district and those who have children in them are constantly fighting with what education our children are getting. Our city should be focused on our future...our children. A magnet school would do wonders for our community!!! Secondly, Sumter needs another Aquatic center a pool, sports court etc. the location of the current one is far away from most of Sumter.	6/16/2018 9:38 PM
834	More activities for the children during the summer	6/16/2018 9:32 PM
835	More shopping options (Target, Kohl's) post office with easier entrance and exits	6/16/2018 9:27 PM
836	Do something about the trash trucks driving down the highways, with trash flying out the back.	6/16/2018 9:21 PM
837	Shot pouch green space	6/16/2018 8:25 PM
838	Improve and add more necessary businesses closer to base!!! The base makes this town why not take care of its residents like adding a drug store closer instead of making them drive all the way into town. Less motels let's face it this town is not that big yet all those empty rooms that lot could have been used for a more useful and profitable business. Fix the roads!!!!	6/16/2018 8:20 PM
839	Growth	6/16/2018 7:54 PM
840	Bust drug dealers and keep them in jail, and those who commit crimes. Cut down on the drug and crime issue.	6/16/2018 7:48 PM
841	Tax Breaks for Historic District!	6/16/2018 7:30 PM
842	A hangout for young adults and a safe community environment for young adults, more security	6/16/2018 7:27 PM
843	Target	6/16/2018 7:20 PM
844	BETTER ROADS. DO YOUR JOB, GOVERNMENT.	6/16/2018 6:56 PM
845	Provide housing for income families, more shopping area, and places for children to have fun during the summer instead of traveling.	6/16/2018 6:38 PM
846	Water features park space downtown	6/16/2018 6:11 PM
847	Work with state park and forest to expand and develop full OHV trail tourism program and develop multi-use trails to tie both into Wedgefield, Pinewood all the way to Packs Landing and Palmetto trail.	6/16/2018 6:06 PM
848	Improve the schools	6/16/2018 5:58 PM
849	Keep the 378/76 corridor clean and lit so that when people travel through our city and county on the way too and from Myrtle Beach that they would want to stop and spend money	6/16/2018 5:52 PM
850	Growth of businesses along 378 west and 521.	6/16/2018 5:50 PM
851	Make an entertainment area with state of the art movie theater, Dave and Busters type business, mini golf, trampoline park. This will keep people from having to drive to Columbia to visit these establishments.	6/16/2018 5:49 PM
852	Better advertisement of goings on	6/16/2018 5:39 PM
853	Fix the roads	6/16/2018 5:27 PM
854	Make the abandoned buildings more attractive to new business, offer some type of incentive. Bring in new business to sustain life here & keep up with the times	6/16/2018 5:24 PM

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855	Quit throwing up subdivisions on every corner where every house is identical with tiny yards and nowhere for kids to run and no shade anywhere. Let the new neighborhoods be unique with larger lots and actual plants like Sunway Knolls. Also, let's get an Olive Garden and Texas Roadhouse. <input type="checkbox"/>	6/16/2018 5:22 PM
856	ldk	6/16/2018 4:51 PM
857	More emphasis on math in school and higher quality education to encourage big business to come to sumter	6/16/2018 4:45 PM
858	ldk	6/16/2018 4:43 PM
859	Improving School curriculums. Especially High School.	6/16/2018 4:30 PM
860	More employment oppurtunities and less hoops to jump through for the small business	6/16/2018 4:26 PM
861	Fix the school system, purge the the administration	6/16/2018 4:01 PM
862	More rental housing developments	6/16/2018 3:35 PM
863	Outdoor activities, pools, water activities trails,	6/16/2018 3:31 PM
864	I have many ideas! 1. Target store. 2. Downtown cafe, restaurant, shopping district. Turn downtown into a place people want to spend time walking from store to store.	6/16/2018 3:04 PM
865	Healthy eating efforts and education with an increase in the quality of produce, seafood, etc... provided in our community.	6/16/2018 2:58 PM
866	Additional entertainment.	6/16/2018 2:56 PM
867	Businesses	6/16/2018 2:38 PM
868	We need a water park like Hartsville. The idea was presented in the past, but didn't cone about, it would be a big draw.	6/16/2018 2:38 PM
869	Investing in public works programs	6/16/2018 2:29 PM
870	Bike lanes!!	6/16/2018 2:28 PM
871	Even though there has been great improvement, there is still room for greater enforcement of yard and pool maintenance and demolition of abandoned properties. In addition a community program of volunteers to provide assistance to those in need (disabled/elderly) who can no longer keep up with their homes and yards would eliminate the some of the blight. Additionally it would further foster a sense of community.	6/16/2018 2:19 PM
872	add kid friendly places	6/16/2018 1:59 PM
873	Target	6/16/2018 1:55 PM
874	Target.	6/16/2018 1:35 PM
875	Fix all the roads	6/16/2018 1:34 PM
876	Pave the roads, even the county roads!!!	6/16/2018 1:29 PM
877	Family activities. Movies in the park. Police involved with community kids/getting to know our youth...etc.	6/16/2018 1:26 PM
878	Indoors year round Farmers and artesian Market	6/16/2018 1:17 PM
879	Improve public schools	6/16/2018 1:12 PM
880	Improve the schools! Offer enough pay and support that good teachers want to come here and those who are here want to stay.	6/16/2018 1:09 PM
881	More green space	6/16/2018 1:00 PM
882	Biking lanes on all streets.	6/16/2018 12:55 PM
883	Ban predatory lending businesses!!!! They bring down our community in so many ways. They looks terrible lining our streets. They take people in a bad situation and make it worse, which compounds so many more problems.	6/16/2018 12:52 PM
884	Improve schools..ensure all who graduate have a chance to compete for higher wage jobs...trained people for any incoming industry	6/16/2018 12:47 PM
885	Bury all utilities	6/16/2018 12:43 PM

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886	Get a plan in place for Downtown. Create financial options for small businesses and come up with a business plan recognizing small businesses. Stop catering to one or two of the Rich business owners but offer the same to all businesses. Example: if you are going to shut downtown street for one business owner daughter wedding offer the same so all owners & residents! Without the foundation of small businesses simter is going down.	6/16/2018 12:41 PM
887	Better business in the sumter mall!	6/16/2018 12:39 PM
888	Build a drug store out by the Air Force bade 441 378 area	6/16/2018 12:35 PM
889	Fewer subdivisions more entertainment such as putt putt, an indoor public pool, cant afford the YMCA and the other being outside prevents rainy day fun	6/16/2018 12:34 PM
890	More shopping options. Target, Home Depot, Publics, etc.	6/16/2018 12:19 PM
891	Ensure data on planned activities are sent out to all citizens by the city msnager's office on a monthly basis. Informed citizens make for a better quality of life for all.	6/16/2018 12:18 PM
892	Further development of downtown, including more variety of acts performing at the Opera House	6/16/2018 11:58 AM
893	Bring a fun park with laser tag, video games, great dining. Dave and busters	6/16/2018 11:58 AM
894	Develop somewhere for the teenage population to hang out and call their own.	6/16/2018 11:55 AM
895	More activities and areas for kids. Mesuems trampoline park	6/16/2018 11:49 AM
896	Do a complete change in the school system and the buses. Make them both safer. The city's future is our children.	6/16/2018 11:23 AM
897	People parking cars in their yards is the least of my concerns. There are way more important things in the world. Anything to protect natural areas and resources and increase the use of natural resources is important. I like the addition of sidewalks to encourage walking or making roads bike friendly. Areas for adults and kids to enjoy that encourage a healthy lifestyle such as hiking and exercise. Educational places and activities. Anything to improve schools such as smaller class sizes, current resources and materials. I feel like more could be done to help families be aware of options such as parks and rec sports. When I wanted to find info on Kids baseball, everything I could find was old. It would be nice to be more aware of what is available for kids. Programs to bring people together are great. I attend MOPS & LLL....both are for parents of young children, but organizations like that help people connect and get involved in the community.	6/16/2018 11:23 AM
898	We need more entertainment and public attractions to draw in people to live here and grow the economy	6/16/2018 11:08 AM
899	develop partnerships across factional boundaries to deal with common concerns by bringing together community leaders.	6/16/2018 10:59 AM
900	Within each lease of a commercial property, there should be an "aesthetic" stipulation, and rules every business must follow to keep their businesses looking nice. The rules should apply to their signs, exterior and interior paint, paint color, and landscaping.	6/16/2018 10:48 AM
901	I would expand downtown, also i would design all commercial buildings in a Southern style	6/16/2018 10:37 AM
902	Not ever going to happen, but it would be for families to stay together. The absent father or mother makes more of an impact than anything on this community// lower income, higher crime, lower grades, etc	6/16/2018 10:34 AM
903	Clean up the area where Mama's Kitchen used to be and tear doen the Nu Idea wear houses and build something nice and new. That corner is an eye sore	6/16/2018 10:29 AM
904	More shopping proximity	6/16/2018 10:28 AM
905	Movies on lawn at swan lake. Free family night	6/16/2018 10:19 AM
906	More investment in entrance roads and downtown.	6/16/2018 10:16 AM
907	County wide, including rural areas, home access to the internet. #gamechanger Don't make citizens go to the library for internet access.	6/16/2018 10:15 AM
908	Water Park	6/16/2018 10:09 AM
909	Target	6/16/2018 10:07 AM
910	More shopping places.	6/16/2018 10:01 AM
911	Not Restaurants but Businesses and jobs. Clean up more it's actually kinda trashy	6/16/2018 9:54 AM

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912	Make more teen programs for teens to keep them out of trouble and lower crime rates. Most crimes are from bored teens.	6/16/2018 9:50 AM
913	More full time job less welfare.	6/16/2018 9:49 AM
914	Downtown Sumter has some beautiful historic buildings that is reminiscent of downtown Greenville before the renovation. There is so much potential, but a lack of businesses and some of the types of businesses don't encourage growth. You need restaurants, coffee shops, book shops, art galleries, etc. but especially places that will be open in the evenings. Main street should not be closing down after 6, it should be coming alive.	6/16/2018 9:41 AM
915	Better roads	6/16/2018 9:41 AM
916	Revitalize Around Shaw it is stuck in the 1970s and that is the first thing new people to Shaw see	6/16/2018 9:39 AM
917	Improve our schools. Put more money into Education and activities for our kids	6/16/2018 9:36 AM
918	Publix and Target.	6/16/2018 9:32 AM
919	More nice restaurants (not fast food) we need a mall	6/16/2018 9:27 AM
920	More opportunities for entertainment and shopping in the downtown area: restaurants, book stores, live music events, consignment stores, antique stores, GROCERY STORE, art and craft exhibits. The big idea would be to make a new catch phrase "Stepping Out In Sumter" literally.	6/16/2018 9:24 AM
921	Create the the importance of Cultural Diversity Awareness..No one wants to come to a town that looks are feel like there is no Community Love among all people..No sense in having A beautiful town that does not reflect a beautiful loving charm for all people of all colors...LOVE thy Neighbor	6/16/2018 9:24 AM
922	In the downtown area possibly take for instance a old ware house turn it into a food court and upscale shops as well as an outside area. Also possibly creat some sort of all around spots complex for family's to go and play batting cages and mini golf laser tag game rooms	6/16/2018 9:21 AM
923	Do not build on every available spot	6/16/2018 9:20 AM
924	Another hospital especially with state of the art technology and greater fields of study. Ex. Most heart patients, severe traumas, and burns are sent out to neighboring counties. Why can't we have that here? There's also Shaw to think about. If that base was invaded or bombed, Tuomey couldn't handle it. Have you ever been to their ER?	6/16/2018 9:16 AM
925	Attract new business	6/16/2018 9:15 AM
926	Attract better business to the area & allow businesses that the community actually wants & is useful.	6/16/2018 9:06 AM
927	More family attractions/things to do, retail stores so we don't have to go to Columbia for everything.	6/16/2018 9:00 AM
928	Continue to encourage industrial complex development, seek and support adding more retail, grocery, and entertainment.	6/16/2018 8:54 AM
929	Better road structure and maintenance with regular traffic monitoring to help prevent aggressive driving and uphold traffic laws	6/16/2018 8:48 AM
930	Planting more foliage	6/16/2018 8:43 AM
931	More options for outdoor and indoor options for kids of all ages to play.	6/16/2018 8:41 AM
932	Cleanliness	6/16/2018 8:41 AM
933	Stop trying to clump everything together. We have space, spread out a little. Traffic congestion in popular areas could be cut down that way.	6/16/2018 8:37 AM
934	Stop putting most of our tax money toward failing schools (where money is so mismanaged) and put it toward the roads. Be consistent.	6/16/2018 8:21 AM
935	Trendy businesses and restaurants for downtown Sumter, like downtown Greenville or Charleston.	6/16/2018 8:16 AM
936	Do a better job of building and adhering to planning. People want to buy and build homes that they know will keep there conditions. Good example is Patriot Parkway. The park, sidewalks, trail, and overall feel are good. Then, our own representation goods against the residents and changes the character of the area with rezoning. The otherplanning issue is having a plan for busy roads. Stop having homes or businesses enter directly from them. This creates traffic issues. The area around the mall on Broad street is an example of how not to do it. It disrupts traffic. Also new homes are opening on Loring Mill with driveways from Loring Mill. Not smart for flow.	6/16/2018 8:09 AM

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937	Bring more entertainment	6/16/2018 8:08 AM
938	School superintendent like Zona Jefferson.	6/16/2018 8:03 AM
939	Find ways to attract new businesses, which would in turn bring in new jobs	6/16/2018 8:03 AM
940	Continue renovation of downtown area	6/16/2018 8:03 AM
941	Step more into the future...more lightening...Sumter looks dark and depress	6/16/2018 7:59 AM
942	Red light cameras! I am sure these are pretty pricey, but time and time again I see people running red lights. While this does make me a more cautious driver, it also makes me frustrated that so many people here don't think they have to follow basic traffic laws.	6/16/2018 7:56 AM
943	Bring in a larger shopping area with things like target, Kohl's, Starbucks etc on the South side of town.	6/16/2018 7:50 AM
944	To somehow get the underprivileged off the streets	6/15/2018 11:49 PM
945	Development and support for comprehensive sidewalk and bike/ped-facilities improvements in the city. This would mean requirements tied to new development and redevelopment, impact fees, adoption of supporting policies, and dedicated public funding/programming to fill in the gaps.	6/15/2018 11:18 PM
946	Encourage more family entertainment opportunities to come to Sumter, i.e. putt putt, etc.	6/15/2018 10:38 PM
947	Become educated on learning to be more business minded...with people who want growth! Change is continuous!	6/15/2018 10:10 PM
948	An indoor playground ground for kids that included only healthy snacks.	6/15/2018 9:17 PM
949	Tax credits, entrepreneurship training, commercial real estate grants, low interest loans and marketing resources to potential (and current) small business owners.	6/15/2018 3:23 PM
950	Improve the costs of living (pay raise) for county and city employees as well as local plants.	6/15/2018 2:22 PM
951	Close the private, segregated, schools and focus all of our attention and resources to the public system.	6/13/2018 2:06 PM