Larimer County Citizen Survey 2013
Analysis

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Executive Summary

The Larimer County 2013 Citizen Survey was conducted and analyzed February through April 2013. The purpose of the survey was to 1) continue to benchmark citizens' attitudes and opinions of County services, 2) identify any areas of concern, and, 3) assist the County Commissioners and managers in their budgeting processes.

The general findings from the survey are:

- Larimer County citizens remain enthusiastic about the County – this was determined by the high response rates to the surveys, plus the generally high performance ratings given.
- Performance of County services has slightly, although gradually, improved since 2002 when these benchmarks began.
- There is a great deal of stability in the data. That is, a pattern of ratings of high levels of importance and high performance levels has been seen for several years.
- Several social services provided by the County tended to rate lower in both importance and performance.
- The most important services offered by the County are providing Adequate Recycling and Landfills. Wildfire Protection, Restaurant Inspections and Conducting Elections were also seen as very important. The lowest rated services in importance are 4H, The Ranch, and Animal Control.
- Importantly, of the primary services (that is, important services) offered, most all perform very well.
- The performance of County services continued to be highly rated. The top performing services are Collecting Property Taxes, Conducting Voter Registration and Elections, and Recording and Maintaining Official Records.
- Regarding communications within the County, citizens continue to utilize electronic sources. In fact the Larimer County website is their most useful source for County information. They also find in-person Town Hall meetings to be very useful.
- Attitudes toward the County government and perceptions of Larimer County as a place to work and live can be considered moderate to good.
- An area of concern arose in that younger, poorer, residents that have not lived here long are finding social services to be more important than others find them to be.
- Looking forward, citizens think that environmental health is the most important thing for Larimer County to focus on.

The Survey

Purpose of the Survey

In order to have a good understanding of Larimer County citizens the County conducts periodic scans of its residents. The survey is part of the County's overall information gathering plan and is one of several instruments used by Larimer County Commissioners and managers to inform decision making. The specific objectives of the survey are to:

- Determine the importance and performance of 32 individual services offered by the County.
- Determine general concerns of County citizens.
- Analyze changing trends in how citizens obtain information.
- Provide an observation point for comparison with previous benchmarks.
- Look forward to understand what citizens desire the County to focus on in the future.

Methodology

The survey was derived from previous surveys in order to maintain the benchmarking standards. The only substantial changes from previous years were, 1) modified attitudinal questions about how citizens perceived living and working in Larimer County; including their perceptions of the Larimer County government, and ,2) added an open-end question regarding what citizens will find important in the future. See Appendix 1 (following p. 29) for the online survey.

Once the survey was designed, a telephone research firm was procured to recruit respondents. See Appendices for the telephone script used by the callers (following the online survey). At the end of each calling day the results of the recruitment were sent to the researcher. All respondents were promised anonymity and confidentiality, and that their names/addresses would not be used for any further contact.

The telephone research firm randomly called Larimer County citizens based on two lists generated to reflect the geographic distribution of residents within the county. One list was a list of land line phone numbers, the second list contained cell phone numbers. The caller asked the respondent if they would agree to fill out the survey. If the respondent agreed their e-mail address was taken. After the address was taken it was confirmed by the callers for accuracy. Then a mailing from the researcher sent each potential respondent a URL for the respondent to log on to (see Appendices). This URL provided access to the online survey.

Residents took the survey via an online survey tool known as Qualtrics. Once completed, citizens submitted the data, which went to a secure server. From there the researcher accessed the data for tabulation, coding, and analysis. Three reminder emails were sent to only those respondents who had not submitted the completed survey.

Regarding response, 706 requests were emailed and 426 submitted full responses for a response rate of 60%. The response rate is very high.

Description of Sample

When the survey data was returned the cell phone sample data was pooled with the landline sample data. The large sample size contributes to smaller margins of error. The effective margins of error (MOE varies per item) for this study were approximately ±3% based on the typical margin equation[1]. Regarding the sample makeup it can be summarized as follows:

- 51% male, 49% female
- Average home size of 2.5 people (including respondent)
- Average tenure in County of 23 years
- 67% of the sample lives inside of the city limits and 33% lives in unincorporated areas of the County.
- 94% Caucasian

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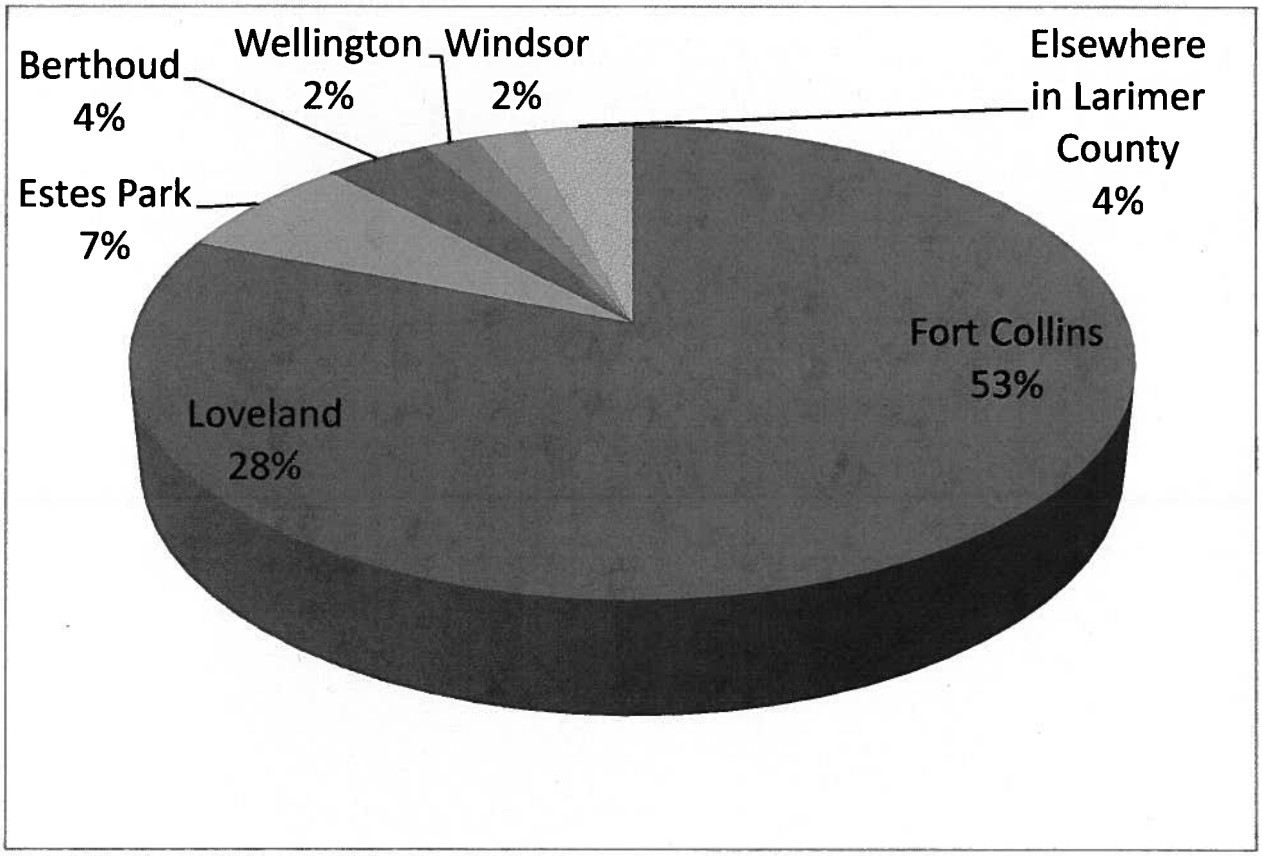

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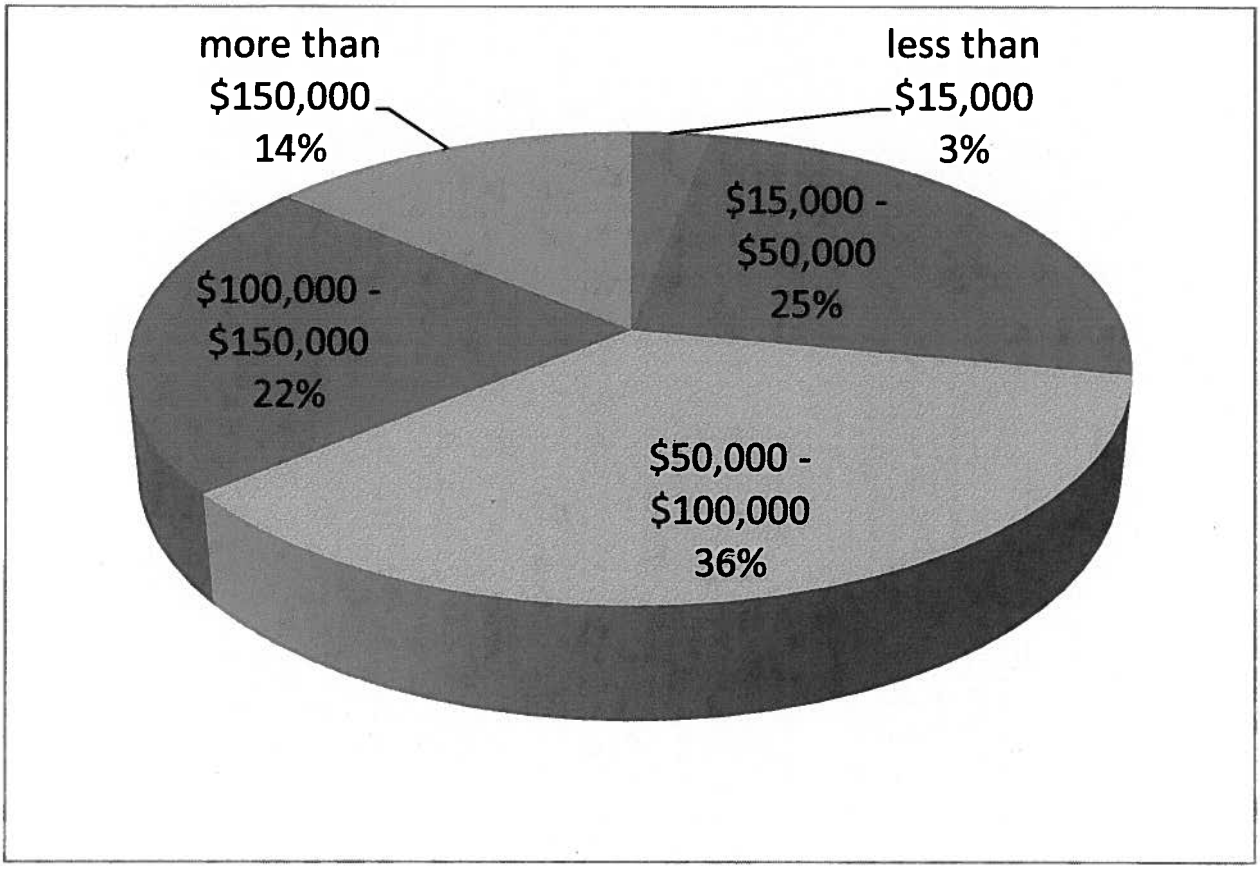

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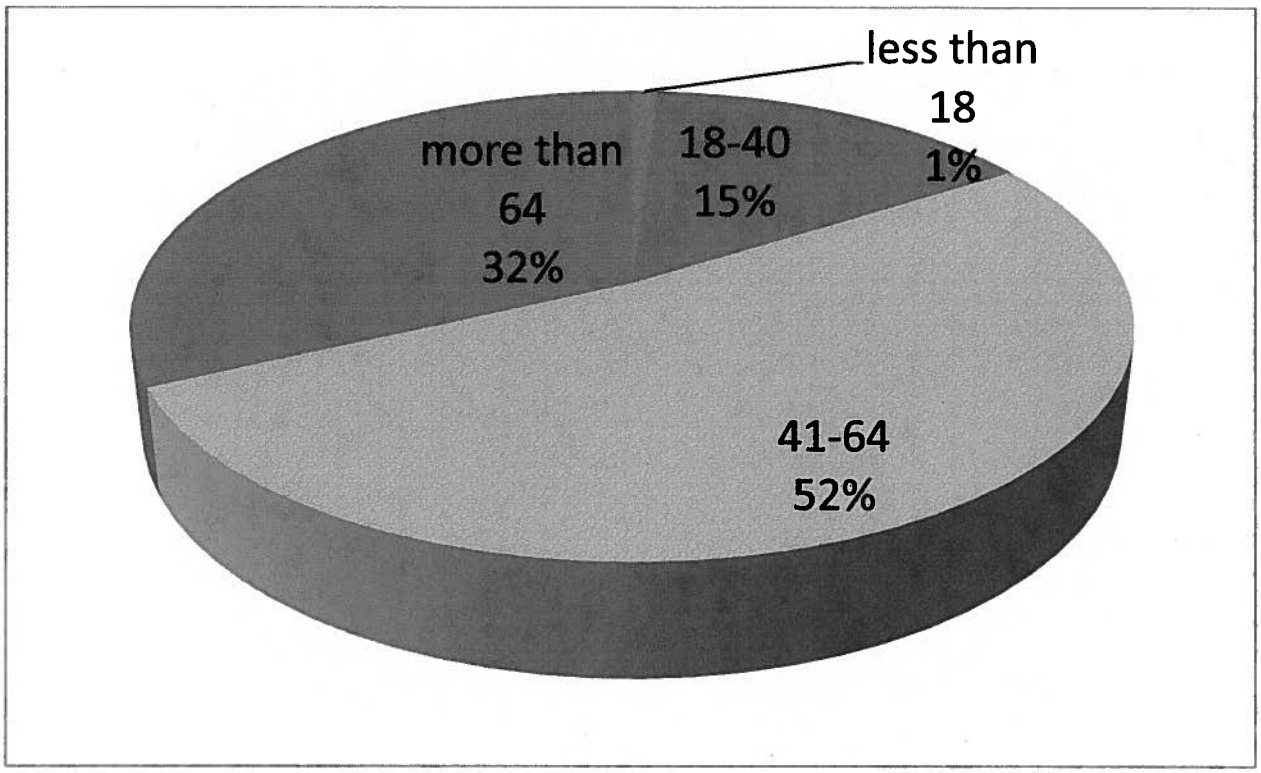

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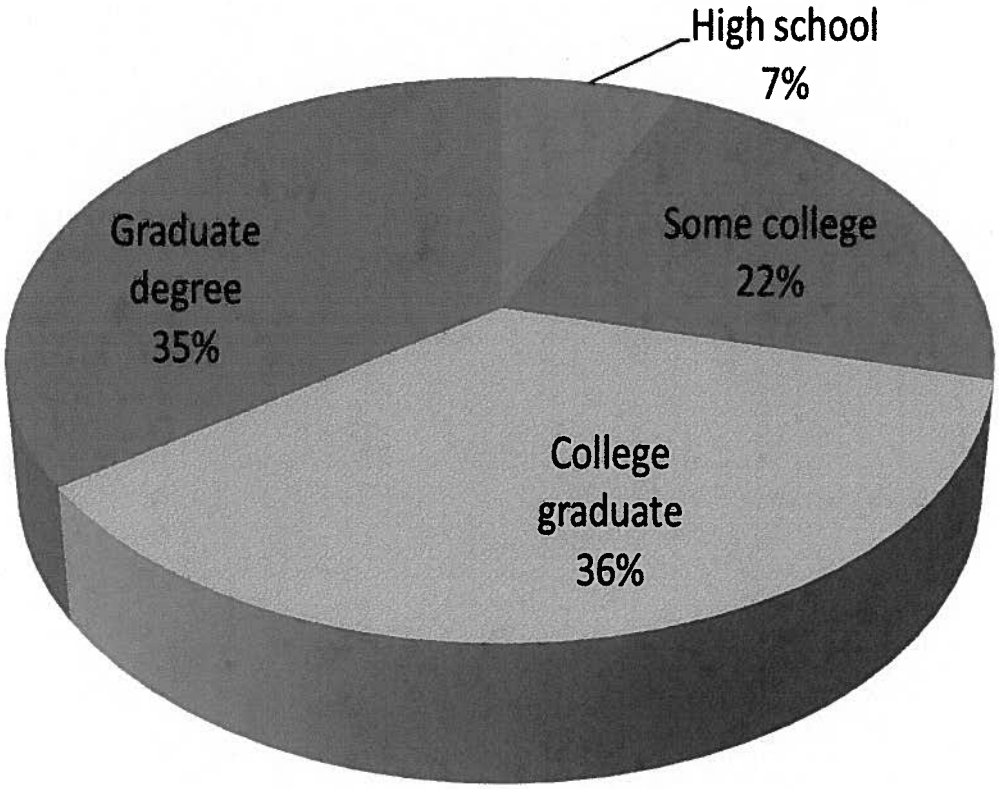

Importantly, after consulting the demographics section of Larimer County Compass it was deemed that this is a representative sample.

The Importance of County Services

Respondents were given a list of 32 services provided by the County and asked to rate each service based on how important it was perceived to be. These importance ratings were compiled and the results are reported in Table 1, p. 22. They are listed in the order asked. We demonstrate this graphically in the figure on p. 9.

As demonstrated in the figure, the most important services are, generally, those that have to do with keeping safe and healthy (Wildfire Protection, Restaurant Inspections, Law Enforcement), and performing basic County services (Conducting Elections, Processing Criminal Cases). The most important county service is Solid Waste Management and Recycling. The least important services are Animal Control, Operating the Ranch, and 4H and related services.

We also examined the importance of County services in total. That is, we took the average of "Not so important," "Important," and "Highly important." This figure is reported on p. yyy. We note that most of the responses (87.6%) scored the services as either "Important" or "Highly Important." This indicates that Larimer County is providing services, for the most part, that citizens find useful.

Importance of Services by Demographic Group

It is important to look at how importance of services is affected by group differences. To do so we took median splits (approximately 50% above and 50% below) and examined statistical differences in groups. We found the following (see Table 2 on p. 24)?

City Limit. As expected, services are rated at different levels of importance based on where people live, either inside or outside of the city limits. Those that live outside the city limits rate services as more important that are only provided by the County (as those, such as fire protection, maintaining County roads and bridges, and law enforcement, that are provided by both City and County). Those that live inside city limits found services to be more important that were more social based (Public Health, Helping the Hard-to-Employ).

Age. We split the data at 40 years old. Those under 40 are more interested in many social services (Public Health, Helping the Hard-to-Employ, Providing Employment and Training) and recreation (Maintaining Parks and Open Lands) while those 40 and over are interested primarily in safety issues (Operating the Jail, Prosecuting Criminal Cases, Law Enforcement) and conducting everyday County business (Property Taxes, Registering Voters, Recording and Maintaining Official Records).

Income. There are differences in those making $100,000 or more and those making less than $100,000. As expected, on the lower income end social services are deemed more important (Public Health, Supporting Long Term Care for the Needy) and those on the higher income end are more focused on other issues (Operating the Jail, Zoning Enforcement).

Education. Those without college degrees are more interested in Supporting Long Term Care for the Needy, Supporting Veterans, and Supporting Senior Citizens. Those with college degrees are more interested in safety (Law Enforcement), recreation (Maintaining Parks and Open Lands), transportation (Coordinating and Planning Future Transportation) and the everyday workings of the County (Zoning Enforcement and Registering Voters).

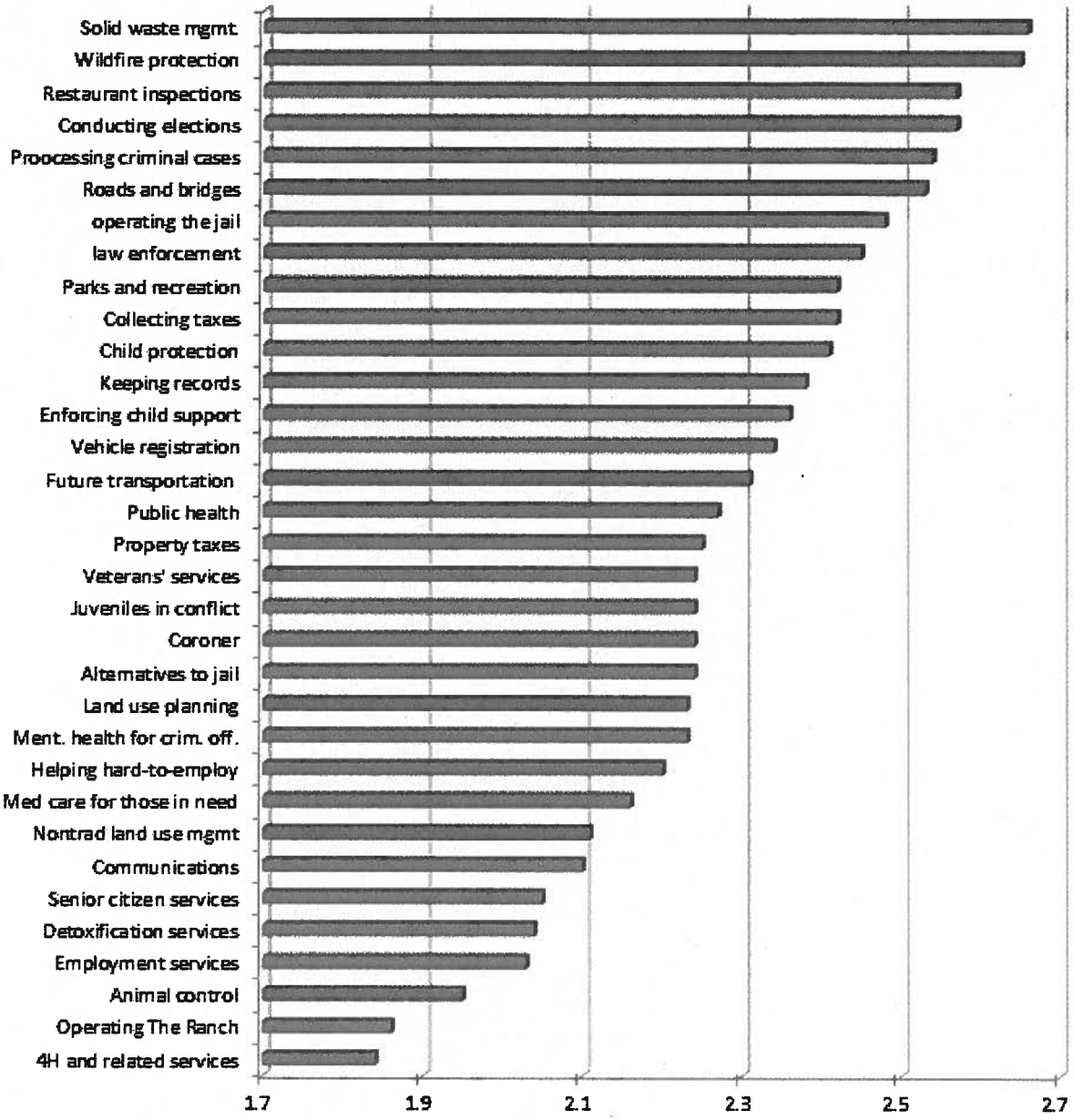

Figure: Importance of Larimer County Services from Most to Least Important (1=Not so important, 2=Important, 3=Highly important; red lines represent services performed only outside the city limits).

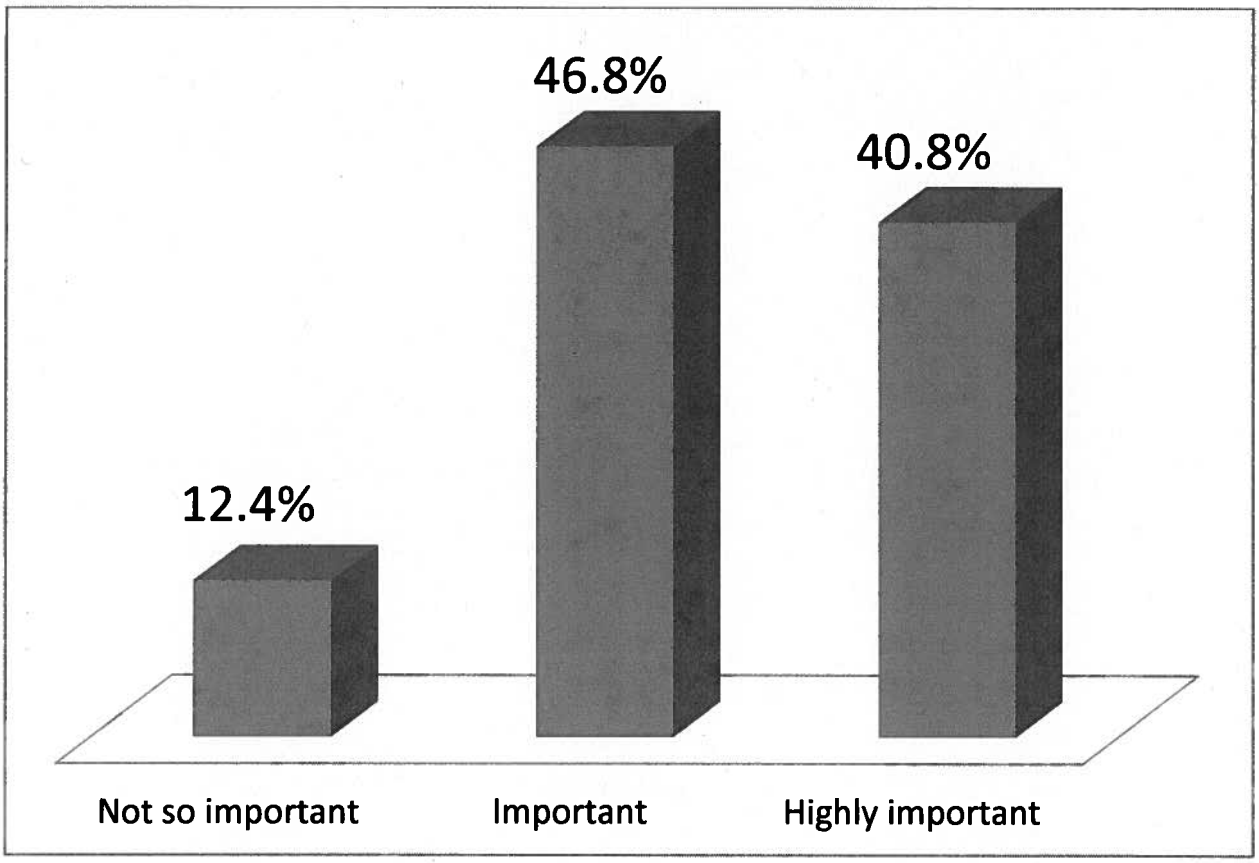

Figure: Importance of Total Larimer County Services

The Performance of County Services

Citizens were asked to rate whether the 32 county services were performed "inadequately," "adequately," or "better than required." In order to provide as full an understanding as possible regarding performance of county services we consider multiple views of performance. All of the results can be found in Table 3 (p. 27). This is demonstrated graphically in the figure on the next page (the red bars represent services performed outside of the city limits).

Overall Adequacy. To consider overall adequacy we combine the "adequate" score with the "better than required" score (another way to look at this is "not inadequate"). In total, 20 of the 32 services analyzed (63%) scored 90% or above in overall accuracy, an outstanding number.

Inadequacy. Regarding inadequate services, there were several, but fortunately, none that were rated to be quite important. Most concerning are: Mental Health Services for Criminal Offenders, Detoxification Services, and Communications Services.

Better than Required. While there are some problems with services performed inadequately, others are performed better than they are required. The services most evaluated as having been performed better than required were: Wildfire Protection, Solid Waste Management, Maintaining Parks and Recreation Areas, and Conducting Elections. Most of those services are also ranked high in importance, suggesting Larimer County is especially careful to provide adequate service levels to the most important areas.

We summarize by examining the overall performance of services performed in the County (see figure on p. 13). As the figure demonstrates the news is good. Only 10.2% of services are rated inadequate. Finally, the figure on p. 14 shows performance broken down by service and performance category.

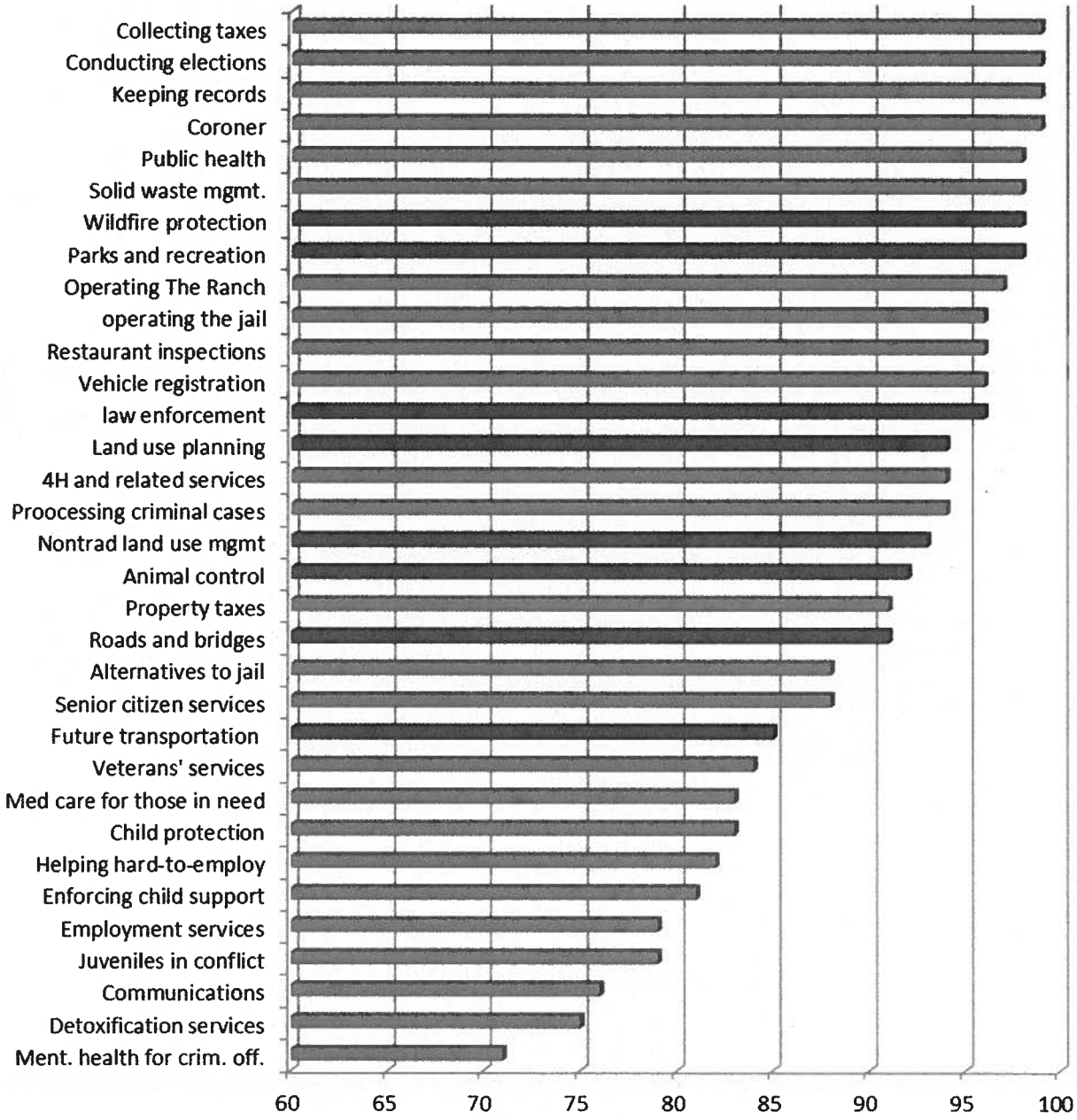

Figure: Performance of Larimer County Services (% Adequate plus % Better than required; Red lines represent services performed outside city limits only).

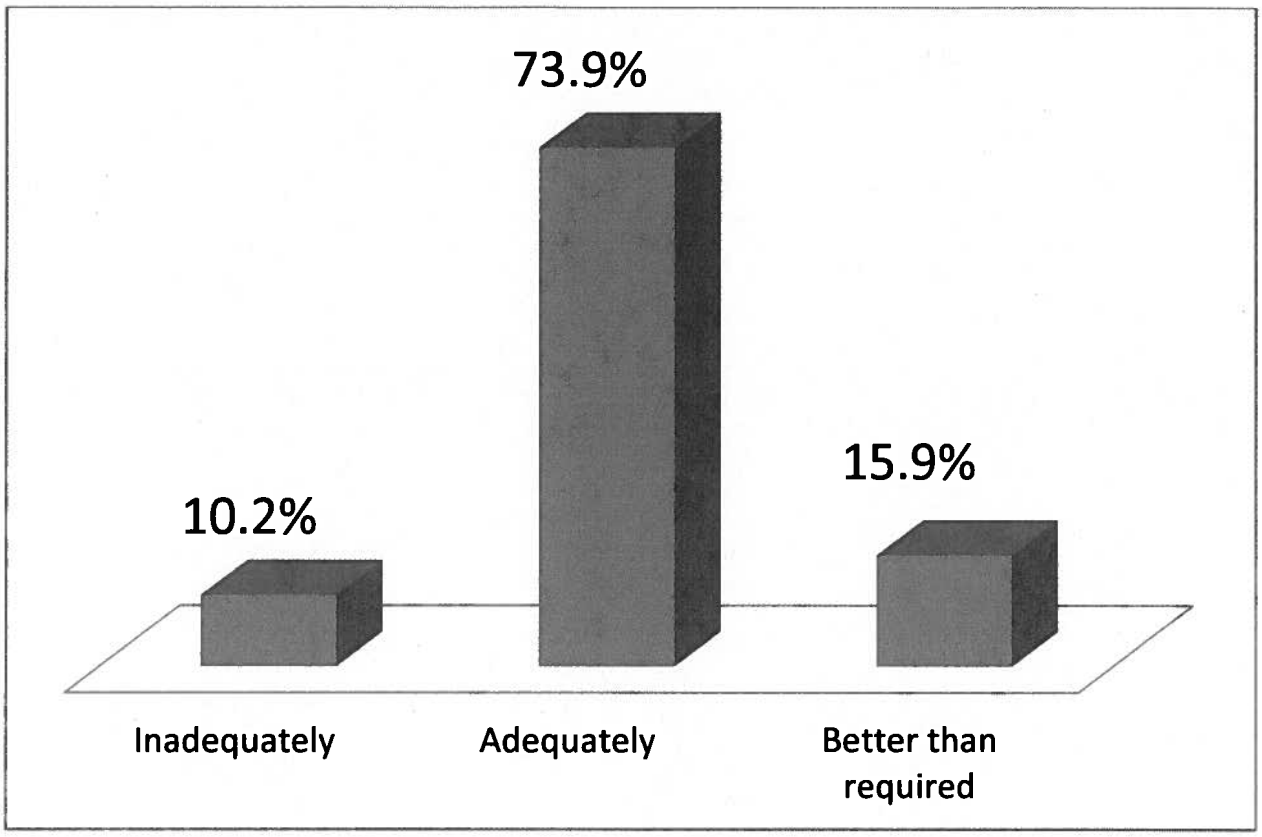

Figure: Performance of Overall Larimer County Services

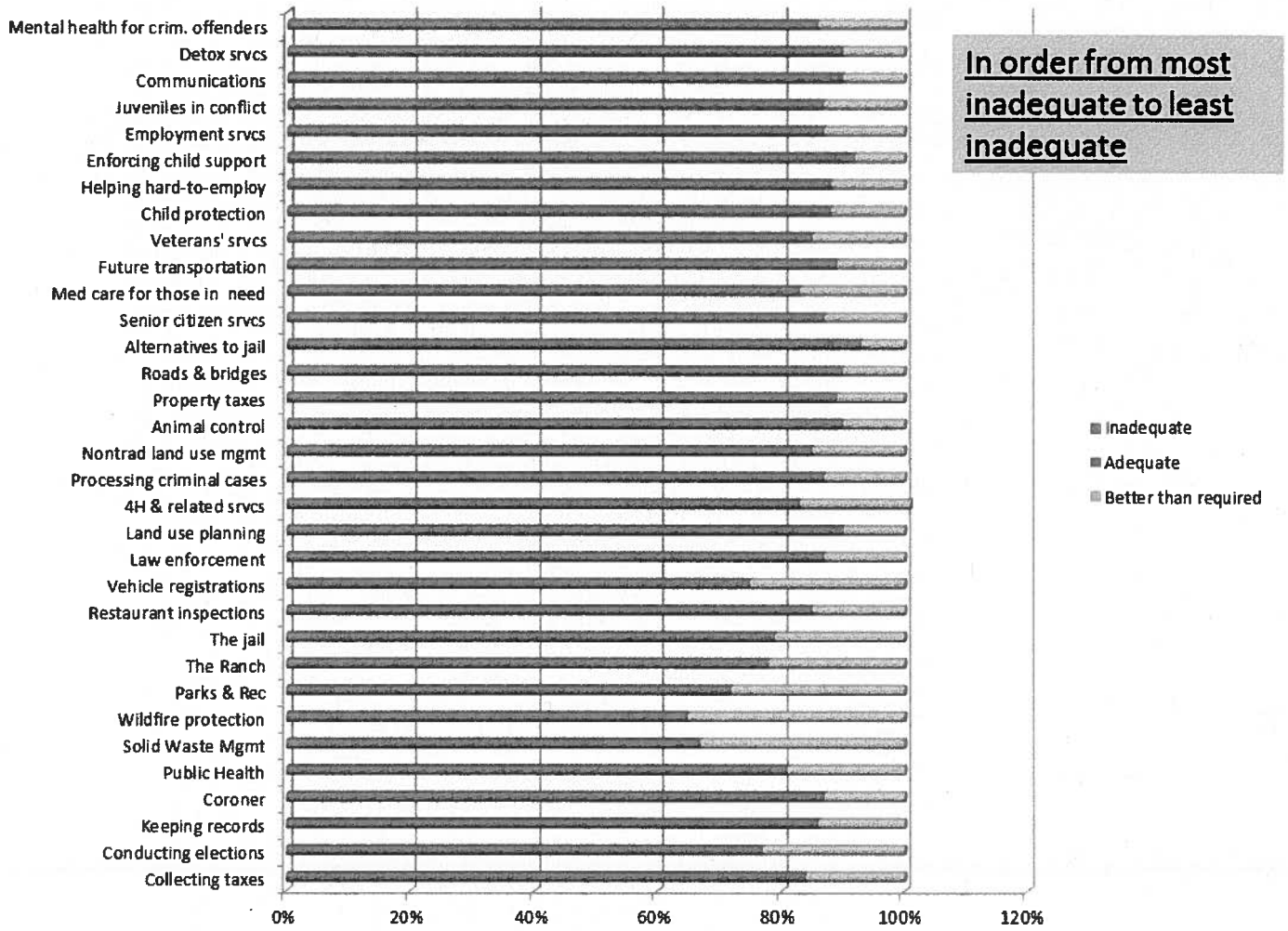

Figure: Performance of Larimer County Services

The Importance and Performance of County Services

We examine the combination of importance and performance graphically. The figure (p. 16) shows the top 10 importance and performance of services. These are arrayed in a 2x2 matrix, which demonstrates where these lie. In a perfect world the most important services would all be rated as the highest in performance (top right hand box). The worst result is too have the important services rated as poor in performance (top left hand box). As is shown, most of the high importance items are highest in performance, and most of the least important items are lowest in performance.

We also note that services, both in their rated importance and performance, have been stable over time, with a slight upswing in performance (see figure on p. 17).

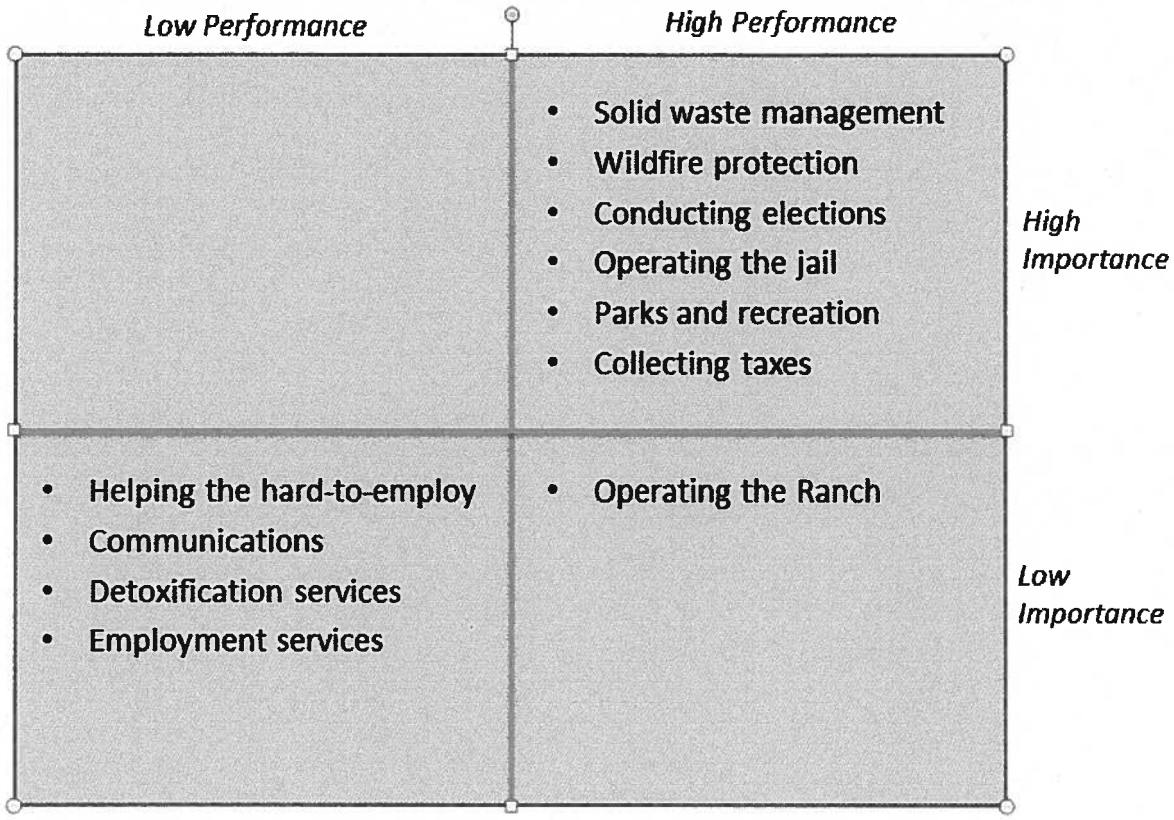

Figure: Importance and Performance of Larimer County Services

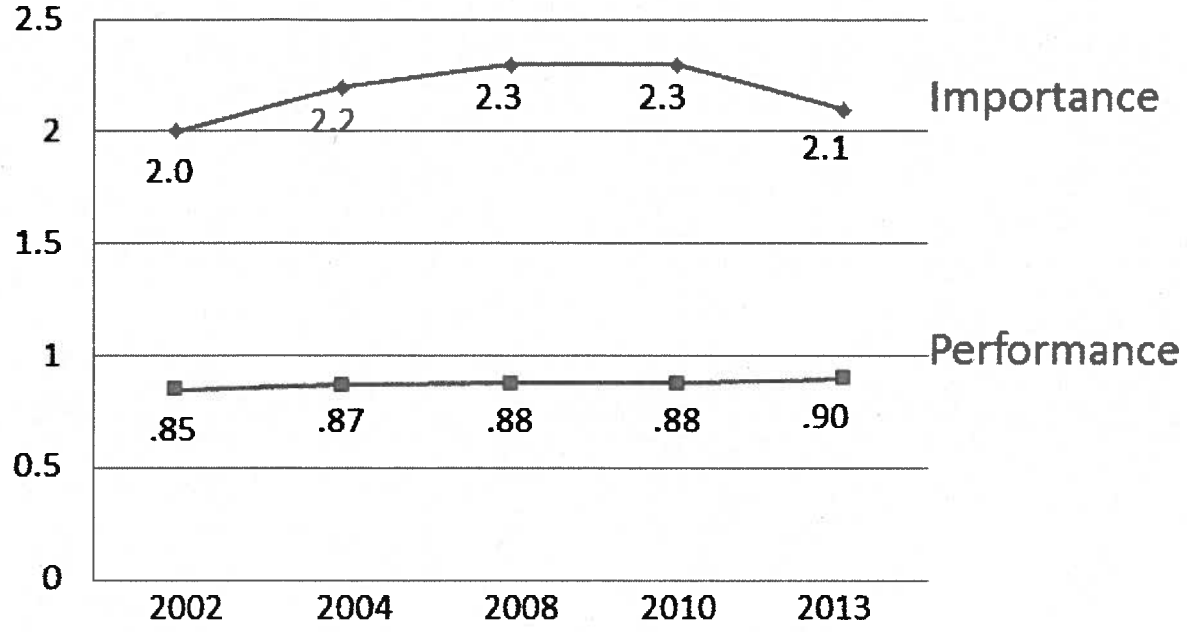

Figure: Importance and Performance of Larimer County Services Over Time (Importance based on 1=Not important, 2=Important and 3=Highly important; Performance based on % Adequate and % Better than required).

Quality of Life in Larimer County

Four questions were modified from last year's survey to ask citizens about their overall impressions of the County. This resulted in a "global" representation of the County, different from rating individual services. Individual questions asked about citizens' impressions of, 1) the direction in which Larimer County is headed, 2) the County as a place to work, 3) the overall quality of life in the County, and, 4) the confidence citizens have in County government.

As the figure indicates, perceptions of the quality of life in the County might be described as moderate. On one hand, the scores are tricky to interpret because there is no benchmark for comparison. For instance, without a reference point a mean of 4.3 is not completely relevant. Even so, these scores indicate that improvement can be made. As it stands it is too early to make substantive decisions based on the findings.

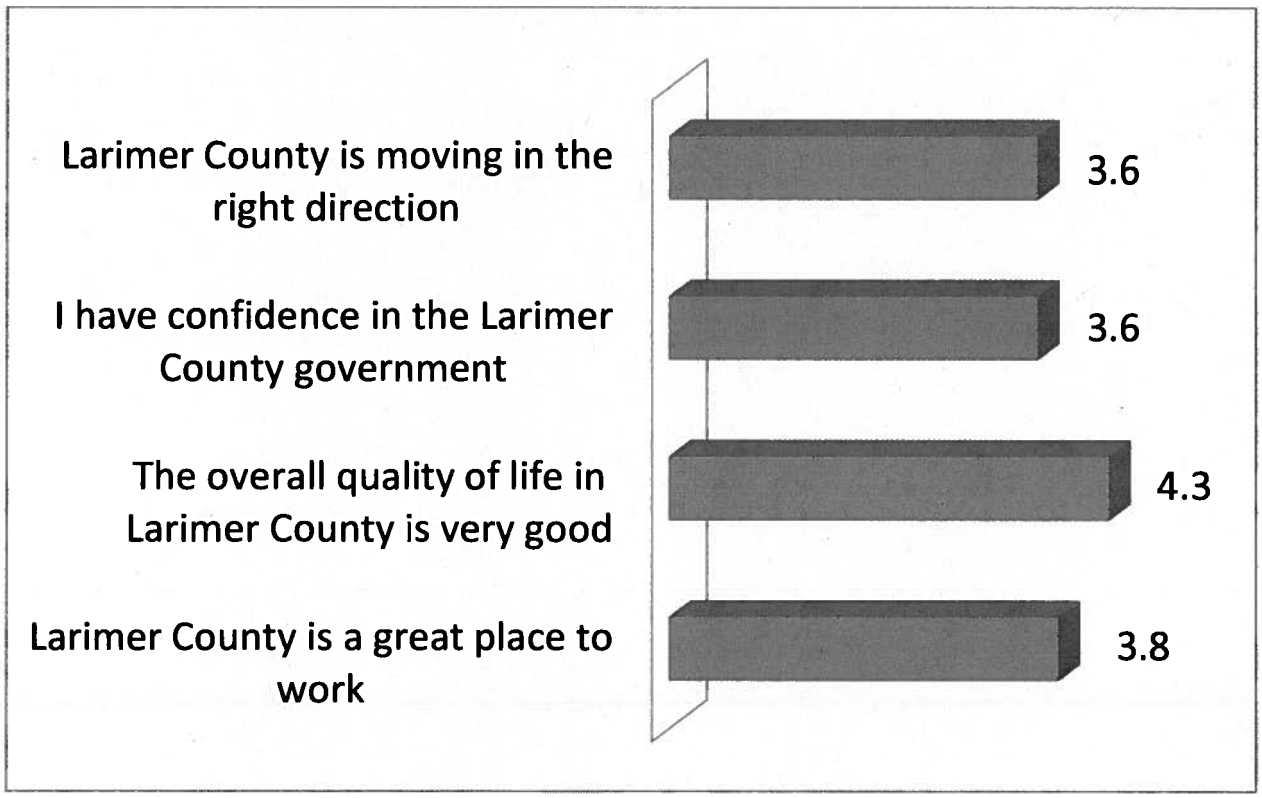

Figure: Attitudes About Larimer County (1=strongly disagree; 5=Strongly agree)

Information Acquisition in Larimer County

Every two years we explore how easy it is for County residents to access information about the County, and what tools they use to access the information. As can be seen below, citizens find it relatively easy to access information about the County.

We are also interested to know which sources of information, for instance, the County website and newspapers, are the most useful to Citizens. As expected the Larimer County website is the most useful source of information for citizens followed by public meetings. The least useful sources of information were social media sites.

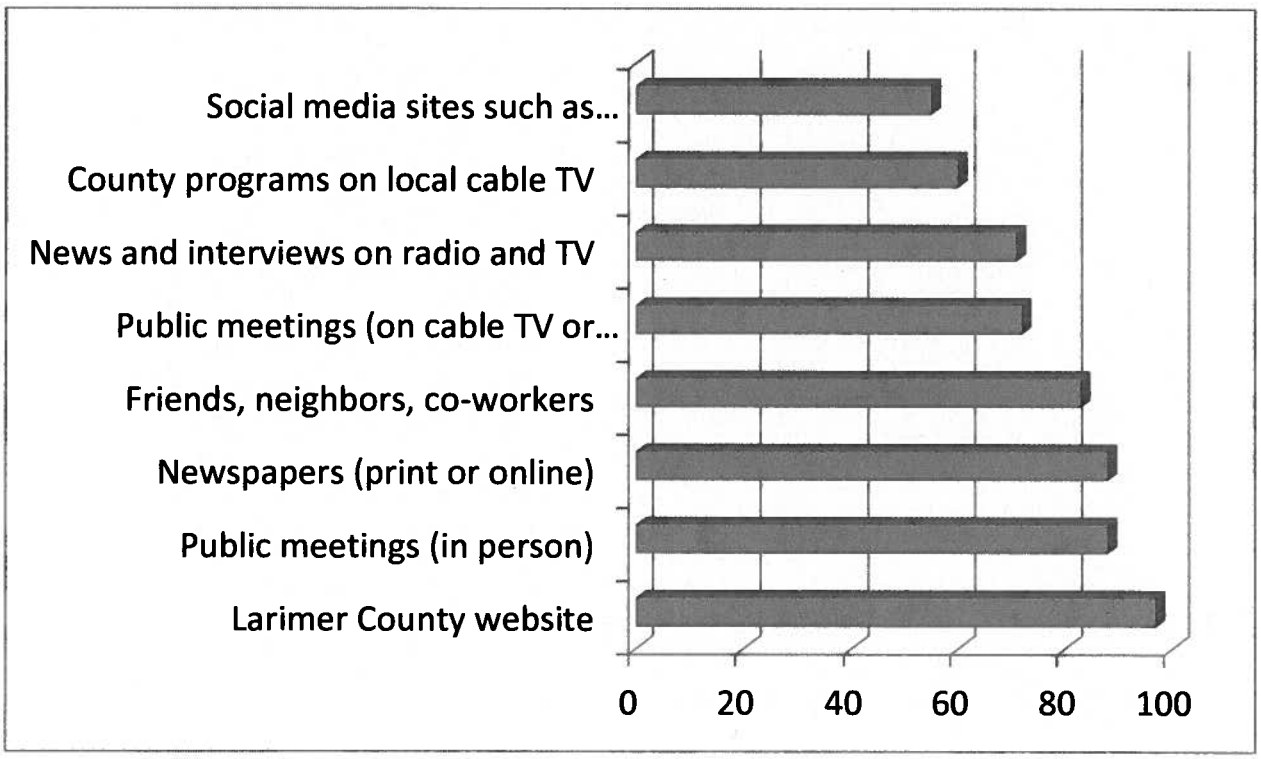

Figure: Usefulness of Sources in Gaining Information About Larimer County (1=Not useful, 3=Useful)

Future Considerations

A new question concerning what citizens thought the Larimer County Commissioners should focus resources on in the future was added to the survey. Citizens were asked to list "the top three to five things Larimer County should focus on in the future." This allowed citizens to consider all the services provided by the County and the direction in which the County should move.

There were a very wide range of answers (see final Appendix). Trends included:

- Promote jobs and employment opportunities
- Law enforcement
- Mental health issues
- Protection of open spaces
- Building and maintenance of County roads
- Provision of social services
- Wildfire protection

Summary

Things remain good. As it was the last time the survey was executed, citizens remain quite satisfied with the way the County is run. There are always a few areas which could stand improvement, but by and large, citizens are happy. Performance ratings are very high for most services offered by the County and citizens see most all services offered by the County as important.

Positive Performance Trendline. Comparing the performance of Larimer County Services over the past 11 years indicates that the performance of such services is gradually improving. It has gradually increased from 85% in 2002 (service performed adequate or better than required) to 90% in 2013.

Protection of Open Spaces. Protection of open spaces was seen as the most important concern when citizens looked out into the future. Open end comments indicated their passion for open areas, parks, and recreation. They are concerned about maintaining such spaces and about encroaching development into the spaces.

Table 1: Importance of Services

Service Performed Throughout the County	Not so Important (%)	Important (%)	Highly Important (%)
Providing public health services such as immunization clinics, tracking infectious disease, home visits, and health screenings	16.1	40.7	43.1
Maintaining, operating, and providing events at The Ranch – Larimer County Fairgrounds and Events Complex	30.2	53.5	16.3
Operating the jail for all of Larimer County (including the cities in the county)	5.9	39.7	54.3
Providing landfills, recycling programs, and other solid waste management systems (not including trash collection)	1.8	30.0	68.2
Helping the hard-to-employ move from temporary assistance to the permanent workplace	12.6	54.8	32.6
Conducting restaurant inspections and other services related to food safety and water quality	2.4	38.3	59.3
Supporting long term care and providing medical and financial assistance to those in need	18.8	46.5	34.7
Providing mental health and substance abuse treatment for criminal offenders	16.3	44.4	39.2
Issuing vehicle registrations, titles and license plates	9.9	46.1	44.0
Providing support services to military veterans	15.7	44.1	40.2
Determining property market values for tax purposes and providing an appeals process	10.2	54.5	35.3
Registering voters and conducting elections	3.1	36.6	60.2
Prosecuting criminal cases	3.7	38.9	57.4
Communicating with residents about County services	17.0	55.8	27.2

Providing extension services such as research-based information and education in nutrition, financial management, 4-H and agricultural practices	35.0	45.9	19.1
Providing advocacy information and referral services for senior citizens	20.9	52.9	26.2
Recording and maintaining official records such as real estate deeds and marriage licenses	7.3	47.1	45.6
Providing employment and training services for all employers and job seekers, including economically disadvantaged youth and the hard-to-employ	25.1	46.8	28.1
Collecting property taxes and keeping records of property tax bills and payments	6.4	45.6	48.0
Providing alternatives to jail such as work release programs, community service, and home detention	11.4	53.1	35.5
Providing a temporary place for juveniles in conflict with law enforcement or in conflict with their families	10.7	54.3	35.0
Providing medical investigation of all deaths not resulting from natural causes	10.9	54.0	35.1
Establishing and enforcing child support orders	9.5	45.4	45.1
Providing foster care, adoption, and other child protection services	6.4	45.9	47.7
Providing substance abuse and detoxification services	20.9	54.2	24.9

Table 2: Importance of Services: Group Differences

PANEL A: Those living inside city limits vs. those living outside city limits*

	Inside	Outside
Providing public health services such as immunization clinics, tracking infectious disease, home visits, and health screenings *	2.3	2.2
Helping the hard-to-employ move from temporary assistance to the permanent workplace	2.3	2.1
Communicating with residents about county services	2.2	2.9
Providing employment and training services for all employers and job seekers, including economically disadvantaged youth and the hard-to-employ	2.5	2.7
Maintaining non-city roads and bridges	2.5	2.7
Responding to non-city public safety problems and enforcing laws	2.4	2.6

PANEL B: Those under 40 vs. those 40 and over*

	Under 40	40 and over
Providing public health services such as immunization clinics, tracking infectious disease, home visits, and health screenings	2.5	2.2
Operating the jail for all of Larimer County (including the cities in the county	2.3	2.5
Helping the hard-to-employ move from temporary assistance to the permanent workplace Issuing vehicle registrations, titles, and license plates	2.4	2.2
Determining property market values for tax purposes and providing an appeals process	2.0	2.3
Registering voters and conducting elections	2.4	2.6
Prosecuting criminal cases	2.4	2.6
Recording and maintaining official records such as real estate deeds and marriage licenses	2.1	2.4

Providing employment and training services for all employers and job seekers, including economically disadvantaged youth and the hard-to-employ	2.3	2.0
Collecting property taxes and keeping records of property tax bills and payments	2.2	2.5
Responding to non-city public safety problems and enforcing laws	2.3	2.5
Maintaining parks and open lands such as Horsetooth Reservoir and The Devil's Backbone	2.5	2.4

PANEL C: Those making less than $100,000 vs. those making $100,000 or more*	Less than $100,000	$100,000 and more
Providing public health services such as immunization clinics, tracking infectious disease, home visits, and health screenings	2.3	2.2
Operating the jail for all of Larimer County (including the cities in the county)	2.4	2.6
Supporting long term care and providing medical and financial assistance to those in need	2.2	2.1
Communicating with residents about county services	2.2	2.1
Providing employment and training services for all employers and job seekers, including economically disadvantaged youth and the hard-to-employ	2.1	1.9
Providing land use planning, zoning enforcement, and building inspections	2.2	2.3

PANEL D: Those without college degrees vs. those with college degrees*	No college degree	College degree
Providing landfills, recycling programs, and other solid waste management systems (not including trash collection)	2.6	2.8
Supporting long term care and providing medical and financial assistance to those in need	2.3	2.1
Providing support services to military veterans	2.5	2.2
Registering voters and conducting elections	2.5	2.6

Providing advocacy information and referral services for senior citizens	2.2	2.0
Coordinating and planning the current and future transportation needs of the county	2.2	2.4
Providing land use planning, zoning enforcement, and building inspections	2.1	2.3
Maintaining parks and open lands such as Horsetooth Reservoir and The Devil's Backbone	2.3	2.5

*Only significant differences are listed. Scores are means based on 1=Not so important; 2=Important, 3=Highly important; groups are compared based on independent samples t-test ($t= \frac{(x_a - x_b)}{s_{x_a} - s_{x_b}}$) at $p \leq .10$

Table 3: Performance of Services

Service Performed Throughout the County	Inadequate (%)	Adequate (%)	Better than Required (%)
Providing public health services such as immunization clinics, tracking infectious disease, home visits, and health screenings	1	80	19
Maintaining, operating, and providing events at The Ranch – Larimer County Fairgrounds and Events Complex	3	75	22
Operating the jail for all of Larimer County (including the cities in the county)	4	75	21
Providing landfills, recycling programs, and other solid waste management systems (not including trash collection)	2	65	33
Helping the hard-to-employ move from temporary assistance to the permanent workplace	18	70	12
Conducting restaurant inspections and other services related to food safety and water quality	4	81	15
Supporting long term care and providing medical and financial assistance to those in need	13	70	17
Providing mental health and substance abuse treatment for criminal offenders	29	57	14
Providing extension education in food safety, nutrition, family economics, 4H youth development and gardening	6	77	18
Communicating with residents about county services	24	66	10
Issuing vehicle registrations, titles, and license plates	3	72	25
Providing support services to military veterans	16	69	15
Determining property market values for tax purposes and providing an appeals process	9	80	11

Registering voters and conducting elections	1	76	23
Prosecuting criminal cases	6	81	13
Providing advocacy information and referral services for senior citizens	12	75	13
Recording and maintaining official records such as real estate deeds and marriage licenses	1	85	14
Providing employment and training services for all employers and job seekers, including economically disadvantaged youth and the hard-to-employ	21	66	13
Collecting property taxes and keeping records of property tax bills and payments	1	83	16
Providing alternatives to jail such as work release programs, community service, and home detention	12	71	17
Providing medical investigation of all deaths not resulting from natural causes	1	86	13
Providing foster care, adoption, and other child protection services	17	71	12
Establishing and enforcing child support orders	35	59	6
Providing a temporary place for juveniles in conflict with law enforcement or in conflict with their families	21	66	13

Service Performed Outside the City Limits	**Inadequate (%)**	**Adequate (%)**	**Better than required (%)**
Providing animal control services	8	82	10
Maintaining non-city roads and bridges	9	81	10
Managing nontraditional land use programs, such as clustering homes, to encourage the preservation of open spaces	7	78	15
Responding to non-city public safety problems and enforcing laws	4	83	13

Coordinating and planning the current and future transportation needs of the county	15	75	10
Providing land use planning, zoning enforcement, and building inspections	6	84	10
Providing protection and rescue from wildfires and forest fires	2	63	35
Maintaining parks and open lands such as Horsetooth Reservoir and The Devil's Backbone	2	70	28

Finally, what are the top three to five things Larimer County should focus on in the future?
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Agriculture	Strong support for the farming and ranching communities.
Agriculture	Agriculture
Agriculture	Protect Agricultural Lands in the County
Agriculture	Limited growth initiatives like Boulder County that favor agriculture
Agriculture	Loss iof farm land/agriculture
Agriculture	Better communication to the ranchers and farmers to have the chance to promote our craft such as the venue " BE LOCAL ".
Agriculture	Enforment to the ranchs and smallcommunities.
Agriculture	The change in demands of the citizenry. Larimer County is no longer an agricultural based economy. Also agriculture is a big business enterprise and no longer family orienented. Agiculture should have to meet the requirements of any other enterprise.
Animal Control	When reporting a barking dog of a neighbor's, if it's behind a fence, how can one describe the dog to the Larimer Humane Society if the fence is six foot tall? A nuisance barking dog is a nuisance barking dog when someone is working nights and trying to sleep during the day, or when you have had a life-threatening surgery and are trying to recover from it and need rest.
Animal Control	animal control
Animal Control	Animal control to pick up stray dongs & cats
Animal Control	Improve animal control services.
Animal Control	A leading edge animal control facility.
Business	Encouraging new business in Larimer County.
Business	Recruiting and encouraging the relocation of businesses to the county that provide highly stable and employee friendly work environments.
Business	Smart commercial growth- attracting the right type of employers with tax/zoning incentives
Business	Attracting clean businesses that need a highly educated workforce.
Business	Do not make doing business so hard that the business will locate somewhere else, and then you wonder where the tax income went.
Business	Work to bring in more businesses. As far as I know or have experienced, I think Larimer County does a good job. I'm sorry my answers are not very helpful but I'm not very "involved" outside of my home, with my neighbors, my church and in the City of Fort Collins.
Business	Helping small business
Business	Diverse Business opportunities
Children/Youth	child health
Children/Youth	Child Safety
Children/Youth	caring for the children of the county to protect them from child abuse and being killed by care givers.
Children/Youth	Child Protection
Children/Youth	Improved Child protective agency
Children/Youth	children
Children/Youth	Enforcement of Child Support
Children/Youth	Children's health
Children/Youth	work with at risk youth to prevent further problems
Children/Youth	Youth Activities including young mothers and proactive young fathers
Children/Youth	Services to underprivileged youth
Children/Youth	I feel that focusing on teen pregnancy, teen drug use, teen school dropouts,teen violence and teen job skills will have significant impact on future issues in Larimer County. Good luck to all of you.
Children/Youth	Youth Development
Communication	sending out more information about services provided, available to the public of larimer county.
Communication	Better communication and services to the southern part of the county.
Communication	better information
Communication	places for information
Communication	more public notices
Communication	Social Media
Communication	Communication to the pulic bypress release of line items in the county budget.
Communication	Communicate the good work that Larimer County is doing.
Communication	Keep us informed.
Communication	better access to info servicess
Communication	Better information services, easier access & understanding of the services.
Communication	mailing information to rourel homes
Communication	be highly responsive to citizen input
Communication	Most of the changes and improvements I see are directly related to Fort Collins and not necessarily county-wide changes. In fact, I'm hard pressed to name anything that the county has tackled since we moved here 11 years ago, besides organizing people and activities around fire events. I definitely appreciated the information and the timeliness of the county website at that point. But when I'm looking for information, I more often check out the city website rather than the county.
Communication	Web site is awesome for property info. CSFS is really helpful.
Communication	Thanks for the many fine county services, such as the web site.
Community	community building through education programs
Community	Community events are still very important.
Community	families.
Community	Maiantaining good comminities

Community	Community Gardens, to eat locally, benefiting our overall health as a community.
Community	Continue to keep this city a desirable place to live for all ages as I have discovered being here for twelve years.
Community	Recreation/Community Center in Estes Park.
County Fair	County fair
County Fair	Moving State Fair from Pueblo to the Ranch in Loveland
Crime	low crime
Crime	monitoring illegal activity in and around public housing in lower income areas
Crime	criminals
Crime	keeping the crime rate down.
Crime	crime prevention and community safety
Crime	Lessen crime, such as graffiti. We do not need this to start in our area
Crime	Managing growth issues such as crime
Crime	Process criminal charges based on the severity of the crime instead of its monetary value.
Crime	Crime
Crime	keeping an eye on gang activities
Crime	Keeping our county free of gang violence.
Drug	Drugs and marijuana usage
Drug	Iron out and carefully deal with the cannabis law
Drug	marijuana laws, usage and how to protect citizens
Drug	Substance abuse
Drug	Restrict drug/marajuana sales
Drug	Substance Abuse
Drug	Alcohol detox and treatment
Education	non-traditional education options for kids who don't fit the typical classroom model
Education	strong support for K - 12 education funding
Education	make our school system the best in Colorado.
Education	Education
Education	schools
Education	Schools
Education	Ensure security for public schools
Education	education of services to the people, county labor crews for inmates program.
Education	Education.
Education	How to increase our ability to educate from Pre-school to College age folks
Education	Schools
Education	quality of schools and education for everyone
Education	Public education
Education	SCHOOLS
Education	More educational programs for children
Education	Keeping our schools academically competitive
Education	getting the students more involved.
Education	schools
Education	Education
Employment	Employment
Employment	Enticing high quality jobs to the area.
Employment	jobs
Employment	Jobs for youth
Employment	Jobs
Employment	I would like the county to hire more employees even if it means higher taxes or fees.
Employment	work related issues, including developing entrepreneurial and small businesses that begin here; balancing the protection of high quality of life and openspace with bringing in new companies i.e., intelligent growth); and structured programs for young adults to help them transition into full-time, fulfilling work that pays enough for them to be independent (and pay taxes, too!).
Employment	Making it easier for businesses to start up in larimer County
Employment	Creating more jobs
Employment	Jobs-finding and keeping them
Employment	Support the employees you have so they can get their job done, less interference and more support
Employment	The availability of jobs in Larimer County is horrible. I have a job, but am not happy with it at all and have had a seriously hard time being able to a find a new one, to the point that I haven't even been accepted into another. And I know several other people who have had the same issue.
Employment	Initiatives that promote jobs and employment
Employment	Jobs
Employment	The economy and job creation
Employment	Finding people jobs, like the felons or kids out of high school and elderly who are able to work.
Employment	Jobs
Employment	low unemployment
Employment	employment
Employment	partnering with other governments, educational institutions and private organizations to create and maintain jobs
Employment	Providing our citizens opportunities to learn and thrive
Employment	job training
Employment	Get more industry and manufacturing companies to locate here.
Employment	job creation/employment opportunities/ competitive employers
Employment	Employment Services
Employment	Job creation

Employment	aggressively work to maintain
Employment	employment opportunites
Employment	Job creation
Employment	Jobs
Employment	jobs,jobs,jobs
Employment	Jobs: Hosting Job Fairs at the Budwieser Event Center.
Employment	Job creation and supporting Innovation (small business assistance/tax relief)
Employment	Job preparation
Employment	lowering regulations to help job creation.
Employment	Develop diverse economic jobs (Larimer County may be a great place to work, but I wouldn't know - I've driven to Boulder County to find work the last 5 of 7 years).
Energy	Alternative Energy
Energy	Set rules and guidelines for such "new energy" projects such as fracking, wind and solar farms, etc.
Energy	Promote alternative energy use; rebates for adding solar panels, offering wind generated electrity, selling low-cost solar panels for homeowners.
Energy	Building, promoting and financially assisting adoption of clean, renewable energies.
Energy	Safe oil & natural gas extraction
Energy	increasing and improving public access to water resources and abundance of natural resources
Energy	Regulation of oil wells and mining location and smel
Energy	Precious Resources including water, land and oil
Energy	set an example for solar energy
Energy	Sustainability
Energy	develope sustainable homes for income qualifying
Energy	Alternative/Sustainable Power and Smart Grid technologies
Environment	Mitigating the pollution that occurs.
Environment	air quality, etc.
Environment	air quality
Environment	Environment
Environment	I would like the county to maintain high environmental standards through services and education
Environment	Preventing the destruction of our environment by fracking, over development , and electromagnetic pollution through cell towers, power lines, and smart meters. I encourage our county officials to read the Bioinitiative Report 2012 along with other EMF articles at www.electricsense.com.
Environment	Find a way to get the windmill ? servicing Ft. Collins
Environment	Managing population growth
Environment	Resisting the lure of development of oil and gas without doing a true cost/benefit analysis that looks at time frames beyond the "boom" years. Our water, air and land in Larimer County are truly priceless and once ruined, unlikely to be repaired in many generations.
Environment	Taking an active role in working on multi jurisdictional ways of reducing our carbon output and adapting to effects of climate change in ways that are forward thinking, innovative and inclusive of all Larimer County residents.
Environment	How to manage the burned areas for environmental issues
Environment	envioroment air quality
Environment	Care of the environment
Environment	Environmental sustainability Regulations
Environment	Maintain environmental health of county owned lands
Fees	charge more for outside county participents that attend events at the events center such as concerts eagles ggames ect.
Fees	access to ranch arena for indoor horse riding in wither (charge a fee)
Fees	Permits to use county parks and recreation lands are too expensive to county residents. I seldom use them do to extreem cost. High per day and per car costs. Family gatherings at Hermit park has a daily car fee for each car in addition to cabin fees. That really runs up the total cost.
Fees	Can we have at I4east some parks that don't require parking fees each time?
Fees	Create an affordable park pass that covers booth Lory State Park and Horsetooth Park.
Financial	ECONOMY
Financial	Cut spending and get rid of unnecessary programs.
Financial	Stop spending money on purchasing open space that is not used and cannot be maintained and spend that money on the school system.
Financial	Stop dumping money into schools for things like the Fort Collins High School tower, paving the Rocky Mountain parking lot, expensive name brand computers instead of generic brands, bronze logos like is on the grade school building on Taft Hill, and use the resources for things that may, MAY improve the education of our students, and TEACH THEM RIGHT FROM WRONG AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS.
Financial	Law enforcement, e.g., traffic, animal control, water & air quality.
Financial	Keep expenditures well controlled
Financial	keeping costs low
Financial	Lowering costs to businesses
Financial	Greater financial benefit for the county from Budweiser Center
Financial	Maintain a balanced budget
Financial	Fiscal sanity - not spending on areas that unnecessary.
Financial	Carefully watch county budget
Financial	More sources of income for the city that doesn't include my taxes.
Financial	Maintain a budget that creates a rainy day fund and lives within it's means
Financial	reduce unnecessary spending
Financial	concentrate budgeting more on basic services, not "fluff"
Financial	There is entirely too much speeding on major roads.
Financial	Comparisons of county bugets growth compared to population numbers for past and future years.

Financial	prioritizing expenditures
Financial	Stay within budget.
Financial	Cost control
Financial	Budget
Fire	Fire protection
Fire	Provide adequate fire and police service outside city limits.
Fire	Fire safety issues
Fire	fire prevention
Fire	fire control
Fire	Fire training and top-notch equipment.
Fire	Fire issues
Fire	safety from fires
Fracking	strong laws preventing fracking and oil/gas development too close to residences
Fracking	Monitoring air and water pollution (primarily from fracking)
Fracking	Continue vigilance and research into fracking and oil rigs. Keep the houses away from these---especially since in most cases the oil rights were being used before subdivisions were permitted
Fracking	Limiting fracking and other gas/oil mining
Fracking	Protection of natural resources, including prevention of practices that yield short term solutions with very long term environmental degradation. (fracking leaps to mind).
Fracking	Maintain a comprehensive and future thinking zoning plan including the impact of the oil & gas drilling frenzy on the quality of life and property values of those in the county. We are considering moving out of Larimer County (and it certainly won't be to Weld County) because of the potential of a gas well being drilled on our 35 acre residential (not zoned agricultural) horse property. I don't believe fracking is harmless to our health (read some of studies out of Duke University) and it uses a tremendous amount of water.
Fracking	control fracking
Fracking	Impact of oil and gas development (fracking)
Fracking	Containing fracking to avoid contamination of air and water as well as preserving property values for residents (non-oil). Setting forth clear guidelines for lawsuits and compensation where fracking has reduced the value of real property owned by residents and investors in the County.
Fracking	Larimer County should issue annual licenses for fracking. Should a fracking company be found to violate air and water quality standards of the State, pollute the environment,or damage property values of county residents, the renewal of their annual license shall be withheld until compliance standards are met. On an annual basis, 10% of net sales should be held in escrow for the life of a fracking well or pump to be used to compensate State, County and residents for violations of air and water quality standards, spills, cleanups and remediations, and loss of property value of residents. Unused escrow is to be returned to the fracking company within 5 years of cessation of activity of a particular pump or well and returning the site to pre-fracking conditions (including removal of all equipment and pipes, removal of contaminated soil, capping and landscaping).
Fracking	Banned fracking !
Fracking	Limit or keep out fracking for oil.
Fracking	stop oil and gas, exploration; Do not allow fracking close to neighborhoods.
Fracking	Natural resource mining issues. Provide fair, objective oversight ie. oil and other mineral explorations that are on the increase in county. Advocacy for citizens.
Good Job	I think you are moving in the right direction / Thanks
Good Job	keep up the goog work.
Good Job	The County is doing things right. In my experience, personnel are effective and courteous, including sheriff deputies, county clerks, and landfill.
Good Job	I do believe you are doing the best job you can with the limited resources available.
Government	Less government
Government	responsive government
Government	Smaller government, balanced budget, less regulations,
Government	government
Government	reduce overall governmantal control
Government	Close cooperation with city government.
Government	Voting, property & vehicle handling systems maintenance & improvement
Government	Smaller government.
Government	Maintaning adequate law
Government	Nonpartisan governance.
Government	generally removing as much government interference and regulation from each citizens life as possible.
Government	Stop micro managing everything.
Government	reduce regulations
Growth/Development	Future Developments & Growth
Growth/Development	Economic development
Growth/Development	Community development
Growth/Development	Economic development other than agriculture
Growth/Development	Develop an openess to growth in population that is comming and prepare for it
Growth/Development	growth planing
Growth/Development	Manage growth
Growth/Development	Growth
Growth/Development	Positive attitude with the grouth of downtown Loveland and giving the info to the general public.
Growth/Development	Controlled growth
Growth/Development	Overdevelopment
Growth/Development	A detailed plan on continued Growth in the county
Growth/Development	Growth

Growth/Development	Smart growth, not too many houses or condos in one area.
Growth/Development	Impact of growth
Growth/Development	Local Food Producer support and growth
Growth/Development	Maintain logical development plans as the County continues rapid growth.
Growth/Development	Don't get too caught up in population growth projections. I realize that the County population has shown historical growth, however the earth is overpopulated and is due for a correction. Our state cannot support the additional 10,000,000 people that projections predict. We don't have the water or other infrastructure to support it. Also people don't want it. These projections should be tempered to allow for a moderate growth and the county should plan accordingly.
Growth/Development	City Growth
Gun Control	Common sense gun control: assault rifles should not be permitted, nor should the ammunition be available, and law makers should not jump to conclude (or cause the public to conclude) that all calls for guns control are attacks on hunters and people who want home protection.
Gun Control	gun control
Gun Control	Getting the Sheriff to enforce gun laws
Gun Control	work with others to get rid of assault weapons
Gun Control	ELIMINATE GUN FREE ZONES
Gun Control	Gun control. No need for assult rifles and large magazines in Larimer County. And to demand back ground checks on all purchases and transactions of guns. I support the 2nd amendment, but I do not believe our forefathers meant for us to have mititary assult guns in the general population. If these people want to have them then they should join the military and go to war.
Healthcare	Health Care Services
Healthcare	health care.
Healthcare	quality and availibility of health care for all....
Healthcare	medical assistence
Healthcare	Health Care (preventive and screening)
Housing	housing
Housing	affordable houseing
Housing	Private housing encrouching on public lands.
Housing	Planning for and controlling industrial and housing development activities related to the county's increasing population.
Housing	ENFORCEMENT OF LIVING CONDIDTIONS AND HOUSING RULES WITH MULTIPLE FAMILIES AT SAME RESIDENCE.
Housing	Housing and jobs for people below the poverty line
Housing	Provide housing and jobs for those who are homeless and want help, especially veterans.
Housing	Creating more affordable homes to buy.
Housing	Creating more affordable homes to rent.
Infrastructure	Maintaining quality infrastructure.
Infrastructure	infrastructure
Infrastructure	Sustainable and safe growth (infrastructure, fire/emergency response)
Infrastructure	Infrastructure (roads, etc...)
Infrastructure	Keeping our infrastructure strong (and it can be paid for without selling water)- roads - ect.
Infrastructure	Maintain infrastructure
Infrastructure	strong infrustructure.
Infrastructure	infrastructure maintenance
Infrastructure	maintaining the county infrastructure
Infrastructure	Maintenance of infrastructure
Infrastructure	maintenance of infrastructure
Infrastructure	Have the infrastucture in place before cramming people in one area. I.E. waiting until hundreds of new homes are built before addressing the traffic problems that comes with it. Look at all the building going on between Timberline and West of Zach school on Kechter Rd. No improvements to any roads to address all of the new congestion of traffic. Ridiculous.
Infrastructure	Building safety
Infrastructure	Improve infrastructure
Infrastructure	Construction
Jails	Altenatives to jail
Jails	jail services
Jails	jails
Jails	alternatives to jail and jail operation
Jails	reducing Jail population
Jails	Jail, jail , jail
Jails	Jails
Jails	getting funding for the jail
Jails	Correction facilities.
Jails	Decrease the size of the jail
Jails	jail
Jails	Having enough deputies to safely manage the jail
Jails	jail
Jails	jail facilities (and keeping people out of them - preventive measures)
Justice System	court system
Justice System	The lack of regulation in the justice system.
Justice System	Criminal justice
Justice System	Clean up the court system - it is dangerous.Citizens should not have to fear law enforcement and the judicial system.
Justice System	Criminal Justice System
Justice System	Expedite Court Proceedings
Justice System	Re-think many judicial processes.

Justice System	Justice System
Land Use	maintenance of all public areas
Land Use	land use planning & coordination with taxing units
Land use	Land use
Land Use	Land use and enforcement of sanitary codes
Land Use	Land development and water.
Land Use	Land use
Land Use	Land usage
Land Use	Responsible public land use by the public
Land Use	Land use / zoning management
Land Use	Land use issues to preserve the beauty of the county
Land Use	Restricting the use of good agricultural land for building projects (housing or commercial) - make use of unimproved land only, or land pre-used but on which the structures (houses or commercial property) could be condemned and the land re-used.
Land Use	Land use planning.
Land Use	land use planning
Land Use	land use planning & conservation
Land Use	Land use planning (no more ridge-top development, enforce wildfire mitigation measures for residents in mountains)
Land Use	Land use
Land Use	Land Use and Open Space
Land Use	forest management do something about the dead trees
Law Enforcement	the cops don't need to stop people for every little thing even if it is to see whats going on.. like if they see a person with a shopping cart going to the store leave them alone.
Law Enforcement	Essential services such as law enforcement
Law Enforcement	Continuing to suppot Sheriff Smith and his good LCSO that we are fortunate to have
Law Enforcement	Law enforcement
Law Enforcement	Ensure we support our law enforcement personnel as they deal with local and state laws pertaining to marijuana that conflict with Federal Laws
Law Enforcement	Law enforcement
Law Enforcement	Law enforcement
Law Enforcement	Keep Sheriff office spending under control
Law Enforcement	stronger law enforcement presence in rural areas
Law Enforcement	police department
Law Enforcement	support shariff's office.
Law Enforcement	Non-city law enforcement
Law Enforcement	Police protection
Law Enforcement	law enforcement
Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement
Law Enforcement	Decrease the number of people working for law enforcement.
Law Enforcement	Police training and top-notch equipment
Law Enforcement	Law enforcement
Law Enforcement	Remind Sheriff of distinction between "political" and law enforcement issues
Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement including Jail Services
Law Enforcement	Deputy patrols in northern part of. County,
Law Enforcement	Better traing and higher quality deputies
Law Enforcement	Having sufficient law enforcement deputies
Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement
Law Enforcement	provide the tools and man power to help lawenforcement do there jobs
Law Enforcement	Less Law Enforcement!
Law Enforcement	Law enforcement. Maintain appropriate coverage including rural areas /
Law Enforcement	law enforcement
Mental Health	Mental Health
Mental Health	mental health care, including transitional care (and preventative care) for those at-risk of incarceration or who have been incarcerated.
Mental Health	improved mental health, substance abuse treatment
Mental Health	Mental health issues
Mental Health	mental health
Mental Health	Mental health care for those who cannot afford costly treatment
Mental Health	Housing, and Mental Health Services
Mental Health	Mental health
Mental Health	better mental health facilities
Mental Health	Mental Health availability
Mental Health	Mental health
Mental Health	Mental Illness care / treatment
Mental Health	Mental Health Services- providing mental health services for all, regardless of capability of paying
Mental Health	mental health services
Mental Health	Mental health
Mental Health	Mental health
Mental Health	Mental Health
Mental Health	mental health determination processes and solutions
Open Space	Being good stewards of our beautiful land
Open Space	Maintaining natural space and trails so residents can enjoy Colorado's landscapes.
Open Space	natural areas

Open Space	Maintaining public land and natural resources
Open space	Open space
Open Space	Open space/natural space care: Larimer County open spaces and hiking areas have the best-kept facilities I've ever seen, and I hope that continues!
Open Space	open space
Open Space	trails (bikes, hiking, walking, horseback riding), openspace, and related, including issues of access, maintenance, expansion, connectivity, and safety.
Open Space	Open Space management and even growth
Open Space	We love Larimer County. Great job maintaining the open spaces and reservoirs.
Open Space	Continued access to open space for those who want to hike, bike, etc.
Open Space	Open space
Open Space	Increase natural areas and maintenance.
Open Space	open space management
Open Space	Maintaining and expanding open space/natural areas/farmland preservation
Open Space	preserving open space
Open Space	preserving our open and natural spaces- and when it can be done, get more.
Open Space	Preservation of open space.
Open Space	Land preservation and open space
Open Space	Control of Open Space in regard to new developments
Open Space	preservation of open space
Open Space	open space.
Open Space	Preeserving open space and natural areas.
Open Space	Land use and open space preservation.
Open Space	Maintaining and adding to open space.
Open Space	Securing more open space.
Open Space	continue forward looking ideas on open space
Open Space	Preserving open spaces/parks
Open Space	Continue Open Space planning and acquisition
Open Space	Land Management including Open Spaces
Open Space	Planning of open space and land development
Open Space	OPEN SPACE
Open Space	Preserving and maintaining Open Space is a very high priority for me. Boulder County sets an excellent example.
Open Space	Open space and block suburbanization of county
Open Space	Open land maintenance
Open Space	Public lands. Open space. Parks and rec areas
Open Space	Land use to preserve open space
Open Space	open space
Open Space	Open land acquisition and maintenance
Open Space	open space
Open Space	OPEN SPACE
Open Space	Maintaining open space/parks but don't acquire open space that will cost the county to maintain but largely can't be used by the public, i.e. Roberts Ranch.
Open Space	Open Space and land preservation
Open Space	Open space preservation. Encourage common sense planning. ie. cluster building development
Open Space	keeping up with open space program and new chances to expand the lands
Open Space	Increase Open space
Open Space	Open Space
Open Space	balanced with conservation of open spaces
Open Space	Continue to preserve open spaces.
Open Space	Acquire open space as needed
Open Space	Providing affordable use of open space and fee areas. Hermit Park for example for $24 a night with virtually no ameneties. I have camped in many Federal campgrounds, some with water electric and flush toilets for a lot less money. I can go many places in Colorado and "dry camp" and it is free. I was very pleased when the County bought Hermit Park, but because of the rates will now never use it.
Open Space	Lower park user fees in line with services provided--many people in the county can't afford the park fees and are therefore excluded from their use--this is not right.
Open Space	Protection of open spaces
Open Space	Make open space area regulations less stringent--lighten up a little and use more common sense. Give the citizens of Larimer some credit for using their heads.
Other	The Ranch events
Other	Downtown Loveland with more to do, shopping and entertainment.
Other	City planning
Other	Making Estes Park a better place for young people and young families to live.
Other	Getting state representatives that represent Larimer County and not other counties (i.e. Boulder county).
Other	I've recently been trying to get information on when Vine Drive, which is an accident waiting to happen when it comes to middle schoolers commuting to and from school, is going to get sidewalks. But despite searching, I'm at a loss on where to go for that information. The pages I've found weren't by the county and were mostly just hearsay that people were posting to their blogs. I don't even know if Vine Drive (which is in large part surrounded by county land, not city land) is even a county road or a city road. And I can't figure out where to go to get that information either.
Other	The county should not get involved in social/welfare issues that can be handled by non-profit organizations (even those that are faith-based).
Other	are there county maps available ??
Other	fighting

Other	Getting large events into our county.
Other	Try using some common sense, and instead of telling people what they can and cannot eat, try telling them what the law says they can and cannot do.
Other	In spite of my complaints, live in Larimer County by choice.
Other	And possibly a preserve class, to help us through our harsh winters.
Other	Supporting faith based programs to deal with social problems
Other	Emergency preparedness through stockpiling and greater planning for the possilbe loss of the grid and wide spread civil unrest, and teaching and encouraging citizen preparedness through stockpiling, self sufficency skills like gardening, and community awareness
Other	Dropping the Boxelder Storm Drainage Program
Other	Do not over provide benefits for county employees
Other	Do not over provide retirement benefits
Other	Require all county employees to help fund their own retirement, ie. 401 K's instead of defined benefit plans
Other	Refusing to allow the stadium to move so close to the city. These dollars could be put to better use.
Other	I am so disgusted with the outrageous recent comments by the larimer County Sherrif, including his latest responses to criticism, that I am no longer interested in participating i8n this survey.
Other	"light-touch", as opposed to heavy-handed
Other	Cleaning up north Fort Collins and old town
Other	Create citizen review boards that do not consist of relatives and cronies of the agencies being reviewed.
Other	It is the dishonesty and power-hungry bullies in the county that causes a blight on this beautiful place.
Other	Keeping the forest roads open - or re-open when possible (Kelly Flats) - so the 4-wheeling families can ride and see the natural habitat.
Other	Getting supervisors that actually work....
Other	Firing people that are toxic to the county and coworkers
Other	Keeping trash,junk cars out of peoples view and regulated as not to degrade neighbors values.
Other	Projecting a positive image of the county and those who work for the county. The employees of the county already are doing a good job of this but improvement is always possible, particularly by focusing on the importance of this activity. If the county continues to project a strongly positive image, those who relocate to the county will do so because it is a highly desirable place to live and they'll bring positive traits and high skills with them.
Other	do not implement agenda 21
Other	Race Relations in their own workplace.
Other	I dont have an opinion.
Other	Acquire Roberts ranch, enhance.
Other	I'd say focusing on areas that should be covered by the county and relinguish control of things that can be overseen by private companies.
Other	Better oversight in open land burning.
Other	DUI issues
Other	Working collaboratively with municipalities
Other	voting process is greaat, don't screw it up.
Other	Quit trying to be another Boulder!!
Other	The north end of FT Collins still needs work to present that entrance to Ft Collins better.
Other	Expanding Centerra
Other	Customer Service lessons to the DMV
Other	Continue doing what the has been doing. I do not have any complaints with the limited services I use.
Other	More loving, by coming up with ideas such as more efficient cars that wouldn't necessarily ride on gasoline or oil, and using more solar power. Based more on the future of not only one area but possibly even further out.
Other	School security, and by this I mean how the teachers treat the students, how the school's system works, and the disciplinary way of these schools. / I have no more to add.
Other	Create a source of representation for ordinary citizens, that will stand up for their rights when threated by big business, ect.
Other	Elections
Other	City planning,
Other	Updating the Airport
Other	Focus on efficiency and do a good job. The Loveland office that provides vehicle registrations and plates is well run and gets you in and out in short order. The mail in ballots for voting is another example of an outstanding County service. However getting a drivers license in Loveland is a model of bad goverment (State I believe) and is why people get annoyed with government. There is no way it should take me 3 1/2 hours to get a learner's permit for my son to drive. They don't answer their phone or provide any assistance or direction when you arrive. They are slow and frequently discourteous. I had a similarly poor experience at the Fort Collins office. I hope this helps, Sincerely, Michael Conrey 970-214-3165
Other	teaching politicians hw to wuit bad mouthing each other and learn to cooperate.
Other	They need to focus on what the majority says rather than theire own personal religious viewpoint.
Other	Not issueing building permits for buildings/homes on ridgelines.
Other	Working with the cities to find ways to save money by cooperating on maintenance and capital projects
Other	keep large-scale platting applications requiring deposit for utility extension early on.
Other	I would like to know how I can help the county through volunteer work, and receive information about the status of county services through the mail/e-mail. .
Other	I've only recently started paying attention to city politics and I was surprised to find out that the county commissioners are paid a full salary and the city council members are paid a token sum. I get that they're two totally separate entities, but it still seems that there should be a bit more similarity between the pay amounts.
Parks/Recreation	add more dogparks on central part of fort collins (only the one big one on horsetooth /taft hill rd right now), and a few small ones elsewhere
Parks/Recreation	maintenance of parks
Parks/Recreation	Parks and open spaces

Parks/Recreation	Turning large county parks over to state.
Parks/Recreation	Protecting our state/local parks
Parks/Recreation	Parks and Rec
Parks/Recreation	Limit growth of parks and open lands
Parks/Recreation	parks
Parks/Recreation	maintaining roads
Parks/Recreation	improving parks and public open space access
Parks/Recreation	park services
Parks/Recreation	parks
Parks/Recreation	RECREATION
Parks/Recreation	Parks and recreational facilities.
Parks/Recreation	Parks
Paths/Trails	get the bicycle paths/routes maintained I.E. if you see a shopping cart take it back to where it belongs.
Paths/Trails	More bike paths and bike lanes :) and sidewalks/paths up north: north shields to 287 area
Paths/Trails	Traffic and road development including bicycle lanes rather than waiting for it to be someday annexed into Fort Collins or Loveland.
Paths/Trails	adding more bike lanes, (Drake Rd near College ,fort collins for example doesn't have adequate room for bike traffic w/out using the sidwalk)
Paths/Trails	Reducing the need for automobiles for getting from place to place; increase dedicated biking/hiking paths, not biking lanes on highways.
Paths/Trails	Well, I would say all the things in the survey are important. I really do not require many extended services and so I am not really informed that well. I use only the Internet when I need a service. The one place Larimer county is awful is bicycle lanes. You have to ride towards Boulder for that. Lots of bicycles on these roads and very little accommodation. So many things hard. To list 3
Paths/Trails	More open space trails (how about a trail linking Berthoud -> Loveland -> Fort Collins -> Wellington?)
Public Health	planning/development issues and disease awareness/mitigation (west Nile, encephalitis).
Public Health	Encouraging a healthy lifestyle with free access to parks for hiking and biking.
Public Health	Restaurant inspections/food safety
Public Health	Health education
Public Health	Public health issues (restaurant safety, etc.)
Public Health	public health
Public Health	HEALTH AND WELFARE OF RESIDENT S
Public Health	Health services.
Public Health	Health Services for all in need
Public Health	Health services
Public Health	Health Services
Quality of Life	Quality of Life
Quality of Life	Protecting and maintaining quality of the Colorado lifestyle:
Quality of Life	quality of life.
Quality of Life	QUALITY OF LIFE
Quality of Life	Preserving the high quality of life (safety, good streets, cleanliness, short commutes, good restaurants and shopping, beautification, and other amenities) while improving the economic base and helping those who need it to find employment, food and shelter.
Recycling	Expand recycling program.
Recycling	establish county wide receycling pick up, that is included in our taxes 5 cent can, plastic bottle or glass bottle return
Recycling	continue the superb programs of recycling
Recycling	Recycling
Recycling	RECYCLING
Recycling	The recycling opportunities are wonderful -- keep up the good work (in Fort Collins at least... are these city or county services?).
Recycling	Continue to offer community recycle programs and options to reduce waste.
Roads	Roads and bridges
Roads	streets
Roads	roads
Roads	I would like the county to continue maintaining roads after snow.
Roads	Fix roads and bridges that are in need of repair.
Roads	Roads
Roads	agressive road improvement and maint. with an eye to safety
Roads	Roads
Roads	Maintaing Roads
Roads	Roads/Bridges to accommodate the growing population
Roads	Road & Bridge maintenance
Roads	roads
Roads	Take notice of some unrealistic streets where accidents happen frequently.
Roads	maintaining roads
Roads	Impprove roads in non-city developments
Roads	Continue to keep the streets repaved, recycling service available,and communication open for all.
Roads	Roads
Roads	improving mountain roads for easier access
Roads	roads
Roads	Road maintenance
Roads	Study future county roads (County Rd. 7) going thru Dairy and Farm land
Roads	Roads

Roads	better Maintenance of county roads
Roads	Maintain (and upgrade, as necessary)roads and bridges.
Roads	Modernize street and traffic control
Roads	Road Repair and Maintainance
Roads	roads
Roads	traffic and roads
Roads	Roads and bridges
Roads	Roads and bridges repair
Roads	widen I-25 from Longmont thru Fort Collins
Roads	Road and bridge Mtce
Roads	Roads and Traffic
Roads	protection and roads and bridges
Roads	Maintaining homes and bridges.
Roads	roads and bridges
Roads	safe roads and bridges
Roads	road maintenance
Roads	Widen I-25 to 6 lanes.
Roads	Widen main roads between Fort Collins and Loveland.
Roads	maintance of roads and bridges
Roads	Road maintenance
Roads	Roads
Roads	Maintainance of roads and bridges
Roads	Roads & transportation (wider county roads for bicycles around Carter Lake)
Roads	Roads and Transportation
Roads	roads
Roads	good roads
Roads	Paving county roads that are highly used (esp. 56)
Roads	continue unpaved road maintenance
Roads	road improvements
Roads	CONSISTENCY IN ROAD WORK, BETTER PLANNING FOR DETOUR AND CLOSURES
Roads	Roads
Roads	roads
Roads	Keep on top of bridges needing repair
Roads	Roads and bridges
Roads	road planning
Roads	road maintenance
Roads	Up keep on streets and county roads; cleanliness of streets;
Safety	Public safety
Safety	Public safety. Crime seems to be rising in our area.
Safety	Public safety
Safety	Safety in hour homes and schools by whatever it takes.
Safety	public safety/police, jail
Safety	Safety
Safety	Safety
Safety	This may sound racist, but I feel like Larimer County is becoming a less and less safe to live in due to the increase of hispanic population, causing an increase in the presence of gangs, etc. in the county.
Safety	citizen security
Safety	Protection
Safety	Safety
Safety	Identify and strengthen existing programs related to community/citizens' health and safety.
Safety	safety in schools and public places
Safety	Public safety, including law enforcement (deputy availability in outlying areas) and road maintainance
Safety	Public Safety
Safety	Public safety (police, fire, emergency medical response)
Safety	Public safety.
Safety	Social and economic safety need for the needy.
Safety	Safety of the citizens, fire protection and law enforcement for those living in non city areas.
Safety	public safety
Safety	Security and investigation cases.
Safety	Safety of citizens, without any more interference than necessary.
Safety	Safety.
Saftey	public safety
Services	Follow Loveland and provide free curbside pickup of leaves and garden waste that is then composted, instead of going to the landfill.
Services	Bulk services to solid waste site
Services	I really do like the property database that is run by the county. We were looking for a new house at one point and I often knew more than the realtors about houses thanks to the county database. That's probably one of the best things that the county does (that I interact with fairly regularly).
Services	Land fill
Services	Landfill operations into the future
Services	Hot composting Service
Services	Future focus: Maintain programs in place ~ without investing in new programs. How can current programs partner and assist each other? It's vital to reach across to other programs and become better collaborators.

Services	Rescue operations
Services	emergency preparedness
Services	Cleaning up and preventing illegal dumping.
Services	work programs for those on assistance.
Services	Follow the rules for weed control and snow removal the city expects of home.
Services	Maintain existing county services
Services	minimeze expansion of services
Services	Assisting all towns with any help as needed.
Services	public services
Services	Identify overlapping and duplicate progams in the County -- not only the County programs but other community organizations and industries who provide similar programs. AGAIN -- reach across to other programs and become better collaborators.
Services	Basic services
Services	keeping services at least at current levels
Services	public assistance
Services	Providing services such as maintaining roads, bridges, open space areas as well as snow removal, policing, park rangers, etc.
Services	services.
Services	Efficiency in delivering prioritized services (per this survey)
Services	general services as required by law and state constitution.
Services	Providing programs for the needy.
Services	Snow removal.
Services	I think this might fall under the city, but it can apply to the county also. When the weather is cold, then warm, then freezes and the road to the mailbox turns to ice and the seniors take a risk crossing the road to get their mail. Has the city/county considered putting a small layer of mag chloride on the side of the road to melt the ice. One day someone, and I have called the city about my mailbox several times, is going to fall and break something and that will be the death of them, for real, just due to ice on the road. It'a a real concern to be considered. / / Thank you.
Services	Ensuring we have water and other utilities to match the growth of Larimer County
Shooting Range	Build a public shooting range, clubs are too expensive for most.
Shooting Range	adding a county gun range
Shooting Range	shooting range rifle, pistol and bow (charge a fee)
Shooting Range	The County should operate one or more shooting ranges open to the public, convenient to the urban areas.
Social Services	Veteran services
Social Services	Stop wasting resources on things like land-use planning, county logos, and etc., and use the resources for feeding hungry children, hungry seniors, and for people who can't afford to stay warm.
Social Services	Some how help the poor that live in Larimer County, more food, clothes, drives, etc.
Social Services	General issues to help homeless, parolees, substance abuse subjects.
Social Services	Community housing for homeless, mentally ill, minor criminals that also provides services to these populations.
Social Services	I would like to know the ways children and poor families are served by the county.
Social Services	Not ignoring those who need a second chance
Social Services	Poverty-Awareness activities (poverty simulations)
Social Services	Senior citizen resources and safety
Social Services	Senior services
Social Services	I am new to Fort Collins. I would like to see more diversity in the county. Are there any black employees at Larimer County. I had the privilege of working the early elections but I noted that I saw no one of color working in the county building. I love living here and am comfortable being a minority here. I moved here from Delaware and was actively involved in my community for over 30 years. I would like to add my voice and lend my talents to improve my new community. I have recently joined the Colorado State University Women's Association and have been nominated along with 29 other women for the Class of 2013 Women of the Year. I am very excited at the opportunity to meet new friends. I have been feeling 'invisible' since moving here and it's not a good feeling. I write often to the Coloradoan. I am single, 61-yrs. old. I also joined the Senior Center but haven't been able to take full advantage of services offered there. I am hoping to semi-retire by this fall. Services for seniors is my main concern right now followed by safety.
Social Services	Keep thinking on how to improve the quality of life for residents especially seniors as the biggest growing demographic
Social Services	It would be MOST helpful if you furnished Day Care for Senior Citizens in Estes Park. I was a care giver for my husband for many years. He had Parkinsons Disease. I had to pay private services for all day-care, which was expensive. Driving him all the way to Ft. Collins was too far and inconvenient. Estes Park has many senior citizens and would benefit from Senior Day care!!!! It's too late for me as a care giver, but it would be so helpful to others in Estes Park. / I have no further suggestions, but this one is very important to me.
Social Services	Services to Seniors
Social Services	care for elderly
Social Services	Senior services.
Social Services	Health & Human Services
Social Services	Human services
Social Services	Concentrate financial and human resources on programs that are important to county residents and get out completely of programs that can be better handled by other agencies. For example, parks and open space is something that benefits residents and improves our county, so keep up the good work, whereas employment programs or health services are probably better handled by private and state organizations. So get out and reappropriate the resources.
Social Services	Having enough social services personell to adaquately keep kids at risk, safe
Social Services	Continuing progressive programs and services at the Department of Human Services. Providing opportunities for families to be safe, healthy and self sufficient is not only the right thing to do, but helps the overall economy and quality of life for all citizens of Larimer County.

Social Services	Continuing progressive programs and services at Community Corrections and the Sheriff's Department. Providing opportunities for those who have broken the law to learn more adaptive ways of living and repaying the community for the harm they have done is both more cost effective and more likely to provide for overall safety of the community than just jailing people and then letting them out.
Social Services	Coming alongside those who are supporting those less able (elderly, disabled)
Social Services	Being advocates for those less fortunate (foster care, unemployable, financially disadvantaged)
Social Services	maintaining social services
Social Services	criminal rehabilitation
Social Services	Social services for needy, disabled, elderly
Social Services	welfare
Social Services	stricter regulations regarding entitlement programs ie social services, food stamps etc
Social Services	Less people on welfare. (AND drug testing for those on it!!!!)
Taxes	Cutting taxes, fees, and other costs, downsizing government, improving infrastructure
Taxes	Reduce taxes.
Taxes	keep the property taxes in line
Taxes	Property Tax values - to maintain a great quality of life in Larimer County
Taxes	keep taxes reseionable
Taxes	Property and auto taxes.
Taxes	Keep property taxes reasonable and in line with other local areas, focusing on "needs" of the county.
Taxes	Fair and equitable taxation
Taxes	Lowering taxes
Taxes	reduce tax burden on residents
Taxes	keeping taxes at a minimum
Taxes	reduce taxes
Taxes	tax gathering
Taxes	Property taxes - impartial, fair reviews, not allowing the county employees to devalue their expensive homes, yet overvalue plain, small homes. And blatantly do it! And they get away with it!
Taxes	keep taxes low
Taxes	Keeping land tax assistance for people over 65 who have lived on their land for 10 or more years (Homestead Act).
Taxes	Lower Business Property Taxes
Taxes	Property tax assessments used to be messed up, but electing a new Assessor seems to have fixed the problem.
Traffic	Traffic at the Ranch --add control lights and turn lanes
Traffic/Sprawl	Adequate parking for retail stores
Traffic/Sprawl	Parking in Old Town
Traffic/Sprawl	Urban sprawl
Traffic/Sprawl	Enforcing speed limits.
Traffic/Sprawl	Enforce trafic speed limits and lane change laws.
Traffic/Sprawl	proper development (no sprawl like CoSprings or Jersey, where I'm from and where I can see FoCo headed)
Traffic/Sprawl	limiting urban sprawl
Traffic/Sprawl	land use trails open space urban sprawal
Traffic/Sprawl	Coordinated development between cities and rural areas.
Traffic/Sprawl	clustering of housing and agriculture separately - agriculture is important (I have an ag background) but i don't understand how farms - especially feedlots - are stuck around housing developments - i don't understand the planning process to allow this to happen - it all seems haphazard to me... More thought and planning needs to be done and farmers need assistance to relocate to an area where they are not surrounded, and people living in subdivisions should be able to avoid the smell of manure
Traffic/Sprawl	density
Traffic/Sprawl	Get the cities and towns in Larimer County to work together to focus on traffic patterns/needs to match the growth in Larimer County
Traffic/Sprawl	traffic control
Traffic/Sprawl	Traffic
Traffic/Sprawl	Coordination of long term transportation plans with the cities to relieve congested (city) traffic areas.
Traffic/Sprawl	Traffic control
Traffic/Sprawl	More efficient NS traffic plan.
Traffic/Sprawl	Zoning that promotes grouping homes, shopping, such as grocery stores and not big box stores, and work places to minimize traffic and carbon fuel usage.
Traffic/Sprawl	enforcing zoning laws quickly and equally
Transporation	Transportation
Transporation	Alternatives to private transportation.
Transportation	Public transport and pedestrian/bike friendly solutions for Estes Park.
Transportation	Transportation, including public transportation alternatives, throughout the county and neighboring regions.
Transportation	transportation
Transportation	transportation corridors
Transportation	public transportation
Transportation	High speed rail or more public transportation options to Denver and the airport
Transportation	Rapid transit
Transportation	public transportation in & out.
Transportation	Coordination of regional mass transit with the LDenver area, specifically, the airport.
Transportation	Transportation
Transportation	Transportation
Transportation	Regional transportation needs.
Transportation	Work with other Northern Colorado jurisdictions for transportation,
Transportation	Improving the transportation means to Ft. Collins and out of Ft. Collins like the new transport system in effect.

Transportation	Public Transportation.
Transportation	Taking an active role in trying to bring effective mass transit to the northern Front Range. There has got to be a better way than continuing to increase the number of lanes of traffic on I-25 ad infinitum.
Transportation	Mass transit Fort Collins to Denver.
Transportation	transportation and roads.
Transportation	transportation, including public transportation, keeping FLEX bus system in operation
Transportation	Public Transportation
Transportation	Improve bus services in Loveland (COLT)
Transportation	Transportation
Transportation	Increase/better public transportation systems.
Transportation	Transportation planning and maintenance of facilities.
Transportation	Transportation (light rail, etc.
Transportation	Transportation - light rail to Denver, bus service between cities
Transportation	Transportation and roads (basic infrastructure)
Transportation	Transportation roads and bridges
Transportation	transportation
Transportation	Cooperative transportation projects
Transportation	Light rail to DIA, Denver (eg Zoo), and Boulder.
Transportation	Alternatives to the automobile for transportation in the county
Transportation	Mass transportation
Transportation	public transportation.
Transportation	Public Transportation
Transportation	Transportation
Transportation	transportation. maintenance.
Transportation	Transportation planning
Transportation	transportation
Vehicle Renewal	License plate renewal system needs tweeking. Some notices have lost in the mail.
Vehicle Renewal	Lessen the cost of getting items online vs in person when available (auto plates)
Vehicle Renewal	License & registration services
Vehicle Renewal	Online vehicle registration fees are way too high. To register my vehicles on line, the fee was in excess of $25 on top of the registration fees themselves.
Water	Monitor growth - we have limited resources, mainly water. I don't want us to turn into a paved over Denver suburb.
Water	water
Water	Water conservation and quality
Water	Preserve Water
Water	Water - quality, storage, availability, cost
Water	Water
Water	Water issues- the more people that move here, the more water is needed. Selling water for things like FRACKING is wrong. Protect our water.
Water	Water Usage
Water	water managment in the drought
Water	Water
Water	Ensuring our water is not compromised in any way.
Water	Adquate water supply (or limit growth to the amount of water available.
Water	increasing water resources
Water	Water usage.
Water	Water quality assurance
Water	Water resources
water	Maintaining the ratio of population and commerce growth to water resources (i.e.-don't let growth outstrip water).
Water	Water supply
Water	Build more water reservoirs and use hydro power from the dams.
Water	Conservation of water and other resources.
Water	protect out meager water resources
Water	care in water storage and use in our periods of shortage
Water	Restricting the overall population growth of the county based on availability of sufficient resources, particularly water.
Water	Water issues
Water	Water conservation and safe to consume
Water	Access to water and balancing this with growth. Trying to keep growth "smart", controlled and consider sustainability while doing so. I didn't know LC did so much in helping those in poverty, but this should also be a focus in the years ahead.
Water	Water use and preservation (gray water use/rainwater collection)
Water	Water, stop allowing development that abuses water (lawn farmers)
Water	Water
Water	Heip speed up the process on getting the Damn built to help water needs now and the future
Water	Water conservation is likely to become a very big deal and should be addressed for the county.
Water	Water issues.
Water	water issues
Water	efficient use of water
Water	Quit dragging their feet on providing the area with water storage. We need reservoirs now. This has been on the table for years and it keeps getting pushed back. If something would have been done 20 years ago when we didn't need it. We would be totally prepared for drought now and well into the future. We're still growing and it isn't going to stop.
Wildfire	Wildfire prevention and control
Wildfire	Wild fire preparation

Wildfire	WILD FIRE PREVENTION and SUPPRESSION
Wildfire	Wildfire control
Wildfire	Fires and wildlife within the county.
Wildfire	Wildfire prevention.
Wildfire	Keeping fire fuels low
Wildfire	Ensure we have the funds and resources to combat forest fires in Larimer County.
Wildfire	wild fire protection
Wildfire	Wildfire and forest fire protection
Wildfire	Mitigation of beetle-kill trees to help control wildfires
Wildfire	Geting rid of beatle kill trees to diminish fire hazard.
Wildfire	Fire mitigation
Wildfire	Wildfires
Wildfire	Augment rapid forest fire response.
Wildfire	Reduce urban development in fire prone RED Zone areas
Wildfire	The forest and the fires
Wildfire	how to deal with all the beetle kill trees that have not burned (yet)
Wildfire	continue supporting wildfire suppression
Wildfire	Have sufficient wildfire fighting capabilities
Wildfire	Wildfire rescue and protection.
Wildfire	The County did a Fantastic job w/ handling the High Park Fire
Wildfire	Wildland fire support.
Wildfire	land management after the fires
Wildfire	Wildland fire mitigation
Wildlife	Promote co-existance with wildlife, I am a native and LOVE the fact that we have a return of species that were never present when I was growing up. We now are visited by eagles, hawks, owls, fox, coyote, elk, deer, bob cat.
Wildlife	Keeping Open area for wildlife
Wildlife	Also, keeping in site the wildlife population as people move into their spaces.