

Online Comments – Guiding Principles

I'm not sure that equal opportunity is the same as equity. I agree with the paragraph description but not with the name of the topic. Perhaps Equal Opportunity is a better name than Equity.

I like Equity and Livability. I think Resiliency seems defensive and perhaps negative. Instead of needing to "withstand, adapt to, and recover" can we find a term more proactive and positive?

A bottom up (focus on the most marginalized) approach is laudable and needed. Where is the focus on excellence and fostering innovation? Where is the recognition of the positive areas and expanding on those successes?

Creating a safe and vibrant community better include support systems for folks with insecure housing, folks dealing with substance abuse and mental health issues that do not involve police. "A safe and vibrant community" is really vague and makes me immediately think of how Innovation Quarter is slowly taking over East Winston. I want to see all of our communities met with the same amount of support and care as the wake forest aligned projects are.

good.....am seeing homeless people.....they need help.....affordable housing.....not just hand outs with food drive.....address the problem.....why so many hungry children.....when there seems to be jobs.....???? address drug problems.....gang violence.....as i know you are.....thank you.....

Need more help to help elderly stay in their own.. homes.

Seems a little 'Pollyanna' lol. Where is their any section regarding growth for the city/county?

The guiding principles are right on. We need equity in our community so matter where you live, you can succeed and live a healthy life. We all deserve to have equal access to resources no matter our level of income. Our city needs to be able to adjust to the changing times and economy so us as citizens can live through hard times.

what about homeless.....new jobs for all people

I fully agree with them.

I am very pleased to see resiliency as a guiding principle! Especially in terms of climate change. Planning for growth and opportunities must be grounded in the future impacts of climate change. From flood plains to incorporating renewable energy sources.

I think you should limit govt involvement in our daily lives. This 2045 sounds a lot like 15 min cities and more surveillance, which every citizen should be opposed to. And we especially don't need more govt telling us what is equitable and fair!

are there any plans for tiny house villages.....

OWho is the "planning staff?" And, "professional staff?" How much money is Forsyth County spending on this tripe. Fire the staff creating this "document" and return taxes to hard-working citizens. The "goals" listed here could be straight out of the communist manifesto. Human beings do not need "planners" dictating from above. There is no such "construct" as "equity." Why? Who will decide what

is "equitable?" You? Me? I certainly don't want some unknown-to-me bureaucrat telling me what my "principles" are. Or, where or how to live. There is no evidence for "climate" change. That phrase is used to scare low-information people like in the Chicken Little fable. And, "public" education's misuse of "public" funds should be criminal...as test scores for our children continue to plummet.

"I am all for Equal Opportunities! However, the term Equity often morphs into Equal Outcomes. That usually involves social engineering, which government should not be involved in nor spend tax dollars on.

Climate change is a political agenda. Avoid"

I love the goals of this plan - now let's see it become more than words. I know people in my neighborhood have been trying to get action on intersection safety but nothing has been done in two years.

I would include all of these under equity--age, color, disability, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, language, national origin, physical and mental ability, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, and veteran status. Otherwise, you may be open to a law suit if any of these groups aren't included.

I wholeheartedly agree with these three principles. Each offers a way to further promote health, economic mobility, and connectedness. I hope to see a community in which people of all backgrounds and economic levels are more and more in proximity to one another - such as those in major cities where public transport is the norm. I firmly believe that interconnectedness and daily interaction with others is what can transform understanding and build compassion.

If we planning to build our city's government management on "inclusion" rather than "qualification", it's time to move.

Where is shelter for our homeless population? I like the guiding principles and I hope we can actually care for all of our residents fairly. Thanks.

I don't like the "equity" dialogue. Although it seems to be rooted in a kindness towards individuals who are financially struggling, it is rooted in thoughtless ideology, which only hurts minority classes. What we need is community, which looks at everyone as equal, regardless of race. And provides a place where businesses can thrive and taxes are lowered. We need a safe city, which people can freely walk through and justice is served.

This is a plan that is full of communist thoughts and ideas. We dont want our neighborhoods destroyed by moving in people who cant afford it. I do not want my tax dollars being spent on giving people free ubers or for climate change agendas that are not true. This is insanity.

The description of "Liveability" is rather vague and anodyne. It could mean almost anything. I'd like to see something more specific..

Please consider sustainability in addition to resiliency. Thank you.

Not sure that resiliency should rank as a guiding principle.

Equity, Livability and Resiliency broadly covers how we should be planning for our community. I think if anything is missing it is the health of the residents of the community. Yes, we need to be safe but how can we build a community of healthy, active people.

The principles are fine, but very generalized. I think people would understand better if there were some concrete examples. Being valued, honored, and cared for is a wonderful goal. But . . .How?

Highly appropriate!

"I think some of the Sustainable and Healthy Environment goals are too general and could be improved. Here are some specific examples:

1. Continue to electrify and decarbonize City and County facilities and vehicles.

This goal is for 2045. By this time I would expect 100% all City and County vehicles that could be electrified would be. Why not state this goal? This would mean new vehicles purchased starting in ~2027 would be electric.

To decarbonize is an action but not an measurable goal. Stating facilities will be carbon neutral by 2045 is a more specific goal and will drive action. One would start by analyzing and measuring the current facility carbon footprint followed by a detailed plan to become carbon neutral by 2045. Carbon footprint reductions would include conversion to LED lighting, more efficient HVAC systems, adding rooftop solar, increasing building thermal efficiency (doors, windows, insulation), and ensuring future facility construction require carbon neutral design approach.

Electrifying needs infrastructure and will be key to greenhouse gas reductions. To be more specific stating how many new electrical charging stations will be installed in public and private locations by 2045 would be a better goal. With this type of goal the City and County need to determine how the recharging station revenue stream will be used to offset cost of purchasing and installation of the charging stations. Also, this will open discussions for incentives the city and county provide to get private property owners to install charging stations.

2. Promote the integration of renewable energy technologies into current and future developments.

Promoting will not drive change. A goal that specifically states x% of new facilities permitted in 2025 over some TBD square footage will include roof top/land based solar to offset TBD percent of power consumption and 100% of new facilities by 2045 carbon neutral. There a lot of warehouses going up. How many (if any) have roof top/land based solar systems?"

Missing components in the guiding principles are : leading rather than recovering or coming from a lesser state, focus on excellence and best in class aspirations, becoming a regional and state exceptional city, fostering and attracting innovation. The vision lacks excitement or truly forward thinking elements. It is too concerned with the current state rather than what could be.

The plan looks great. Two suggestions, actually just adding two details. I can actually see our Ardmore home could be a duplex including the parking, but we would have to be really creative with parking if we went to quadraplex. I can see us doing that and even specifically looking to rent affordable to CNA's or custodians that work at the hospitals. (I'm a CNA instructor, they deserve more pay!) However, I do

believe anyone going from a single family to multi-family should have to submit a house and parking plan. It would be too easy to change the character of the neighborhood if it was not done carefully. As far as manufactured homes, we are helping our elderly relatives with their home. Turns out they are cheaper upfront, but are very hard to maintain. They have specialized doors, knobs etc that are hard to replace. The windows have leaked and caused floor damage that is hard to repair. We have to find specialized parts and workers to fix it. A better way may be to build with standard materials, but smaller with an eye to building on as a family grows.

The guiding principles are succinct and reach all areas of the community's constituency. The guiding principles represent the basic values and components of a vibrant and thriving community. As the city moves forward in establishing these principles throughout the city of Winston Salem disparities currently seem shall be removed.

These are strong guiding principles. I'd like to see the addition of quality of life for future generations in the 'Livability' principle.

The plan sounds agreeable I'm concerned about is sex Quechan and where the leadership will come from

I am concerned about the idea of equity and what that means. We should have equal opportunities and the ability to succeed and achieve mobility, but equity is not good term to use. Also, concerned that the descriptions are very vague allowing for various directions and although they seem like principles that all could agree- they can be used to implement programs and practices that most people do NOT agree with as far as over-reach into independent living in the majority of the city and county.

I like this. I would especially like to see more sidewalks added throughout all of Forsyth County to enhance livability and promote safety.

Equity is a Communist philosophy. There will always be disparity because people are different and have different abilities, goals, and dreams. Create "equal opportunity, not equal outcomes."

Well stated. Easy to understand and relevant as well as actionable. They motivate us.

Excellent. I hope Resiliency includes the city taking visible action to use strategies that combat climate change, such as solar panels, native plants, shade canopy in traditionally underserved communities, electric vehicles. Plus the city should highly encourage and offer incentives for the public to do the same.

You missed sustainability. Under this banner we FIX the housing stock we have and reimagine the often-forgotten commercial buildings that are no longer suited for what they were built. Instead, turn them all into housing. We don't lack homes, we lack livable homes and a desire to live in properties that are "vintage" rather than brand new. Builders push "new only." Time for renovators to have a seat at the table.

Affordability

They're great.

good!

under livability, please include more available and affordable mass transit county? city? wide.

for real? lets get some actual concrete goals here. like we will have x miles of rail by 2045. Stop with these goals you can back out of or bend. Make some actual commitments please

We need more sidewalks in the neighborhoods, so Winston is more walkable. My neighborhood is right behind the new shopping developments "West Edge" and "Village at Robinhood." Everyday, I see people pushing baby carriages, walking dogs and riding scooters on the side of busy roads like Spicewood Drive or Storm Canyon Rd. We need sidewalks here, so we can walk to the shopping centers right next to us. It would be so nice if people could walk around to the parks on Meadowlark.

I like the guiding principles. I appreciate the acknowledgement that there are disparities within our county that must be addressed, and that we much prepare for challenges such as climate change.

The downtown area is not the only area within the city that deserves/demands economic planning. Many of us no longer feel welcome downtown due to the over-saturation of bars, breweries, restaurants and extremely limited free parking close to businesses for those with limited mobility. The downtown area has turned its back on these citizens and until steps are made to address parking and a wide mix of variety retail only the younger crowds will patronize these areas and as a newly minted senior citizen I resent no longer feeling accepted downtown nor having affordable retail shopping and housing downtown.

I like these. When we think about resiliency I think about the plant fire we experienced two years ago. Could we add something about environmental risks that impact air and water quality.

"I don't think "livability" properly prioritizes COST of living. There has been an insane spike in housing and rent prices that are not sustainable. Your options are paying thousands of dollars in rent every month, finding an affordable unit owned by a slumlord who will not care about your safety or the property's, or using housing assistance which is great in theory but takes forever for folks to actually find availability.

Rent control. Holding landlords accountable when they don't do their damn jobs. Bring the cost of living down so people can have their most basic needs met."

I support your Guiding Principles as important priorities for planning.

Good.

"These guiding principles seem like good over-arching themes in crafting the plan. I think they capture the spirit of community that you, as planners, and we, as residents, should be striving for.

Though I will provide quite a few suggestions about the specific content of the draft plan, I think that overall, you have done an excellent job and deserve a lot of credit and gratitude."

I agree !!

"I applaud your efforts at this.

But I think it needs to be more specific. It s nice to say we want to be more equitable but ""How""? Homelessness and decreased affordable housing need to be addressed seriously. Public schools have

quickly become 'segregated' again to an extent, just like when I was in elementary / high school. And, private schools should NOT be funded by my taxes!
Yes all neighborhoods need similar great amenities

Climate changes - as we are experiencing RIGHT NOW - need to be addressed and very quickly. I am not sure how. Pressure Duke Energy to start some solar power? Or wind?
Open 'cooling stations' when temps get above 88? Maybe at a transportation center? Fan distribution to lower income? (If we were more 'equitable' maybe folks would already have access to fans). Install 'misting stations' downtown (as in California) - just a few, this would help bring people downtown even in heat. (= equals a system of outdoor 'machines' that emit cool mist as you walk by)

Tech changes: all should have a rudimentary knowledge of computer access - teach those lacking how to pay a water bill online; check their voter information; check the weather channel, basic stuff. This could free up 'employees'.

A businessman in Maryland once said: ""An educated consumer is our best customer""

"We need to think about rail travel! We were third city in country to have streetcars. They were powered by electricity from generated from Yadkin River. How about a train from Raleigh to Charlotte via Winston Salem. The track is already there ! Dr. Jeff Miller"

concerned about homeless population.....need affordable housing for all

I would like to know what you plan on doing about the homeless problem. I'm still seeing tents and panhandlers. Taxes went up so I think there should be services to help these people as opposed to leaving them to live in the woods on the side of the road.

I DO NOT anymore of the government telling me what I should do. I WANT my freedom back to make my own choices!!! Stop trying to control every aspect of everyone's life!!!! It sounds like a "15 minute city" idea and I am 100% against anything like that!!!! Stop trying to control!!!!

Livability and disaster are more important.

Online Comments – Vision Themes

"I think the 5 themes are well balanced and well done. They cover the main topics I had hoped to be addressed. Couple of specific comments:

+ I concur that there needs to be denser housing near transportation nodes, commercial areas and Downtown. However, I'd be wary of allowing duplexes, triplexes and quadraplexes generally in single-family residential districts.

+ Under ""Strong Economic Opportunities,"" since this is the City of Arts and Innovation, I suggest having a separate bold goal solely focused on support and development of the arts in WS. The Plan does a good job highlighting public art and touches the arts here and there throughout the document, but I think it would be helpful to have a specific focused goal on the continued support of the arts as an economic engine. I think you do a good job highlighting the need to support small business and innovation.

+ Instead of simply looking to make the Transit Center ""safer,"" since this is a 20-year plan, I would be bolder and state we should look at the location of the current Transit Center and see if it makes sense where it is or be moved. Everyone talks about this issue behind the scenes, but no one wants to address it head on. (However, I concur in the shorter term, there are things that could be done to make the current Transit Center safer and better used.)"

I don't see anything in the affordable housing section that addresses the issue of supporting people (especially older adults) who face the economic challenge of maintenance and repair expenses on low and fixed incomes. We have many residents living in unsafe and insecure older homes with few viable options for things like roof repairs, HVAC replacements, and major plumbing issues. Current programs are complicated to apply for and have long waiting lists. Older homes in disrepair cause neighborhoods to deteriorate and become unlivable.

I think this plan is very thorough and love that it is addressing equity and the racial divide in this community. Thank you!

I think it's something that the town is doing because they're expected to do this or send out these forms however I don't see anything happening really. Nothing really good has happened in Winston-Salem in a very long time. New buildings downtown overrun with low income apartments.. but nothing else really.

Increase focus on education, please.

good.....affordable housing a major concern.....just seeing more homeless on the streets.....need to address it.....tiny homes? any affordable senior citizen places as their are many senior adults.....

We need to design our community to maximize human interaction. To build social capital and interconnectedness,we need to make neighborhood centers and downtown walkable. Less car centric and more people centric. This means safe intersection crossings, sidewalks,local businesses and green space for human interaction. We tend to view our home as our castle...that does not lend itself to human interaction...but isolation. Loneliness is a problem and community design and planning has a role in addressing this problem.

Better public transportation. Do not move the bus station from downtown like so many gentrifiers would like to see

"Housing comment - require landlords to QUICKLY and efficiently repair property problems, such as mold, leaks, broken appliances, etc. Landlords must respond to concerns in a timely manner for ALL renters.

Glad to see admission of our discriminatory past and how to change the injustices. This should not wait in committee for years. Make changes ASAP.

Connected Space comment - love ideas for bikes and pedestrians and public transit.

Vibrant Character comment - Bravo for the tree canopy, native plants vs. Invasives, and history goals (4)

Sustainable comment - I can't even pick a favorite - all so important."

I love them.

Yes! This is a beautiful vision.

"Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the plan. Overall, I think it is excellent, and I am especially encouraged to see that you have paid significant attention to reducing the environmental impact of land use. Well done.

I have several suggestions for ways to make an excellent plan even a little better.

Within city/county operations:

Guiding principle: Prioritize energy-saving measures that have a rapid payback period, and earmark the savings from those measures to pay for projects that take longer to pay for themselves. For instance, paybacks on LED lighting and smart climate control systems can be just a few years, while it can take much longer to realize payback on the installation of solar panels. All are valuable undertakings, but sequencing is important.

Buildings:

- All new construction or major renovation of city/county buildings should, by policy, comply with latest international building code standards for energy efficiency and weather resiliency, not the less stringent codes that the state of NC allows.
- New and renovated construction should include solar/storage as well as EV charging infrastructure, which is more economical to install up front rather than as a retrofit. These buildings should exclude fossil fuel infrastructure and operate solely on electricity.
- Reroofed buildings should be evaluated for solar/storage installations and findings presented to City Council or County Commission in every case. Staff should have to justify NOT installing solar, rather than vice versa.

- HVAC systems should be replaced with high-efficiency heat pumps as older equipment ages out, but in all cases before federal credits expire in 2032.

Fleets:

- Fleet vehicle replacement should follow a plan to maximize electrification during the federal credit window through 2032.
- Use cases for vehicles should drive decisions for technology type. For instance, sedan-type vehicles that have medium mileage requirements can be replaced with EVs first. Low-use sedans can be plug-in hybrids that mostly use battery power for just a few miles per day, but offer flexibility when longer trips are needed.
- Federal assistance aimed at heavy-duty vehicles can be electrified as grant monies are won.

Land use:

- Unbuildable publicly owned lots should be at least partially rewilded to a location-appropriate habitat, in order to save on maintenance and fuel costs, provide storm water management, offer relief from heat island effects, and provide habitat for urban wildlife. Partner with community-based organizations to accomplish this goal.
- Large publicly owned tracts should be evaluated for renewable energy installations, especially in combination with native species plantings.
- All public lands should be gradually converted to native landscaping, beginning with newly planted areas, and working through older plantings as they need updating.

Services:

- Strengthen plan language to call for, at a minimum, piloting a microtransit system to serve areas not currently covered by WSTA.
- Acquire data from entities such as Google or Apple on locational traffic patterns to better design bus routes.
- Dedicate staff time to “benefits navigation” services to help residents take fullest advantage of federal incentives for energy efficiency and electrification.
- Redefine access to healthy food as a basic service and implement policies to match. For instance, subsidizing full-service grocery stores in low-access areas through tax breaks should reflect the idea of healthy food access as a necessary service that is not required to be completely self-funding.
- Offer matching dollars for EBT benefits through local producers at farmers markets.

Beyond city/county operations:

Many of the most impactful actions that a local government can take are aimed at promoting desired activities in the wider community, through zoning measures, requirements attached to development funds, and public outreach and education. The Forward 2045 plan already calls for zoning changes that would help densify urban areas and rationalize mixed-use areas and the transportation routes that connect them, but more could be done.

- Require housing projects funded with city/county dollars to meet above-code standards for energy efficiency and electrification.

- Aggressively pursue C-PACE financing programs recently made possible through NC legislation to help finance commercial entities undertaking efficiency and electrification upgrades.
- Actively engage with community-based organizations to ensure robust uptake of federal programs aimed at improving efficiency and electrification outcomes for low- and moderate-income households. For instance, 2025 will likely see the rollout of the Solar For All program, as well as the home electrification and appliance rebate programs. Unlike the uncapped tax credits with the Inflation Reduction Act, these programs will be of a defined scope, so we need to ensure that Winston-Salem and Forsyth County do not miss out on our share of the support.
- Incorporate EV charging infrastructure requirements into minimum parking standards (which should themselves be adjusted downward).
- Strengthen language on native plantings in new developments. For instance, a certain minimum percentage of plants in each size category could be required, with the percentage rising gradually over time.
- Expand workforce development programming to offer robust training opportunities in trades that will be needed for the clean energy transition.
- More aggressively publicize city/county sustainability measures, with an eye toward encouraging community members to follow suit.
- When designing tax incentive packages for incoming businesses, require commitments to international building code standards and measures to help employees make environmentally healthy choices (EV charging, composting, non-motorized commuting incentives, etc.)."

It all seems to be the globalist, elitist vision for all the underlings to be in congested, government controlled housing, buildings, and transportation -- with no local control or feedback. Everyone forced into high-density, urban squalor. Single family or low density housing (the dream and goal of most families) will be outlawed, and preferences given to government declared racial or ethnic groups, or economic groups. Socialism/Communism. The "planners" and other elites won't live in these communities, but they want to dictate for the rest of us. No, No, NO!!! I want to defund all of you.

"Connected and Accessible Spaces: Let's focus on maintaining our existing streets and sidewalks before investing in more bicycle lanes. I don't see bicycle lanes being used. Also, aren't bus ridership numbers down? Why spend more on it?"

"I think these are appropriate themes, each of which offers opportunities and pathways to solutions. My concern is that in each of these we will see the same misappropriation and ""lip service"" that we have seen in the past. (example: The tobacco warehouses that are now part of innovation quarter - when announced that they would become housing it was stated that they would be for median income - fire/police/teacher/labor salaries. That has not been the case. We continue to see high end and above median income level development as the dominating housing in the downtown area and in particular in the IQ area.) We have too many real estate developers who are influencing decisions. We have too few low-to-moderate income residents with representation in decision-making forums. We very clearly have a shortage of WORKFORCE affordable (social security/retirement, disability, and LMI income) housing. Below median. Hourly workers, healthcare support roles, city employee salaries, teachers, public safety and others. I just don't have confidence that the reality will ever match the stated goals."

Could we consolidate the Vibrant Character and Identity into the other 4 themes. I feel it would be easy to do and make Plan more appropriate.

Look great on paper, can we implement & follow through?

Increasing full-time childcare should be one of the major aspects of the strong economic opportunities theme. Our city has a huge problem with lack of quality childcare for working parents, which limits economic opportunities for parents and families.

I love the emphasis throughout each theme on higher-density, mixed-use development that includes bike, pedestrian, and transit options, deemphasizing car-centric suburban sprawl and commercial/residential divided development! I truly believe this type of development will make Winston-Salem more vibrant, equitable, sustainable, and a better place to live overall. Also, let's get Union Station reopened and passenger rail back to the city :)

"Much concern over your expectations that people will use greenways and bike trails to reach jobs and services. Those are wonderful for Recreational use, but assuming that everyone will be able/interested in using those more broadly - well it is fairly able-ist in my opinion. Also, many of our citizens enjoy living in the suburbs away from the city center and you just seem to want to abolish that. Also, there are currently lots of complaints about the bus service and attempts to force more people onto it will only inconvenience more people, it will not alleviate the challenges with using it to get to and from jobs. Rest of those microtransit and on-demand ideas are un-realistic and would be prohibitively expensive to implement.

Childcare is only minimally mentioned within the economic opportunities, while it continues to be one of the major hurdles to economic mobility. The county does not have enough childcare spots for the children needing care and without it parents are unable to work and support themselves and pay their bills. We have great infrastructure with private and public groups to provide job training already. Many current employers cannot find people now to work because of these other barriers. Have more about helping with those things than recruiting more companies who will hire one or two people. And again that section goes into prohibiting development of farmland and agricultural lands, which is a problem from the Land use section below.

Main barrier to having grocers and other stores in the food deserts is having appropriate safety measures with law enforcement help. People can't just have stores with crime and stores have to have patrons. There are a lot of ""if we build it, then we can force people to act differently"" ideas in this plan which infringes on individual rights and our abilities to make choices. Each section should include how the government will support keeping the community safe for the citizens to grow their businesses, their families, and their economic mobility/stability. None of that can be forced or pre-arranged for people.

Finally on attainable housing, you admit that much wealth is created by people owning their own homes, but you want to restrict development that would support home-ownership. You only want high-density housing that means apartments which are not owned by citizens who are building wealth with that monthly payment. Not to mention that having people living on top of each other causes rising tempers

and conflict as well. That housing exists, but it should not be the ideal and you are trying to make it so. No one involved in the production of this document has had to be a landlord or administer multi-family housing - if they had, then they would know that all of this language is unsustainable and unrealistic.

Finally, there are a lot of additional regulations throughout the proposals. These will only serve to restrict develop of business and freedoms and will not create the mobility that we want for our community. There are things that can be done, but they are diminished and hidden behind many of your misguided and over-reaching priorities."

Sustainability. The overused word of the century. Right next to Climate Change in the dictionary. Two tenants of the religion of the Marxist left in America in an effort to control and demoralize her citizens.

No one is talking about the cost or who would pay for it, and we will have no input. We will be told what to eat, where to live, what to think. In other words Communism at its worst.

Reading this makes me think of hippie communes from the 1960s. Are these "planners" communist sympathizers? Seeing words like...reimagining...greenways...joint-funding mechanisms...WHAT??? I'm sure these "themes" and concepts are the result of a "college education." These "planners" know so little about human nature. Why?

"Description of themes is rock solid with actionable steps that will move them along.

Question: Will the Plan assign a Champion to each Step? Accountability is critical. Additionally, is a progress monitoring process built into Plan?"

I like the art

I want LOWER taxes. Do not use my tax dollars to create "affordable" housing. Have you not seen what happens to "public" housing? It always turns into a decrepit place to live because "renters" don't care about where they live. GET OUT OF THE WAY OF HARD-WORKING CITIZENS, and let Free Enterprise incentivize each of us to take care of OUR OWN PROPERTY. There is no stronger motivation that for property owners to mow their own grass and take care of their home.

Do we or should we use our resources for #4 Vibrant Character and Identity. The others are so vital and require substantial resources and impactful.

I'm pleased to see community connectivity, accessibility, and walkability as priorities. Being able to get around town safely without a car is a safety issue and a sustainability issue. I'm glad WS/FC is thinking ahead for resiliency in the face of climate change and making our community a healthier, more vibrant place to live.

"Vibrant Character / Identity:

Goals 4 -5 :

I will likely not be here in 2045 as I am a boomer. While I applaud your efforts in trying to include the 'underrepresented' population, there is more that could be done.

For example - the Black community lost & continues to lose historic buildings, neighborhoods, & memory since the 1960s. 14th Street Elementary School in East Winston was a valuable historic institution - yet the only remnant is a small concrete 'memorial' at the corner of 14th & Cameron Ave. which no one can visualize because it is elevated on a hill. An historic marker is nice - I appreciate all of them. But more visibility is needed. That space would be a great location for 'public art: sculptures, statues, murals, etc but something that can be seen from a distance. Also the mural on the outside wall of the general store on Cameron Ave. is fading - it needs rejuvenation.

Patterson Ave - formerly the Depot Street Business District of the 1930-40s - now Innovation Quarter - has NOTHING to indicate that the footprint was originally a Black neighborhood. Why not have public art as on Trade Street? Such as 7-8ft vertical plexiglass 'columns' depicting pictures of the former businesses there? [Model Pharmacy, Dr. Wm Bruce MD office, Star Stenographic, The Emma Building, Lafayette Billiards, African American YM / YWCA, etc].

There should be a prominent 'kiosk' in front of the Robinson Building @ 7th / Patterson, [formerly Howard Robinson Funeral Home, dating back to 1920s], which is on the National Register, thanks to architect Langdon Opperman. It should be guaranteed that it is saved & not demolished by the owner. Bailey Park: 5th / Patterson was the site of the long-time Bacote's Shell Service - that gas station was run by several black businessmen, as far back as 1919. There is NO mention of these businesses and just erecting a small marker does not do justice.

Just my humble suggestions, thank you. Linda Dark"

These are positive, great themes!

Where is the plan for a safe and secure county?

Need grants to fix low income older homes for the ELDERLY. Grants not City loans.

I think these are very strong themes for our comprehensive plan. I appreciate how the staff has highlighted the ways themes intersect with one another and added cross references among the strategies. I'd like to see more cross references between "Sustainable and Healthy Environment" and "Attainable Housing". Affordable housing means being able to buy a home and maintain the home over a period of time, so energy costs must be taken into consideration. There are many ways we can establish sustainable and healthy practices within our affordable housing and I'd like to see our comprehensive plan address this by evaluating existing codes and practices.

Under several sub-titles, please consider adding language about planting native trees in neighborhoods without much shade. There are studies which note that wealthier neighborhoods tend to have lots of shade trees, but poorer neighborhoods do not. The difference between the two can be as much as 10 degrees F. Our region is forecast to continue getting hotter. Cooling residential spaces with shade is more energy efficient than cooling them without shade.

Vibrant Character and Identity - Goal #2 is an area that I am passionate about. Our high traffic areas and junctions need regular litter cleanup. Our roadways need weed management and proactive landscaping. The Hanes Mall area has become a dangerous eye sore, it should be a commercial destination.

Whoever is leading the effort to keep Winston-Salem beautiful is failing either from a lack of organization, resources, competency, or a combination.

Would have liked to have seen education have a more central role

I would like to see the transportation initiatives in place as soon as possible. These principles sound reasonable and should be in place before 2045, specifically for transportation for those who need medical care in various locations (dialysis, physical therapy, motor disabilities) and young adults (children) getting to the schools.

Sounds extraordinarily expensive.

I have only gone through the housing initiatives so far. I disagree with building multiple family housing or allowing trailers into single family housing communities. Even if we are moderate or low income, our neighborhoods have history and character that deserve to be protected. We have a few duplexes nearby but only one keeps regular residents. I think it is incredibly important to address the problem is the current public housing buildings. Building more without fixing the existing does not show respect for that community. There needs to be more low income, senior, and disabled housing, I agree. There also needs to be affordable housing that matches the income of our workers. There is a disconnect here. People are underemployed so they are not using their full potential as you said because the jobs are not there. That leaves them at lower paying jobs and once they pay for childcare they barely have money left to live on.

Is Vibrant Character and Identity the correct wording for this theme or is another title more appropriate.

Great, so where is the money going? Vision is fine, but it means nothing without the execution I would like to see the addition of childcare facilities and program assistance into our comprehensive plan. Families, including mine, need help with childcare to be able to contribute to our community's economy. My family is currently paying 2x our mortgage each month for childcare and it's not sustainable.

There is not enough emphasis on safety in the transportation network, especially for pedestrians and cyclists. I would like to see "safety" in the Vision Theme title. Consider something like " Safe & Accessible Mobility Network."

We don't need climate change mitigation.

"This is all terrific. I particularly like the focus on pedestrian friendly neighborhoods in the Attainable and Stable Neighborhoods section. It would be good to add cycling friendly.

In the Economic Opportunity section, another way to attract and keep young adults is to develop a transportation system that is less dependent on automobiles. A reliable public transportation system along with options for walking and cycling will help attract more young people.

Thank you for acknowledging in the first paragraph of the Connected and Accessible Space section the burden car ownership can be. A city that can be navigated without having to rely on a car is a more affordable city to live in.

Overall, I think this is a great plan.

Here are a few specific suggestions:

- All new construction or major renovation of city/county property should comply with the highest building code standards for weatherization and energy efficiency whether or not such standards are required by the building code adopted in NC.
- All new city/county buildings should be fully electric, no fossil fuel systems, and should incorporate solar energy and battery storage.
- As HVAC and other systems age and need replacement upgrade to heat pumps and other energy efficient systems.
- Let's get rid of all incandescent and fluorescent lighting asap and replace with LEDs.
- City and county need to develop a plan to transition to EVs.
- We need more public EV charging. Could be a tourist draw.
- Unbuildable public lots should be rewilded. Plant more trees."

"Attainable Housing - I do not agree with ""Consider allowing manufactured homes in single-family residential districts by right as an additional affordable housing option." " This would result in devaluing homes that are likely to be owned by lower to middle income residents."

An important factor regarding housing is the current and future development of extreme heat events. Our current and future affordable housing needs to be able to keep residents safe from extreme heat, i.e., they need to be adequately insulated, shaded, weather stripped, and cooled with efficient HVAC units with reliable electricity. This is a Public Health and housing responsibility.

I especially appreciate this line: "Incentivize companies to provide job training, career advancement opportunities, and fair wages" I'd also love to see the bus line travel to more jobsites. Having worked in staffing, there are many employers who could benefit greatly from having the bus line nearby. The Connected and Accessible Spaces category is close to my heart. While I own a car, bike lanes and greenways make for a more active environment while improving on the city's air quality. Additionally, there are large bike groups that often drive by our house on the main road. With so many cyclists riding together, it feels dangerous for both vehicles and the cyclists especially around curves in the road.

"Ensure adequate funding for construction, maintenance, and ENFORCEMENT of bike and pedestrian facilities" - I'm tired of seeing parked cars, trash, overgrown vegetation, and leaf piles in bike lanes and on sidewalks.

"I think the emphasis on Attainable housing as the first priority is critical. While I am not a developer, I have worked closely with many affordable housing developers and one of the challenges that the plan does not address is that there is no clearly defined plan for incentivizing the development of affordable housing. Also, while I appreciate the focus on diversifying affordable housing in neighborhoods with high performing schools if we are to achieve the goal of attainable housing for every resident we also need to invest in housing and schools in lower income neighborhoods. There also needs to be incentives for local ownership of rental properties and better code enforcement when owners of rental housing do not keep up the quality of the housing.

I really appreciate the vision of the connected and accessible spaces, particularly the investment in greenways, trails and bike paths. I would love, for so many reasons to bike more places, but currently it is not safe on the roads for bicyclists. In the consideration of Connected and Accessible spaces I would also think it important to foster a community wide sense of connection and pride... by investing in some central unifying signature event/identify. So often I am in places where I hear people talk about ""community"" but they are referring to a microcosm of WS/FC. These smaller neighborhood identities are important, but we are missing a connecting point where we have strong connections as a city/county. As for economic opportunity section again, I think this is strong, but we want to not only create opportunities for people who are low income to access housing and education in areas of our community where there are more resources, I think it is more important to invest in resources and development of areas of our community which we have historically chosen to disinvest from. It would be great if there could be incentives for the development of grocery stores in our food deserts. It is equally critical for every goal that the County invest adequate resources in our public school system. It is shameful how we have demonized teachers and how pitifully we pay them. Teachers should be as revered in our community as Doctors. I will also mention here, that I think term limits for elected offices would be helpful. It would benefit our community greatly to have a more diversified civic/public leadership. Under sustainable and healthy environment I think this is a good start, but I think there are ways we can go further, Can we incentivize green building, and sustainable landscaping. (manicured green lawns are so bad for the environment in so many ways) I appreciate the focus on the preservation of farmland, but as home to the largest urban farm, I think an investment in urban farming and food production (back yard gardens, edible landscaping) is equally important and can also play a role in addressing food deserts and the rising costs of food. I would also like to see local incentives for installing Solar panels. I was reading the other day about some movements to build Solar fields over parking lots (providing shade for the cars and energy for the grid. The heat from concrete and blacktop is a significant heat source, it would be great to incentivize ways to improve the ecological impact of sidewalks, roads and parking lots with green spaces and investment in solar."

"Attainable Housing: I am opposed to a number of the proposals. To begin with, it is not the role and responsibility of the city and county governments to guarantee everyone affordable housing. It sounds like communist Central planning, not free market solutions. People want to make their own housing choices, not what city planners decide for them.

Goal 1:

Residents may not prefer higher density housing, which you want to prioritize. Also, I am opposed to quadruplexes and manufactured housing being placed in single-family residential districts. This will lower the property values of the existing homes and is not fair to those who have worked and saved and invested in their home. Under Goal 1, I agree that bureaucratic hurdles should be reduced.

Goal 2: I agree we need property tax relief, but it shouldn't be ""targeted"". It should be across the board for all property owners.

Goal 3: Racial segregation is a past issue. Residents have freedom to move where they choose and if they experience discrimination, there are laws to protect them and plenty of support.

As far as economic segregation, it is an unrealistic, unattainable dream. Places who have tried it, like communist China, ended in disaster. It will result in lowering everyone's standard of living."

I agree on the goals and strategies, though the one I would suggest is most important is "Sustainable and Healthy Environment" as I believe this makes all the rest of the goals possible, both now and into the future. In addition, I see Sustainable and Health Environment as the longest range of these goals, and humans have a tendency to give less attention/focus/money to long term goals because they are less tangible and benefits are in the future. Thus I think the importance of focus on a more long range and far reaching (health is a critical and foundational need for both humans and environments) goal is so very important.

Seems that a lot of thought and work has been put into these visions what I don't see is what is the real solution to poverty, low income, and homelessness. Why is it the way it is and what will it take to change that?

There is only one mention of reducing waste. I believe that waste reduction and proper waste management is a foundational aspect of sustainability. When creating more sustainable food ecosystems and farmland, organic waste management is vital to that. Please consider including recycling, composting, and waste reduction practices more prominently in this plan.

"I am an advocate of bring the passenger train back through Winston Salem. Greensboro and other towns are connected to the state and beyond by rail and we are not. We have a beautiful station and are located in a Western region that is unserved by this manner of transportation. I have driven friends to Greensboro to catch the train to all sorts of destinations. There is a huge area that could benefit from this and save space on the roads, as well as, serve as a manner of transportation for older, less driving citizens. Please consider this as moving this wonderful city forward. I feel we have been left behind on this issue. Thank you for your good work for Winston Salem.
Elizabeth Sloan ... "

There are no metrics to track the effective implementation of the vision themes; ie, how closely aligned current initiatives are in reflecting the current themes

Economic Opportunities - Goal 5 - We attract many groups to our convention center because of our central location in the state - please upgrade this facility! Some of the bathrooms in particular were in a horrible state of disrepair last year when I attended a state conference and it does not support a positive vision of our city.

You have given much thought to the vision themes. One issue that has not been addressed directly is improving the access to affordable health care. While mitigation of environmental issues that may negatively affect health have been included in the plan, many of our residents still have no means to access health care (and care that is affordable). Community partnerships that work to provide quality health care to minorities, immigrants, and low-income residents are greatly needed.

Pave the streets for God's sakes.

Pretty Great!

Need revitalization in older meal type houses.. neighborhoods.. they have deteriorated terribly.. the only thing they really have in place now are City loans to help that people cannot afford. Need wider sidewalks trees planted.. appearance upgrades in general. Winston-Salem Police needs to frequent these neighborhoods more often and not just when they're being called.

"I love these vision themes. I hope they come true!

In a truly bike-friendly city, a cyclist would be able to get to anywhere in the city from anywhere else SAFELY. Places like Hanes Mall, the medical practices at Kimel Park, etc. are inaccessible. It takes more than just painting big bicycles on the roadway!"

Pffft

Happy to see Trail-Oriented Development in here. Prioritize Salem Creek Greenway in Salem as proof of concept.

"Residents need the ability to shelter from climate change related air pollution from forest fires near and far, dust storms, mold, pollen, which exacerbates underlying health conditions.

Residents need to be able to safely shelter from recurring pandemics in their homes.

This requires homes that are adequately ventilated, weatherized, heated and cooled and do not use fossil fuels for heat or cooking."

"Affordable Housing and Stable Neighborhoods

Goal 4, third bullet point: Clarify by adding at end of sentence: while continuing to incentivize tree conservation as a part of developing existing wooded lots.

Connected and Accessible Spaces

Excellent emphasis on improving pedestrian, cycling, and public transit options.

Vibrant Character and Identity

Commendations for Goal 3, including expanding tree canopy as an important element in community building.

Sustainable and Healthy Environment

This section contains many particularly important provisions, including the following:

- * Promote the use of green infrastructure to improve water quality and reduce stormwater runoff.
- Maintain urban green spaces and parks in underserved neighborhoods to improve air quality, provide recreational opportunities, and enhance community well-being.
- * Prioritize the preservation of existing environmental features such as streams, wetlands, and wildlife habitat, balancing development with conservation goals.
- Continue to protect the Yadkin River, a vital natural resource and water source, through conservation efforts and responsible land management practices."

"Thank you! This report captures many comments on the boards at the public information sessions. The planning department asked, listened, and incorporated the residents' vision for the future view of the city and county.

Transportation has always been vital to individuals' success, health, and welfare. Multimodal transportation is captured in all five Theme goals and strategies. Every resident must be able to travel, either by vehicle (personal or transit) or by active mobility (bicycle, foot, scooter, wheelchair), to access services and needs.

I look forward to seeing the Vision Goals and Strategies reflected in the Unified Development Ordinances and Infrastructure Design Standards. These standards will serve as the regulatory framework for all future development projects, ensuring that they align with the Vision Goals and Strategies. This alignment will drive the necessary changes to bring the Vision Goals and Strategies to fruition. Once again, I extend my heartfelt thanks for your invaluable contributions to this process. Your work is greatly appreciated!"

Online Comments – Growth Management and Land Use

I think it is great that the connection was drawn between higher density, mixed use development and preservation of rural areas. I think these things are often seen as being opposed to one another, but I think highlighting that higher density development decreases suburban sprawl and preserves land for agriculture and outdoor recreation will help get residents on board with denser development. I also think it is great to redevelop underused parking lots and (as mentioned multiple times in the Vision Themes) reform mandatory parking minimums / parking requirements.

It makes logical sense.

We do not want to see 10,000 more small tiny affordable apartments that are going to turn into basically the projects with low income people. We are overrun with this now and it needs to stop.

Any plan or concept that starts with “collective” ought to make Chairman Mao or Joe Biden feel real proud. Who are those so pompous to think that “Growth Management” is a legitimate concept? Why “limit” growth? Should each of us not live up to our full human potential? Or, are you ready to just turn everything in Forsyth County over to Klaus Schwab so that “we will own nothing and be happy.” Total fairy dust, moonbat and unicorn stuff.

Have difficulty in tying Vibrant Character to this Theme.

Is it possible to post a GMP labeled with key roads for those of us who need additional support in map reading?

The city has not invested enough effort in saving historically significant structures, engaging the creative forces of local artists and developers in creating unique neighborhoods instead of “developments” that resemble cheap army barracks that can be found anywhere.

I hope we will prioritize keeping the older downtown buildings through rehabilitation and continue to require new buildings to have an esthetic that blends with the old. So far it seems like we have been doing that (we have just been here a few years). Raleigh has let developers build anything they want with no allowance for green space or considering an attractive look. Let's do better!!!

It is critically important to consider how the management of growth and the approval of new development in the unincorporated areas of the county impact the planning goals and community character of adjacent municipalities. This is particularly important for communities like Lewisville that will be heavily impacted by new development outside of our town limits. Maintaining lower density, preserving open space and recognizing how growth may negatively impact our roads, schools, public safety and quality of life is essential.

We do not need more apartments for low income. We are over run with them now. They need to be helping the elderly fix up their own homes so they can age in place. Help older neighborhoods appear

more like neighborhoods. Stop worrying about downtown areas new buildings and art on the side of building and actually help people where they live. More trees planted in neighborhoods.

"The city should invest more in establishing downtown as a destination. A positive step in that direction has been the relocation of The Kalleidium. The city should continue to focus on developing a downtown resident population by building more signature high rise residential developments with mixed use retail space.

The current 4-story apt developments look just like factory housing that can be seen literally everywhere in NC, take up too much land, crowd out the streetscape and provide diminishing returns from desperately needed tax revenue."

Help with beautification in the existing low-income neighborhoods. It's always gets pushed down to low priority.

Zoning changes that would allow for more density in areas that may be closer to the city center, but where residential areas have already been long established, would have negative environmental impacts that need to be examined (i.e. tree removal, increased traffic pollution, runoff, erosion, destruction of wildlife habitat). It would also have impacts on housing costs/market with the more valuable property/land ultimately moving farther from city center (undermining the goal of preserving rural areas). These factors must be considered and evaluated.

Like it.

The city should officially annex portions of North Davidson county as part of the management plan as they are already recognized as part of WS by federal authorities

Do not agree restricting my property rights as to what I do with my land. Forcing me to keep it rural or as farmland, if I should choose to do otherwise, it not appropriate. Concern about housing density and how effective that truly is. Not the way of life that Forsyth has come to expect and not the best way to live- close up on each other. People appreciate life here as it is and do not need govt to fundamentally change how everything is done and how people travel.

Are "Activity Centers" and "Growth Corridors" (from 2030 Legacy Plan) being carried forward in this plan? I like the concepts, but better strategies and programmatic actions need to be identified. These also need to be supported by policy, especially in a future UDO update.

I would really like to see the city and county shrink the size of suburban neighborhoods in favor of more dense multi-use spaces in urban neighborhoods. I would love for my family to be able to walk to all of our needs - doctors, groceries, restaurants, entertainment centers, school. I wish that our communities were more walkable so that I could decrease the carbon footprint from my transportation. This is also important for affordable housing so that more homes can be added to the market. Denser housing also allows for better energy use across housing by adding solar panels and backup battery storage that can

be shared by neighbors. I think better constraining suburban neighborhoods and directing growth into urban area is crucial for meeting our guiding principles of equity, livability and resiliency. we should have no suburban neighborhoods. they will bankrupt our city through the debt housing trap. do not allow any new expansion only density on current housing

Goal 4 - Eliminate bullet points 1 and 3. Prioritize mixed-use on all GMAs. On the map, expand the Urban Neighborhoods into the Suburban Neighborhoods area. Nodes should be identified (ie the area around Robinhood Rd & Peace Haven, Robinhood Village, etc). densification and mixed uses should be prioritized in all of these nodes, regardless of GMA.

There is no mention about addressing the host of current maintenance issues of the current parks, paths, streets with regard to trash, graffiti, lack of trash receptacles, overgrown foliage, broken lights and how these issues are addressed in new developments

Potential destination attractions for downtown: outdoor food mall, aquarium, outdoor concert/theatre venue, tropical walking garden, mixed media art park featuring water fountains, and digital art

The conceptual framework of the growth management plan is excellent. I hope that it is possible to tighten up the zones even more so that we more aggressively densify our notion of land use. There is a lot of room to build up and to fill in, especially with regard to housing. In my preferred world, we would only develop farmland or wild lands in the case of new industrial or large commercial buildings that we know will provide good employment for those living in the county. Obviously, that is an ideal that probably cannot be met, but it could serve as a guiding principle. Any time a new building is to be built, we should be asking if this is the right place for it, or if there is a better alternative.

Tiny Homes on one level will be useful to provide affordable and safe housing for all kinds of residents. Consider programs to lift up people facing homelessness. City with Dwellings, et al, is a good start. Boarding houses is a concept we seem to have grown away from, but many people throughout history have made it through transitions via boarding house situations. The BEAR program is another step to give citizens confidence in our safety and wellbeing. Equity in representation in positions of civic duty is important (police, fire, teachers, social services). I think we're on a good path there. I say that now because security and a social safety net are important when many different types of people going through all kinds of things are living closer together.

What exactly is a future growth area, and how does that differ from rural? Define these GMAs. It looks like I'm in a GMA 4 bubble surrounded by GMA 5, and am NOT at all happy with the idea of any more development like the approved Sustaino project that puts ~180 houses in 200 acres, where to count 180 homes in the surrounding area requires square miles to reach that density.

Green spaces and rural areas need to be preserved. To minimize climate change and carbon emissions, large-lot residential must be minimized. All developable areas should be designed with complete streets standards to provide safe access for all road users.

I appreciate the Growth Management Plan, and would like even stronger encouragement of denser building in areas with existing infrastructure and more protections for farmland, greenspaces, parks etc. I realize there will naturally need to be some growth in urban areas, but I think more emphasis should be placed in increased building density, mixed use areas. I also think transportation will play a big role in this. If we can invest in a public transportation system that can reduce the need for cars while still providing convenient mobility for people that would help support the denser development as well.

Well done. I like how you tie this section back to the Vision Theme Goals and Strategies.

Public Input Meeting Comments

I'm so grateful for the work the city has done to plan for environmental health, transportation and housing. It's tremendously helpful!

No "15 minute cities". Let us live the way we want to live. Too many hands in our government. Not sure how all of this is going to be accomplished.

Vibrant Character & Identity: add "diverse" before "culture" so it reads "uplifts our identity and diverse culture."

Silas Creek Parkway is a long barrier to walking and bike traffic.

Economic growth will be driven by and come from connected spaces. Reading the regulations on housing/zoning laws will encourage infill development. More density will create incentive for more non-car infrastructure. Spending real money on density, pedestrian infrastructure, infill, and public transportation will pay for itself with more tax income.

Development increase and implementation plans beyond just "goals" which can be seen as idealistic/not achievable. Thank you for capturing what the community needs, now to the "how".

Include healthy and safe space within communities being considered and include childcare opportunities (rural and low-income areas; areas where there is very few choices for families). Also include food deserts in places to beautify, revitalize, redesign communities.

Hire Strong Towns / Urban 3 to determine the best growth areas. Create plans with numbers that the city can be held accountable to.

What is the action put in place to make buildings and future projects and houses more ADA compliant? Where do we see the steps to hold the city accountable for connecting green spaces, better transit routes and providing and enforcing the protected bike lanes on more roads. What areas are being deemed "food deserts" and how are we planning to combat this with affordable options? How many ongoing check-ins will be held to ensure officials are sticking to these proposed ideas? How much will actually get done by 2045?

I applaud the forward thinking goals on these plans. I encourage our City Council and County to follow the lead of the experts who studied and wrote these goals for the past 3 years. Also use expert advice when implementing. And listen to people who elected you.

Turning existing infrastructure into mixed use spaces that prioritize black and brown or even local businesses to talk hold and create new energy in those spaces. Use these for affordable/low

income housing and create a diverse population base in downtown since 52 has cut off the lower income side of Winston from freely feeling comfortable in downtown Winston.

Thank you for acknowledging Winston-Salem racial division, red-lining on the online details. Now let's change the inequalities!

All are great and necessary for any city/community to thrive. 2 would rank the most essential to well-being as such: 1) attainable housing and stable neighborhoods; 2) Strong economic opportunities; 3) Sustainable and Healthy Environment.

Strong Economic opportunity is the keystone to the entire plan. It enables every part of our future.

Affordable housing – look into funds that continue to be generated based on surrounding property value of schools. Lower income areas have less funding for schools around it and its not equal. Lower income schools need more funds compared to better or higher ranked schools.

Affordable quality early childhood is essential for success. Please consider investing in more childcare to make it affordable or we will have to move to Greensboro.

Please consider reducing childcare cost.

I am not interested in more taxes to increase nice thing in Winston-Salem. Develop East Winston where they don't have resources and provide more police to keep things in tack. Work within your budget. Stop taxing citizens on a fixed income. Find out why there are so many single women raising many children. Do classes on importance of men and women, who conceive children, raise their children. Statistic prove they're more likely to complete school and not end up in the jail house. Fathers are important. Work with churches in the East Winston area to do their part for their community. Stop working in silos!

This is not ok for Winston-Salem. We are doing fine as we are now. All the poster boards are so vague, they don't give any specifics and are made to sound just lovely to someone reading them without knowing more detail. Nobody should vote for this. It will only increase our taxes for what we do not want. WE do not want to be told what kind of car to buy or where we can go and how far. We live in America and should have freedom. No way!