

Constant Contact Survey Results

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2. Other priorities important to me, comments, and/or questions: - Responses

Answer

All the above items are important and difficult to prioritize. Love the look of the downtown. Garage will be great asset - I even love the spider. I would like to do more to for our dog-friends in downtown.

Animal Shelter and Animal Safety

Revitalizing Downtown.

Better support of local farmers, stop building new homes,

The speed that cars travel on east Dunne driving by the Norstum elementary school is very concerning!! I live close to the corner of East Dunne and Peppertree Dr. At times the noise of cars racing and not slowing down in this area is a big safety concern. It would be in everyone's best interest to monitor the traffic in this area for the safety of the school kids, park goers and all concerned. More speed control please!!!

Abatement of building homes in Morgan Hill, stop the growth! Maintain open space, City Officials should have more interest concerning Morgan Hill residents NOT DEVELOPERS! Majority residents feel the Council takes the interests of the developers more than residents!

Ensuring privately held water companies are forced to comply with state laws pertaining to water safety.

Ensuring city officials take residents concerns pertaining to beautification projects and long term business viability seriously (for example the horrific tarantula on the side of the parking garage) that money you wasted on that abhorrent object could have been used to fund at least 20 students' education and we could have hosted a high school mural project with the winners receiving scholarships towards college education. You failed to consider the larger picture and ignored thousands of residents protests over how this was handled. Only one of many issues that the city officials have shown little to no real concern for our residents.

Managing growth so as not to overrun our ability to provide water, police and fire protection and a stable economy.

A safe community where residents feel secure is the foundation for a city to thrive. Crime rates rise and residents move away, businesses don't relocate, downtowns don't boom. Public safety needs to be number one for a city to thrive and the rest will follow.

Morgan Hill has charm that not many other local areas have. While the city needs to grow and change to thrive, it can be achieved at a slow enough pace that we do not lose the connection to Morgan Hill that so many residents cherish. We do not need to be a Willow Glen or Santana Row. We need to be Morgan Hill.

Stop the waste of money on non-essentials. Change the attitude of the council to reflect the desire of citizens to live in an urban environment and not a mirror of San Jose. It appears that there is way too much influence by developers on city council. We also need to have downtown develop on their own not on city handouts. Some of the land deals with the RDA scream corruption.

Improving traffic circulation, street condition

More community spaces to meet and mingle. More community gardens within central city area. Examples are downtowns of Campbell and Willow Glen.
Quality schools with update facilities.
Not having to wait in long lines at the stores.
-More Open Space where dogs are allowed. - Traffic control -
I am sorry I said all were priorities. In order, My highest priorities are: 1. continued friendly ,helpful, highly visible and courageous police 2. increased assistance for low income and at-risk children eg: Free summer school /day camp for any child in the city. opportunity for poor kids to be in Patriotic Sing, subsidize costs of Pony Baseball or soccer 3. ped-cabs,loaner bicycles, or segways, or better yet horse carriages for downtown trips in peak times. 4.continued support for inclusive playground 5.figure out SEQ to maintain farmland (subsidize farmers? institute pick- your- own days and petting farm animal opportunities, signs describing what crops are growing.?) 6.city subsidized downtown storefront for shelter dogs and cats for petting and adoption .7. real flowers in hanging baskets downtown 8.Pull the plug on El toro Brewing ; get a good restaurant preferably Gunthers (in San Jose). 9.Help establish volunteer "welcome wagon" group.
The use of local companies to provide services to Morgan Hill should be included on the priority list. For example, the work performed in downtown was contracted with and performed by an out of town, out of county company. Therefore, the money that was paid out for these projects, did not support local companies or its local employees. That money was taken into another city and county, and spent there. I find it ironic that a priority listed on this survey is "attracting and maintaining local businesses" yet, that was clearly not a priority when spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in our downtown. It would be nice if our city supported its own businesses and kept money local.
Sent via iPhone- please excuse any typographic errors.
We live in the Silicon Valley and all we have is Charter for Internet and Cable. You allow a monopoly and the poor service is a given.
Overall safety and comfort of MH which also means limiting growth. We have some wonderful animals that live here that I would hate to lose bc of growth. The egret the Hawks etc.
Build a vibrant and friendly downtown.
Repaving Hill Rd between Dunne and Tennant. This section of road is like a series of potholes holding hands.
Expanding programs and services for older adults.
Sand volleyball courts
Catholic high school

<p>Would have been more meaningful to rank the above in order of priority. Of course most will select all of the above. What will that really tell you from a statistical measurement?</p>
<p>Maintaining police and fire are of utmost importance to the safety of our community. Also limiting the number of new homes being built will ensure that we continue to have a small community 'feel' to the city.</p>
<p>If we are going to have so many houses being built MH needs to prepare for more schools, parks, and other options for families.</p>
<p>Previously I suggested making Morgan Hill a venue for art. Unfortunately, people's taste in art varies significantly, & you can't please everybody! But before spending large amounts of taxpayer money to commission art pieces for our city, it would be prudent to survey the community on its opinion of the proposed pieces. With government money, many should not be subjected to the tastes of a few, officials should not act like rich art collectors, & community should be able to provide feedback. This could head off strong disagreements among residents & avoid what some consider to be offensive, repugnant or a major eyesore. This is especially true for prominent, visual objects as permanent fixtures to define city ambiance. If people don't respond, they have no right to complain later they never had a say. You may say the purpose of modern art is to shock or startle us into the present moment or to larger or new thoughts, but there are many ways to do that without being gross or offensive.</p>
<p>Regular maintenance of City's recreational facilities like Community Park's tennis courts, which were flooded three times this winter because of sewer drainage problem.</p>
<p>Overall, City has been doing a GREAT job to enhance the Quality of Life in MH.</p>
<p>I live in the La Crosse neighborhood behind Nob Hill and near Paradise Elementary School. We have a beautiful walk path in our neighborhood; however, there are some dog owners who choose to walk their pets off leash. I find this frightening and rude. Also, I believe this is illegal? It might help if there was signage on the pathway to remind owners of this fact -- maybe signs could be placed on the same posts that hold the doggy bags that are available for cleaning up after our pets.</p>
<p>There is way too much building going on. We are becoming San Jose and it makes me sad to see our small town turning into an impersonal city. What used to be pretty fields are generic condos with no back yards or privacy. The traffic on Butterfield is ridiculous. Invest in updating the street lights to keep up with the growth. Spend city money dedicated to art on "local" artists. Support local and small businesses instead of bringing in chain restaurants. Rent control so that the locals who aren't part of the tech industry can still afford to live here. I've lived in this town for 32 years and am a small business owner. I'm disappointed in the rapid growth and city decisions. I'm also fearful of what I'm going to face when my son begins attending school with the choices of the MUSD. We're zoned for PA Walsh, which has some of the lowest test scores in the state.</p>
<p>While it is extremely important maintaining staffing levels and response times within the police and fire department, the city must remain vigilant and informed of current staffing levels and response times related to ambulance services which are through a private contractor. This continued interest, presence, or "pressure" on County EMS is imperative. While we often see the Rural Metro/County Ems ambulance on Main Street, it is important to know and understand that all south county ambulances often get called to San Jose, depleting ambulance transport services, delaying response times. I know this because I have worked for this private contractor in the past. I understand that San Jose and Santa Clara County is a busy place, but I cannot stand for a depletion of these types of 911 resources. I suggest in addition to adequate police and fire response times/resources, the city must form and maintain a guarantee from the county for such restricted city services/restricted ambulance.</p>
<p>Maintaining the rural lifestyle that attracted me to Morgan Hill in the first place.</p>

Mindful growth, which includes creation of lower density neighborhoods as well as increasing the infrastructure to handle population growth (schools, grocery stores, traffic mitigation, etc).
Maintaining transparency in government.
I would very much like to see the outdoor pool hours extended to 8:00pm. It is very hot here during the summer and by the time you get home from work and would like to go to a pool to cool off only to find out it closes at 5pm is obscene, most pools close at 8-9pm. 5pm seems pretty stupid. Please help provide relief to those who are not lovers of 100deg. temps.
planned growth NOT boomtown growth
Limiting number of new homes built.
Fix the terrible disappointing MHUSD. Get a Superintendent that cares about kids and not about having elicited affairs.
Keeping neighborhood development from urban sprawl. Overcrowding of neighborhoods creating more traffic and crime . Utilizing land for retail space that has been already developed for use and not taking more open space to build more. More control on types of developments.
I have been thinking that it would be great if there were a "Cops are Relevant" campaign to counteract all the bad publicity they have been getting nationwide. Anything that promotes crime prevention and the importance of police is a priority in my book!
While my address is Gilroy, I am just off Watsonville Road and "live" in Morgan Hill. My son goes to school in Morgan Hill, I shop at Nob Hill and Target, dental, ortho, etc!!
Building and maintaining local water supplies. Stop spending frivolous monies on spiders, cross walks, redoing gardens to certain people's definition of "drought resistant " gardens especially when I am still asked weekly to provide tissue, band aids etc to our local public schools.
Wake up Morgan Hill and listen to your residents and local businesses.
I honestly think the items above pretty well cover it.
The small town aspect of Morgan Hill is gone. Way to many houses going up - the roads can't support all the traffic. Can't get around between 4 - 6 pm way too much traffic. Speeders are another problem!! Crime is also on the rise
Police and Fire protection. Honestly, they are the worst they have been in the 36 years that I have lived in this town. Having firemen that are unskilled and don't even live in town (they do not know the streets or area so response times are horrible) is scary, and we do not have enough police officers to maintain safety. We need a firemen that live within the area and more traffic police and patrol police. We do not need to maintain the numbers; we need to increase the numbers and level of service. I am confused as to why we dropped our contract with the previous fire provider and why we continue to run a below minimum staffed police department when we can throw millions of dollars away on the down town mess.

South county is growing too quickly, and losing the small farm town feel. Due to the large amount of growth in the area the commute has become a nightmare! While the city is focused on wasting money on downtown trial projects that failed and replacing the crosswalks which looked better than they do now, the community would like to see more of an effort put into a 101 expansion project to help cut down on travel time, I know that is up to caltrans, but I am sure the city has some input, the meter lights that were installed were a complete waste of taxpayers' money.

Sports fields including baseball AMD softball fields

Maintaining our beautiful parks

Preventing flood areas. We have flood areas on Mission View and Hill Drive that need to be addressed.

1. Control the MHUSD from ruining our schools. This school district is out of control at the expense of our children and tax payer...

2. Can't burn a fire in our fire places in the winter, can't water our lawns more then twice in the summer...feels a bit like Russa!

I think it's time to move from MH...bummer!

Keeping taxes and fees low.

New housing developments seem larger and more expensive than the family of 'median' means can afford or need. Prices of 3bedroom, 2bath homes under 1,500 square feet are hard to come by. Prices are increasing rapidly because of the demand for these 'normal' sized homes. I would like to see more new developments that are more affordable. I don't think we want to see us become a bedroom community for Silicon Valley, where those who work here cannot afford to buy here.

P.S. I am in the real estate industry, please don't tell them I said this!!

I would have liked to see the SEQ be approved by LAFCO. I would love to see Morgan Hill have a private Catholic High School, I would love to see the sports complex continue its development (particularly with sand volleyball courts) and I would love to see Morgan Hill Bible church be able to expand their building, continuing to grow the church.

I believe that it is important to attract and retain local business.

I believe the City of Morgan Hill (the Government Entity) should not act to promote the sale of the drug Alcohol.

I believe that the promotion of the Downtown has been nothing but the promotion of Drug Dealers who create events solely for the purpose of selling drugs. We even allowed them to take over the public sidewalks to sell drugs.

We did this knowing it demonstrates to the children going to and from school the selling in consuming dangerous drugs is our City's priority.

To the north of Main and to the south of Dunne it appears that the City does not have a business plan. Between Main and Dunne it is all about drugs.

We use City publications as if they are private publications. We do not promote community activities paid for by tax money. We use City publications, City staff, and City facilities to compete with other private publications. And we use them to sell drugs as the highest priority.

Catholic highschool local access is needed. Love the downtown plan. We need to manage the housing allocations better in times of recession so that they do not accumulate and then cause a reactionary response in times of growth (when many dormant allocations lead to a surge in housing starts). That response can be damaging to our long term growth plans. We should stagger school start times to better manage surge traffic at those times. We need to influence growth near our borders in the county better for the long term. We need to figure out how to influence lafco. We should continue to promote agritourism with wineries, orchards and breweries. We should leverage specialized's presence to build our local brand as a cycling hotspot. We should continue to encourage and increasingly tax hotels to provide supply for tourism as a recreation destination, leveraging and funding our recreational facilities. We must continue to grow thoughtfully and preserve our character and brand.

Youth sports programs - gymnastics, swimming, dance, soccer, etc. would be great to enhance in partnership with private programs. Utilize the strength of city ownership and properties and the strength of private business for sound operations with national connections. Creating a recreational connection with the high level competition and facilities that can host local competitions.

* Parking and traffic calming in the downtown area.

* Put real meat behind the City's "Age-Friendly City" efforts, not just words.

Push back on unfunded State mandates by working with other local governments demanding the needed funding. For example, the Governor's mandate for water use reduction caused our water department to operate on its reserves as it users conserved and revenues dropped. A rate increase was a poor fix. The Governor should have know this would happen and provided relieve reflecting the users reduction in water use.

Retail, non restaurant for the down town area so many of the retailers have left to find space south on Monterey and that is really to sad.

Making Monterey road more attractive. Drive from Bailey to .Cochrane. Fixing road. Demolition of eyesore buildings on Monterey and Cochrane

Can you please repair the potholes along the roads east of 101. Motst of them are small especially along Hill and Murphy, but still present a danger to the motoring public.

Overall the City is doing a great job and I appreciate all the hard work you do on a daily basis. Hopefully we will all enjoy the Cops and Robbers Ball in the coming weeks.

Best wishes,
Bernie Mulligan

Traffic. 101 is a mess coming into Morgan Hill and it's unfair to those of us who live here. I know the city does not run the freeway system however I am sure that city can petition or influence the state to commission a study about traffic on 101 coming into Morgan Hill.

Crime is also rising in the city and I would like to see these numbers go down. Many out of towners are coming here targeting our community. From mail theft to car break-ins and burglary. In the last 4 years, things Have accelerated a ton around here.

The city is growing far too fast almost everywhere one looks. Developers are in charge and the look and feel of the city is being transformed in the wrong direction. While housing expands, there is little or no growth in private sector jobs. Inattention to developing the kinds of high tech and professional jobs that are available even nine miles north is killing this town. The city foolishly spends an inordinate amount of time on downtown development and the absurd Southeast Quadrant while the quality of roads and streets erodes and a heinous crime like a recent home invasion has occurred. The city fails to do simple things, like keeping BookSmart downtown or having a clear and consistent idea about how traffic should pass through our central arteries. Our quality of life is declining rapidly as we grow bigger. City leaders, put down your wine glasses and get back to the basics.

We are growing too big. Already traffic has increased. People never use to be rude, or honk when driving. Morgan Hill seems to be losing its charm. If downtown small businesses are to thrive they should be open later in evenings during the week, and on Sunday that's when most of us can shop.

I hope that the suggestions can be taken from someone who loves Morgan Hill and hopes it can keep its charm. If I wanted to be in San Jose or big city I'd live there!

Stop changing downtown back and forth... however, why the speed bump at the southbound EXIT of downtown instead of the entrance at Main or 1st? Downtown is SO full of stuff now (lights, benches, sculptures, etc.) and in so many different styles, it looks messy and overcrowded - there are so many distractions that drivers have a hard time seeing if people are in the crosswalks. How about better street lighting and crosswalk lights that blink when someone is in the crosswalk - for all the downtown crosswalks across Monterey between Main and Dunne?

More parks and trees, more bike lanes, rec center/pool at northwest corner of town - maybe in the industrial complex.

Thanks for your consideration.

Catholic school and more athletic fields

Maintaining open area and parks, specially prepare for rain and clean debris afterwards

Scale back on growth and housing starts and all the other problems, including traffic, will take care of themselves.

It's important that all the above be reflected WITHOUT insinuating that growth/added housing needs to be excessive. SLOW growth should still allow all of the above to take place.

Traffic control; fast drives on our residential street is a problem.

Supporting Public Schools

Although the obvious "motherhood and apple pie" goals listed above are the responsibility of any city, the primary goals should be to maintain the safety of the citizens. Perhaps next time, you could ask the citizens to rate goals on a 1-10 basis and get a usable database for decisions. Morgan Hill is a wonderful place. Many of us would like it to remain the SMALL community we have enjoyed for decades, but realize that economics make that difficult. Don't worry, us old folk will die or move before 'Los Gatos' reality takes over our precious treasure.

1. Promoting the establishment of drought tolerant landscaping
2. Creation of scenic streets for recreational walking in the evening
3. Establishment of parks for special needs people and drone flying
4. Maker Space

Lower population cap. We are big enough!

It is very important to me that our schools (K-12) maintain a high API score and they are well supported and financed by the city of MH.

Increasing diversity of representatives on city council and making sure we bring in diverse business owners, businesses, and all aspects of leadership within our community.

Would like to have a whole foods or sprouts grocery store. I don't understand why we have 2 Safeways.

In addition, more kid friendly eateries that isn't another pizza, burgers, and other high fattening dining establishment. How about a Sweet Tomatoes, Panera's, or Veggie Grill (look at what Cupertino is doing in the new Apple campus).

Keep the CRC and other recreational opportunities available in the city.

Resources which will continue to be more and more limited. Stop growth now.

Zero more growth. In time we will all be so grateful and envied.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Investigating and eliminating police misconduct and targeting of residents.

Developing programs and activities to occupy the teenage residents. They are bored and privileged and have absent parents (no one's fault) due to working and long commutes; and that's absolutely poison for them. It is why you have such a high concentrate of opiate addicts in your city.

Clean up neighborhood blight(junk cars parked on streets and in drive ways) address ongoing issues with people living in motor homes on city streets

There should also be an effort to paint curbs red that are in front of fire hydrants

While I agree that the structural issues of a city are most important...I see them as a "no brainer"... A city must keep them up...taxes are paid and appropriate departments are responsible to do so. I believe where Morgan Hill will retain its uniqueness and credibility as a community is with its commerce and with its integrity with its citizens. Keep it a "safe" place to live. A safe place to raise children.A community that purposely guards against the moral and ethnical degrading of its community.A community government that has a resolve not to compromise it's mission to keep Morgan Hill safe, maintain moral integrity, commercially attractive, and that it's citizens aware of this intent. Our cities annual activities, The 4th...Mushroom Mardigras.."Taste"...etc are extra special. We want to be a community where people and "our people" are our most important asset. It "ain't easy" ..but it's worth it. I've read our history..its unique. Preserve it.My great grand kids will love it.ðŸ

Reducing the number of vehicles parked, if not illegally, then at least precariously, in neighborhoods (e.g.,too close to an intersection; wrapped along the curb at a neighborhood wide intersection; parked so as to block oncoming traffic, esp. oversized trucks and SUVs along San Pedro near San Benito.)

<p>1. Maintain vibrant, engaging, affordable, park and recreation programs and facilities that are accessible to all ages and physical abilities.</p> <p>2. Bicycle friendly community.</p> <p>3. Implementing impact fees or construction requirements that support park and recreation facility development.</p> <p>4. Remember that the city is not a sole provider and ensure that partnerships, consortiums, and collaborations for program or service delivery are supported, encouraged, and implemented.</p> <p>5. In what way is this information going to be used? Development of this and future operating and capital budgets? Please provide the community with a summary of the data collected and its use.</p>
<p>Other priorities important to me and the future of my family is to replace the City Council Board Members with hunams who care about their residents more than they care about the visitors and impressing them with ridiculous over priced "art".</p> <p>We have amazing Veterans and Elderly that have played a huge part in building our amazing town, but the City council doesnt care. Its absolute distrespect putting the Veterans memorial in the middle og the street down town, dangerous for the community to pay their respects. Instead a graffiti primary color display gets a better location down town.</p> <p>The building of homes are out of control and so is the traffic. Traffic violators are daily, causing danger to lives of our community. Specialized cyclists have taken over our roads, NOT sharing the roads with vehicles causing accidents. We need more Police on the road. We need better medical care. Take care of the very people who made Morgan Hill what it is today, not the visitors!</p>
<p>Making the downtown corridor a place that attracts consumers and makes them feel safe and want to linger. Please re-consider measures to calm traffic through downtown to assist this. It is still difficult to see pedestrians, especially at dusk and people are still speeding through downtown to use it as a thoroughfare, not a destination. Please keep retail space downtown to encourage visitors to linger and walk...there are a lot of restaurants, with more on the way.</p>
<p>Increase property values commensurate with rest of bay Provide better public transportation</p>
<p>When a street widening project is started, finish it. I'm referring to Diana Avenue where a small section was started to widen and the work has just stopped for months now. It's by the new housing tract called Esperanza (hope). I "hope" that it will be finished real soon. Also the information below, why ask what city and state I live. The city must be Morgan Hill and the State is California. DUH! Idiots!</p>
<p>These all are of course very important and should be maintained or improved as needed. But my concern is that many of our streets (other than downtown) are in great need of repair. While we wasted millions on the downtown "street diet" experiment, many of our outlying streets are in need of basic maintenance and even urgent repair. Hill Road is a disaster and my own street, Cimarron Drive is a roller coaster. All of these items in your survey are necessary, but improving the condition of our city streets and not just downtown needs urgent attention and to become a priority.</p>
<p>Maintains an attractive downtown as a "Destination Place". Continue to work toward establishing a "River Walkway" through the downtown area.</p>

<p>While not a City of Morgan Hill issue directly, the quality of education in our city is of utmost importance.</p>
<p>Educate the public about safety when walking and running: In poor light conditions, wear light colored or reflective clothing. Walk or run to meet traffic, not with traffic. On streets and in parking lots, look left and right to see if the way forward is clear - make eye contact with drivers to ensure that they see you.</p>
<p>For bicyclists: Wear reflective clothing and/or lights when riding in poor light. Do NOT have ear phones in both ears when bicycling.</p>
<p>Driving Issues: Ensure that trees and bushes are not blocking the view of drivers for driving through an intersection - particularly those where there are no stop signs for the cross traffic.</p>
<p>Preserving and maintaining historical resources.</p>
<p>The staff and city council need to stop jumping on the latest bandwagon and being social activists. Maintain the city and if you have social causes you want to engage in them do them on your own time and dime.</p>
<p>Water conservation is my business not the city's but it is your responsibility to let the state know they need to change their priorities with it come s water shed investments. Stop paying for the high speed train and invest in infrastructure for water like they have know about for over 20 years. This is not a surprise just negligence.</p>
<p>Development of the Monterey Corridor. As I drive clients around, their biggest "complaint" is how nice it is downtown, and how the rest of Monterey is an eyesore.</p>
<p>We are expanding are community to fast for the city's utilities (water,sewer,roads,parks,flood control,emergency services) to handle. We need to step back and consider what impact all this building will do to our future. I understand that growth brings in revenue to the city, but if not managed properly,it will fall out of control.</p>
<p>Cooperation and partnership with other public entities I.e. MHUSD, GavilÃ;n college, county sheriff</p>
<p>That we actively search for more competent candidates for Morgan Hill City Council interested in our children, their education and children's events.</p>
<p>More investment in education and community events.</p>
<p>I am concerned about the high percentage of low income housing in Morgan Hill. The percentage appears to be higher than other Santa Clara County cities, yet the police force has not grown to in relationship to the low income housing numbers.</p>

(1) I can't emphasize enough the fact that our growth must be controlled. I see too many new homes but we have the well-known water supply problems. Hundreds of new homes with an average of three people each will consume enormous amounts of water.

(2) Traffic is also a concern. We need to keep on top of that before it's too late or it becomes too expensive to enhance some of the main avenues or build additional ones.

(3) In my opinion, having spent \$160,000 on the stupid, ugly spider on the new parking building downtown is a terrible waste of money. I don't care what program that money belonged to. It was a waste of money that could have been used for fixing some of our streets or for something more useful. The spider was definitely NOT A PRIORITY for our city!!!

I have noticed for months several areas that people are using as a dumping sites and never cleaned up. I do notify appropriate divisions, but same old same, under staffed, will get to it someday. Bailey off 101 is so trash strewed, Hale has litter both sides along west mountains, even mattress dumped on agriculture property hiding in trees. Monterey road north of town always has garbage, beds, old appliances, trash, etc.. Media all broken,.not an inviting entrance to town. Just take 30 minutes and do a drive-and look..loop...then create a fix..

Fire, Ems, Police #1 to me!

Saving the SEQ with the cities plan and developing a Catholic High School.

Limiting growth and maintaining a small town feel.

Stop building houses... too much traffic, the City is growing too much and its becoming a big city with big city issues... NO THANKS!!

Get a Whole foods to come to town

Retain Character:

Population: guard against unsupported over-population.

Design Standards: guard against permitting too-small lot sizes with over-sized homes.

Infrastructure: make certain that all infrastructure elements, i.e., water, sewer, roadways, policing, fire protection and schooling are available and respected in permitting new development. If water cannot be guaranteed, suspend building until the situation is remedied.

Neighborhood design: make certain that new housing, especially those low-acreage, higher-density housing respects existing neighborhoods.

Businesses: attract a good blend of moderate-sized business, light industry, commercial and retail that blends into existing community - heavy industry no longer fits into the City's pattern of life.

Residents do not want to be another "San Jose."

Some roads get lots of repairs (even when there is little wrong), and others none (when there is a lot wrong) - ensure all roads are repaired as necessary and don't favor some depending on who lives there.

Stop the Specialized cyclists taking over the roads - they have started to go out in gangs again.

Put 'don't pass cyclists on blind bends' on roads where this happens, e.g. Oak Glen and Sycamore (the motorists shouldn't do it, but unfortunately they do. I've often been forced to break suddenly because a rogue motorist is on my side of the road passing a cyclist when I come around a bend.

Curb new multiunit housing developments. Apartments and condos increase traffic and population making roads contested and our city no longer is charming.

more open and transparent local government (too much black box with predetermined outcome as council resolution)

have had no department open house since utility dept on 2011/10
and police dept community meeting since strategic plan on 2011/09

have other council members, BOS Supervisor, Water District Board member, OSA Board member do public events like Mayor Saturday coffee (unstructured and not just special interests like Chamber of Commerce or Realtor Alliance)

local control of recycled water; prefer scalping plant; start now on groundwater recharge locations

local transit options to augment or replace VTA service

real cooperation with LAFCO, County, and Open Space Authority for ag land preservation and production

More rigorous traffic enforcement particularly on Monterey Road thru downtown.

Ensure that all of the high-density housing under construction is required to have adequate parking on-site.

Too much dense housing!!

Growth appropriate for the area

Stop new home and apartment building, NOW. The city council has ruined our nice little small town. Someone is lining their pockets...

Make city walkable -more urban trails

There is a lot of new building occurring in Morgan Hill and no effort to repair the already existing roads that are in deplorable shape. That is a priority before any new "quality of life " need is introduced. Fix what we already have before an accident occurs as a result of bad road conditions..

<p>1 low growth of population</p> <p>2 reduce the traffic congestion, both in Morgan Hill and traveling to near-by cities</p> <p>3 increase roadside access to bike travel, both to the city and through the city</p> <p>4 safety lockup areas for bikes, when visiting the city on bikes</p> <p>5 low profile of downtown structures, no "Santana Row"</p> <p>6 better police monitoring of high-speed traffic zones. On Llagas road, for example, cars travel too fast; plus tailgating when one is doing the speed limit.</p>
<p>While all of the above items do seem important to me, I feel that the priorities of the city council should focus on managing the growth of the city in a manner that will preserve our precious open space and the rural feel of our special town.</p>
<p>Increasing commercial/retail companies to support financial stability of Morgan Hill through taxes and other fees thus reducing the burden on local citizens</p>
<p>Keeping our city safe and clean.</p>
<p>Maintaining and protecting our Heritage and Historic Sites!</p>
<p>Protect our open space and agriculture lands at the same time growing our community in a manner that will do this.</p>
<p>More diverse restaurants in the city. More folks have dinner up in San Jose before the commute home in the evening.</p>
<p>Get Fiber optics to every home and school - Unincorporated too. Google deploying in San Jose - this is productivity play and quality of life and education.</p> <p>Also - fast track Fry's Math headquarters - get the asset built - Alhambra Center.</p> <p>Set up training for restaurants and employees - upgrade the MH restaurant ratings and capability.</p> <p>Add more trails - major trail needed around Cochrane to current trail systems - bike, horse, walking.</p> <p>Enhance instruction at Cochrane red light to enter 101 North - people still stay on red light instead of stop and go if safe on red.</p>
<p>Increasing quality of education in K-12.</p> <p>Curtailing the growth in home building and maximizing the open space character of Morgan Hill.</p> <p>Attracting high tech business to build on our economic base and reduce commute traffic to the silicon valley.</p>
<p>We need to preserve the growth of our city to a low minimum. The construction of new housing will lead to crowded schools, impact our roads with traffic and more crime in our city. We must control our growth like Los Gatos and Saratoga.</p>

I am deeply concerned about the rampant building of residential units in Morgan Hill. It appears the City Council has ignored the very real concerns of residents. This impacts all of the above, water conservation, reliable water supply, preservation of open space, etc.

I support LAFCO's decision re: SE quadrant.

Also, what is the rationale for building benches in the middle of Monterey St in downtown??!! Who is going to sit there and inhale fumes??

Way to much growth! We are well on our way sadly to becoming a SJ!

Not enough police officers to enforce the basics. People speed down Butterfield like its the 101! No traffic stops anymore. We need more police presence!

Rebuilding the downtown to be modern, have eateries of all price ranges and perhaps some clothing stores for working women! We can't always drive to San Jose for a normal store like The Gap, Banana Republic, etc, nor do we deserve to always outlet shop and only wear last year's styles. People pay a lot of money to buy houses here, we need more restaurants, more shopping and more downtown appeal. We live ten miles of a major California city and we are stuck in time. I would like our downtown to be like Campbell or even Willow Glen, not just a place to get \$30 steaks!! We need to drive in the message to downtown businesses that they need to modernize decor, and start offering better customer service, some of the restaurants only treat you nice if they know you personally and others act like they are doing you the favor by providing you food. Make our downtown a place where you can eat, drink (and not just wine!), shop, but soaps, sports equipment, books, a deli, speciality stores!

Feeding children in the summer who have lost free meals because they are not in school and go hungry in the summer right before our eyes. The school district will feed anyone 18 or under for the six weeks of summer school if they show up but i think the City could help publicize this and work with the school district to find ways to make this feeding program available all summer.

It is hard to enjoy our quality of life in Morgan Hill knowing that children and others are going around hungry. I raised this issue a few years ago at the joint City/ CouncilSchool Board meeting but am too ill myself to make it happen. At that time, I spoke with he food services person at the school district who was very positive about finding ways to feel more children in the summers.

Mental health programs, so paranoid schizophrenics get the care they need and aren't out on the streets killing people.

We need parks for our kids to play.

High quality K-12 education. Fix the constant bickering and drama on the school board so they can focus on what really matters: improving our schools.

Prioritize saving what little open space our City has left and slow down the drastic growth of new neighborhoods. We don't want to be a suburb of San Jose! Use existing buildings for businesses, rather than building more and leaving so much vacancy.

We want a safe community where crime is not tolerated and is quickly stifled and prosecuted. Let's stop spending such enormous quantities of meaningless money on "improving" the downtown corridor, while ignoring most other more important needs in the community. Let's repair streets and have more improvements to other areas in the City as well. Remember parks and areas that are much more used by the population of the community than just Monterey Road. Find ways to ease traffic congestion on Monterey Road by re-timing the lights for better traffic flow from San Jose, all the way through downtown.

Supporting all animal care resources and local farms

A city this size should have access to Animal Shelter services- we need to increase support for animals. If the city cannot afford to provide its own shelter, it should be establishing partnerships with the County and possibly Gilroy to have a shelter to service all of South County.
In addition to the items listed above, adequately funding and maintaining strong public schools is of the utmost importance in any community. In the hyper-competitive bay area, public school ratings often the weigh heavily on relocation decisions, which in effect help dictate property values.
Morgan hill needs animal control.
Why are you allowing so many construction projects to go on in this city? It's getting out of hand and nobody is doing a thing to stop it. The 101 is already bad enough, as is Monterey Road, and you want to make it even more difficult. Deal with things we can see every day as citizens, not the stuff that we only deal with very rarely.
Stop housing developments. Especially houses on farm land.
Schools and public safety
Vibrant family friendly downtown
Social connection. An exciting city is one where its diverse residents have social connection and commitment to each other. When we can relate to each other, we use common sense and support solution based progress.
If we don't know each, humans typically use conflict to manage our differences.
Please continue your great job of communication and inclusiveness.
No instrument/bands allowed in neighborhoods, dish urns the peace.
Control of traffic on residential streets. I live on Del Monte & Keystone and my street has become a regular shortcut for people who do not want to wait for the signal at Monterey & West Main or the traffic back-up downtown. Add in the cars for Britton School students/parents and sports on Britton Field and the hazardous conditions increase.
I do not understand why Morgan Hill spends taxpayer money and/or grants on painted sidewalks and experiments for bike lanes while local businesses are suffering because of it! Look at downtown. Or actually ghost town! During that "experience" of dealing with bumper to bumper traffic, we could slowly see over half of the business vanish. Mean while, others are breaking into mail boxes and cars in other parts of the city. The people who were voted in by the taxpayers should be held accountable for these actions
Maintain small town, community feel and experience, while conserving resources.
Limiting growth of high density housing. Leaving as much farm land as possible which adds so much charm to this city.
To free some unnecessary traffic, we need to open quality grocery store near Cochrane road and 101. It seems a lot of people head to Dunne, or Tennant to go grocery shopping. Please not another Safeway, maybe whole foods, or Raley's. I live West, and it takes me some time if I have to go to Cochrane for Target, then back to Nob hill for grocery's. A one stop shop would be nice. I see a lot more homeless wondering around Morgan Hill, especially around the grocery stores. Also too many Motor homes parking along our streets, near parks and grocery stores. With Megans Law, how do we regulate sex offenders that may be living in these motor homes? Before we have big issues with homeless, we need to get a quick jump on the growing problem in our community.

In my opinion, the water restrictions put in place are wrong. Instead of limiting residents to only water on certain days, there should be a limit of water used per household. I understand that limiting water days helps but education residents on proper watering outdoors and show to save water indoors is a much better plan. Why would you penalize people, like myself, who installed a water saving sprinkler system? It is much more efficient to water your lawn a little everyday instead of a lot on a couple of days. there are water efficient sprinkler heads available along with systems that monitor the weather to adjust on a daily basis. To penalize people who have educated themselves and installed these things makes no sense. If the city truly wants to save water and not make money on this, they should let each household police themselves by the amount of water they use. Educate the community and local hardware stores that sell the items. Everyone should be doing their part.
Limiting urban sprawl and keeping local farms I. Business for local food production. However, local farmer should provide weekly water usage to city and public to monitor how much water they consume. High water crops should be avoided and farmers should inform public what they are growing, if pesticides are used, if it is GMO, etc. more transparency. No urban sprawl
Safe school environments for our local children.
The open space stop dense housing developments
Smart growth planning, transit oriented development, walability and bikeways
Pedestrian safety as area near downtown becomes more densely populated.
The Police Department needs to go back to issuing accident reports whether or not there's an injury. By not doing so makes the settlement length between insurance companies more lengthy and costly. One of the items in questions one is "Maintaining the number of police officers on neighborhood patrols." I haven't seen any police patrols in my neighborhood since I moved there (near Nordstrom school) almost ten years ago.
Pedestrian safety
Repair resurface Woodland Acres. It's been 40+ years since it's been done and seeing Woodland Acres is one of the larger property tax revenues seems only appropriate. Thanks, let me know how I can help.
Increase effort on attracting new larger businesses into the greater Morgan Hill area
Continue to work on methods to make downtown Morgan Hill a more vibrant, walking and biking experience
Those are all important items, the issue is deciding which are most important, which can actually be maintained and/or upheld and which are in reality, only wishes that could be done. Some go hand in hand with each other, such as attracting and retaining local businesses, which in turn will help maintain the city financial stability, but someone has to first work at attracting and maintaining those businesses. In my opinion, the city is driving out many small business, with fees, fees and more fees - frequently for "services" that are never done. One that bothers me is the alarm fees charged for each business that has an alarm. Businesses should be rewarded, not charged. When our police department is asked to respond, the response time is long and sometimes not at all. I waited once for 3 1/2 hours, police department never came by. I had a tenant set off the alarm, she waited for an hour, no one came by. Yet as the building owner, we were charged \$150.00 for a response.
Preserving farmland

Being a previous merchant in another nearby city, I feel that the business owners in MH are not being supported by its residents.

There should be more attraction events to bring people to the downtown areas. But in the same token, I hardly hear of a downtown assoc. being involved. Maybe I just do not hear of these things.

We need some kind of signs: SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL MERCHANTS. I believe downtown needs more activities not only in summer.

I want to give Kudos to the inception of the El Toro Social Club. I do hope it takes off!!!

Maintaining recreation facilities

Continue Senior Service programming

Creating more affordable housing, specifically suited to the older adult population

Working on more transportation options for older adults as well as mass transit options for the more rural areas of the city

Continuing the fabulous job that you are doing! We have a great little city! Thank you!

All of the above are important but most important to me is city safety...crime prevention/moving violations....around schools, neighborhoods, etc.

I personally liked your proposal to make Morgan Hill a destination for youth sports. I think the baseball/softball fields in partnership with the soccer complex and aquatic center would have made us a great year-round destination for youth sports.

This would be great for additional revenue and more restaurants, hotels, entertainment venues which would generate greater sales tax.

I think LAFCO was short-sighted on this and now that property will be filled with McMansions....

Parking !!!!!

We need to put a limit on vehicles that can be allowed to park on the street. The property owner should have to provide adequate parking to accommodate the number of tenants living in their units, It affects a number of services, mail delivery, street sweeping, trash pickup. We need to take a long hard look at this. G. Jackson

Fixing the potholes and overall quality of the streets.

Maintain the number of homes being built. Too many houses are being built leading to a number of consequences. For example, traffic and the increasing prices of homes. Gentrification should not be allowed in MH.

More kid-friendly things to do in downtown and around town, and not just places for rich adults

street upgrades

Clearly all of these are important. It would be interesting to ask people to rank the importance of these items.
Also, some things the city does such as youth engagement (YAC), providing recreation activities, providing senior services and driving environmental progress are not on the list.
Partnering with Morgan Hill Unified School District on planning location of future school sites to ensure strong neighborhoods.
Be fiscally responsible, don't spend tax payers' money on unnecessary art sculptures when city streets are in need of repairs. Think about maintaining that old town look when designing/renovating buildings, especially downtown. Stop building high-rise apartment buildings! Think about how the new residential construction impacts our public schools!
n/a
Having enough activities for teenagers not just crime prevention and gang intervention. When my children were teenagers in MH they complained that MH is not geared to teenagers.
retaining local small businesses - not losing them from downtown
due to the renovations happening on Monterey between Main and East Dunne, we have lost many of our local small businesses - many forced out of the immediate downtown area... we would love to see them given first option at an "affordable rate" to repopulate downtown, after the renovations are completed - rather than bring in big names to replace them, like Opa and Willard Hicks (great to have them come to MH, but not at the cost of a local small business).
Young/Single Family quality of life Family friendly activities and leisure actions
Urban sprawl - slow it down Bring jobs instead of homes - more businesses
List is hard to answer - of course all are important.
I think that Morgan Hill will do well when home owners take more chances with homes just off the main street drag. Make the small craftsmen homes within walking distance desirable areas. There seems to be a lot of apartment and condo growth, and I think there should be more single family home opportunities around the downtown area.
Also, if the city is funding El Toro brewing Co. - as is rumored - it would be nice to know why they are letting this restaurant sit there with virtually no patronage, horrible food, and just empty. Such a shame. We could use a great downtown craft brew pub.
Other priority: Facilitate bicycle commuting
Comment: Did ANYONE not check all items at 1 above?
Youth sports
Local decisions made by local leaders; not by County or regional governments
Vibrant and beautiful downtown
Community events

Keeping the downtown merchants happy.
Support from community leaders to grow business attraction to the community.
New business opportunities, we need growth to survive
Ensuring that we do everything we can to make sure we have enough clean, reliable water for our businesses and agriculture to thrive, plus making sure we get our flood protection projects built, rebuilding Anderson so we can fill it back up, and then keeping our rivers and streams clean and free of homeless encampments.
small business opportunities reduction in taxes
Get the spider's domain completed for use. It is taking so long.
Public Schools and where to place them. With a current population of approximately 40,000 residents, we currently have 8 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 2 comprehensive high schools and 1 continuation high school. With the projected 2035 population cap of 64,600, our community may need up to 4 new elementary schools, a middle school and another high school. Where will you place them?
Businesses in community. Private/Public. Chamber and Non Chamber How help each other in business/community. Chamber, Festivals, Schools, Community events, etc. Helping and mentoring youth. Benchmarking to see how other Chambers and ours compare. Products-Services. Sister community in another country????? SBA Liason to community. Vets activities.
Maintenance of land areas ... specifically around where my home is ... that belong to San Jose. Need to be weeded, need control of unwanted critters (rats, abandoned animals, etc. create city regulations about horse dropping on sidewalks where people travel ... and enforce them!! More convenient bus transportation 7 days a week to more areas and not just on working/school days but on weekends too. There are many older people in Morgan Hill who need the public transportation to be better suited to their availability and travel needs and wants.
Taxes seem pretty high for business owners in Morgan Hill.

<p>Operating soundly financially. Not spending money on stupid things such as the giant spider.</p>
<p>1) Services to help support the homeless in MH. 2) Support fair processing for low income housing.</p>
<p>The rapid growth seems far grater than our infrastructure; I don't see a police presence downtown as we did a few years back. People driving without using signals, no lights in the rain; fast driving thru downtown city's sequad plan not thought out.</p>
<p>buy land within the sequad to preserve for open space. forget about buying elsewhere.</p>
<p>stop changing zoning from industrial to commercial or housing. we need good-paying jobs.</p>
<p>pay more attention to the poor and homeless. push county to have services here rather than force folks to ride the bus to sj.</p>
<p>downtown is looking good. the 4 new restaurants will make it even better.</p>
<p>Employment referral service for college students coming home for the summer. Local businesses can log in to a central network and post job openings, Students home can access database and connect with local businesses quickly and efficiently. Not everyone subscribes to Facebook, especially the college aged youths. Snapchat and other "faster" social networking aps are in fashion.</p>
<p>Getting better businesses at the Cochran Rd business complex, like Panera Bread, Olive Garden, Whole Foods, Cheesecake Factory and many like businesses. Why can't the city attract these type of businesses.</p>
<p>I really think it's important to have a beautiful and inviting downtown shopping, restaurant and cultural arts center we can be proud of. We need to support local small businesses and and growers. But traffic and parking must be well controlled and organized so there's no congestion. Pedestrians and bikers should also feel safe to share the roadways. We also need a bigger variety of family restaurants like Outback, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Black Angus, and The Fish Market. It would also be nice to have a community auditorium for plays, dance, concerts and musical performances, weddings, graduations and other ceremonial events.</p> <p>I also highly support having a Catholic High School built in Morgan Hill. It's ridiculous to have our high schoolers travel at least 30 miles away to receive an education.</p>
<p>Thank you.</p>

Things the city has been spending money on which would not make my priority list, but which you didn't ask about.

1) Public Art

2) Excessive use of consultants at every turn. \$50k here, \$1M over there (General Plan) and so on.

3) 1/4 million for environmentally friendly landscaping at community center.

4) More power outlets on Monterey Road than many homes have.

The list could go on, but you didn't ask about any of those items.

Very concerned about the traffic in Morgan Hill. My understanding there isn't a plan for creating new roads to relieve congestion. Morgan Hill is becoming a big city with country roads. Plans need to be in place before all the land is taken up by developers and there won't be any options.

continue to build facilities, events that focus on healthy family lifestyles.

we need to let go all the staff

Public transportation

Bike lanes- safe and lots of them!

traffic control

1. Of course every item above is very important.

Keeping crime out of Morgan Hill is important and with the FB page of the MH Police Dept, postings it gives awareness to what is going on with crime in the city. The community can become involved by watching out for each other once we know there is a problem.

2. Creating an opportunity for the community member's to get together at events. Not wine strolls, beer crawls.

Something that does not involve alcohol.

SLOW growth... too many homes going up, too fast!

Making our downtown area more attractive.

Zoning

Vibrant Downtown

Mass Transit - Commuting options

Keeping the City's infrastructure in line with its growth rate.

Less high density housing. More approval of housing developments.

Animal Services.

We have nowhere, to my knowledge, a dedicated facility to help stray, or injured animals. San Martin Shelter will only accept animals with a county address. Given the population of Morgan Hill today, and the money that has been invested in other areas, this oversight is incomprehensible.

Undergrounding power lines on Hale, Dunn and Tennant should be priority as they are unsightly and many are out-of-use or are old phone lines.

Street maintenance in older neighborhoods mainly on the west side should be addressed ASAP, ie, El Toro/Lindo, La Alameda, Encino and Monterey

Stop building! Too much too fast is going to balloon into many infrastructure problems, lack of water, power, more traffic and congestion, more educators, police fire are needed as general quality of life is impacted.

Expanding city water to long time residents who have well and water issues.

Supporting local public schools

Maintaining the rural aspect and the small town culture of Morgan Hill. I would like to see the downtown keep the style, instead of changing into a Los Gatos or Santana Row type atmosphere.

everywhere the Mayor goes, he states that "Morgan Hill Values Youth!" I see nowhere on this list for supporting the schools and children!

Low taxes

Educational quality and consistency.

Maintaining the community feeling of Morgan Hill.

Sharing historic resources of Villa Mira Monte; the Historical Society would benefit greatly with a partnership of the city.

You probably should have limited responses to top 3, because all are important. Others priorities to be potentially added: ensuring police treat residents respectfully and ensuring city council listens and acts on resident's viewpoint.

Preserve open space especially on Santa Teresa extension from Dunne to DeWitt.

Take the fluoride out of city water supply.

Daytime home invasions - strong armed robbery on the rise

Deer Crossing "caution" signs on W. Dunne @ Peak and DeWitt

Parking garage uses for Community Events?

Pedi cab service to encourage off street parking and parking garage

1. With a steady growth in CA population, Water Conservation cannot work. Recycled Water and Desalination are the Modern solutions!
The old solution was to go to Church and pray for rain. But the average rainfall is not going to increase.
2. The approved NBS report is mean-spirited, short-sighted, unjust and fails to fix the water shortage.
3. The San Juan Capistrano Court ruling has stymied the Attorney. Other districts have implemented a different algorithm so that excess water usage can be charged for.
Morgan Hill needs to catch up with the 21st Century.
4. We exceeded the Governor's 25% mandated reduction and the City's goal of 30%.
Then we were charged for our excess reduction.
That mistake is totally illogical. The algorithm should never let that happen!!!!

Thank You for this survey!

Building pride within our youth to learn and develop values such as integrity, accountability, compassion, boundaries, etc. Our at risk and struggling youth are amazing kids with amazing capabilities. Our community must keep it positive when talking about situations involving youth especially when youth are faced with being held accountable for bad decisions. This is important to me because in the mistakes youth make, character traits are found. I open the minds of these youth with art, music, sports, and skill building workshops and I find it very important that our community not be so quick to put down, judge, or ridicule youth regardless of what they "look" like. My passion is refocusing at risk youth and building community, one person at a time. =)

Raising water rates after a city wide reduction is put in place because we are using less. A giant spider on the side of a building is a waste of money.
Putting a 4 way stop sign on Del Monte and Wright Avenue. For the kids that go to Britton Middle School. I have almost been hit myself several times here because people just do not care to stop for anyone in a cross walk. Not to mention playing chicken with the cars when you have to try and get out from Del Monte Avenue going any direction it is crazy sometimes.

Improving our downtown with more enticing retail stores.

Maintaining a small town feel.

A lot of projects going on and attention to detail is slipping. Planners need to get out and visually inspect projects. And please don't allow MH to become San Jose (too many homes being built)

Also, street racing in this city is unacceptable. Need more stationary monitoring, especially in industrial zones.

Lastly, police response times to nonviolent crimes is bad- if at all.

Keeping MH a wonderful place to raise a family.

Sports facilities for our youth and schools, both private and public for youth and adults. Parents of youth have a harder time engaging in the public process, but their needs and those of our youth should remain top priorities.
I am concerned by the rapid growth and housing developments that are being built. I have noticed an increase in the amount of traffic on all roads in Morgan Hill. It concerns me that we are growing too much, and we are going to end up like San Jose. I love the small town feel of Morgan Hill, and I would hate for it to become over crowded and plagued by big city problems such as crime.
I would rather see the construction of single story, one family homes versus town homes or apartments.
In addition, I am concerned about the potential flooding problems that threaten our town every time we have a big storm. I don't like feeling anxious when I know that we are expecting heavy rainfall. I should be rejoicing rather than worrying about flooding.
My other concern is our high property taxes that keep increasing. Soon we will not be able to afford our home.
Making downtown pedestrian friendly. Comparatively speaking our crosswalks take twice as long as any other city that I've ever been to. I see more jaywalking because the Crossbox take anywhere from 90 seconds to three minutes. I use them on a daily basis and it takes way too long. Also, the new crosswalks in the median without lights is going to present possible injuries. They should have put lights underneath on the floor so people can see pedestrians crossing. We all know that somebody in dark clothing crossing the street is a dangerous thing but with two lanes one person could be not in the vision of the person crossing in potential danger.
Remembering and engaging the rest of Morgan Hill residents when making large-scale decisions about expanding the City and creating proposals for developments. Please don't only listen to wealthy landowners and investors, because that is what Morgan Hill City Council looks like right now.
Controlled growth and downtown revitalization, with a Butterfield downtown bypass enhancement (on the north end of town) so that Monterey Road can go back down to 1 lane in each direction.
Programs to deal with litter/graffiti better.
Provide additional universal design on crosswalks; it would contribute to Morgan Hill's ability to initially be an age-friendly city. Provide or build a Morgan Hill Health Center for the older adult population to help with case management, OT, PT, and other therapy and medical services at affordable prices.
In order to maintain any of the above, and to keep Morgan Hill as a thriving town, one thing is missing on the above survey. Infrastructure is extremely important. Many of the above items listed above are things the city should be providing without question.
Revitalize the downtown area with businesses that attract foot traffic and make the town more desirable to visit.
All of those are important. Maybe we should have ranked them in order of importance?
I would have ranked 911 and number of police on the streets as number one and two. Without those we wouldn't have a strong, safe community.
Improving local public education
Top 3 Priorities: Police & Crime Prevention Low-Density Housing and Open Space Preserve Safe, Reliable, Local Water Supply

-internet service throughout MH, including up on the hill
-library expansion to support high usage

Train our City/public employees in Diversity: Equality, Cultural differences

Ceasing growth of apartment & condensed housing.

My family moved to Morgan Hill only two years ago and the traffic and congestion has increased rapidly. Also, the frequency of individuals loitering on streets and shopping centers has increased, and I feel my sense of security decreasing over time.

1. Daily quality issues that stand out are many potholes that you have to drive over or around when driving on south Monterey Road. Filling them and keeping an eye on future ones would be great.
2. No more new housing or apartments!! We are losing our open spaces, which is very sad. Morgan Hill is a country town - let's keep it that way!
3. Keep our law enforcement (officers) well staffed.
4. Overall, a good city to live in!!

Must stop building all these homes, condos, townhomes. Traffic is a nightmare especially on Fridays. Close or relocate out of city limits the motels.

Keeping our town small & not losing our small town feel.

Investing in affordable housing development and most importantly management of our affordable housing contracts. Developing strong and unique affordable housing policies and programs.

Sound walls to insulate neighborhoods from 101 noise.

Improving the quality of Morgan hill public schools.

Reduce city payroll

How about Weed Abatement? There are weeds 3 ft. tall growing over by Scrambles and along Butterfield.

The provision of bicycle paths to downtown and throughout the city limits.

Stop placing housing units along Butterfield! I thought that the idea for this 4 lane road was to move traffic around the core of the city. Traffic on Sunnyside at Watsonville rd. is allowing vehicles to back up. We need a signal in place there! The charm of Morgan Hill is not the same as it was 40 years ago! Sad to see that alcohol seems to be the big thing at every event in town! Wine crawl, winery signs at every intersection I am not a prude but the emphasis on alcohol at every event doesn't seem necessary and that goes for beer also! Personally I prefer a sales tax rather than property tax that way everybody pays and lastly lets stop all of this affordable housing that is being shoved down our throats enough is enough!

Term Limits

Competitive Aquatics - SCSC Partnership

MHUSD Collaboration

Technology Adoption - GE Intelligent Cities

City Sponsored Broadband

Minimize Frivolous Government (Tarantula, Sculptures, Bike Lane-DoOver, etc)

Don't build on land that is meant for farming...we still need to eat. People come to Morgan hill for that "country" suburb type of vibe, Also, developers need to kick in money for expanding services ie. Water, sewage,police, parks..if they are going to develop, build and make money in Morgan hill.

Also, more importantly, we don't have enough security to have a mosque built near our town or in the midst of our town..With all the issues going on today, there are too many crazy people, and building a mosque would attract them, I worry more for those who attend the mosques as they would be at risk...just look at what is going on in our society today! . We would need to hire a lot more security and police if we are going to allow a mosque to be built around here, not to sound prejudice ...but it's just not a good time for one right now. Things are just too

Volital. I would like to see more parks, hiking and biking trails. The rent downtown needs to be cheaper so we can get more cafes in

Overall growth limitation, preservation of green spaces, allocated farmlands (More of them), and better education.

Too much high-density housing is creating way too much traffic and is destroying what was the "country" feeling Morgan Hill once had. This is also just going to add additional strain to our police and fire departments as well as schools. Has the impact of all this new construction really been analyzed?

We STRONGLY support the addition of city ordinances/laws that would closely monitor/regulate the growing/possession/selling of medical marijuana in residential areas. Many other cities in CA have guidelines in place ranging from requirements to obtain a "growing" permit from the city government, to restricting the area on the property where it can grow, to completely banning growing medical marijuana within city limits. When the growing of marijuana occurs in residential areas, it is a nuisance to neighbors (sight, SMELL, attracts thieves/unsavory characters). We moved to Morgan Hill from San Jose expecting a BETTER quality of life, not a WORSE one. Unfortunately, we are disappointed. We would be happy to be part of any community involved committee partnering with with city government formed to address this issue. We have neighbors who would gladly participate as well. Thank you.

Programs to help senior citizens remain in their homes and enjoy quality of life. Things that no one thought would be important, now have become huge barriers. Here are a few:

1. All things requiring climbing a ladder---changing batteries in smoke detectors, cleaning bathroom ceiling fans, removing debris from rain gutters, etc.
2. Driving to Dr. appointments. I know someone who isn't having cataract surgery because she has no one to take her and bring her home. (Outreach is extremely unreliable)
3. 55 and older communities need public transportation to be close. For example, residents of Hacienda Valley Estates have to walk a very long way to catch a bus.

These are just a few of the issues facing those of us who have been outstanding, contributing members of this community, and now need a little help.

All of the above items should be of concern for all cities. I have highlighted some I believe are of the most importance. We moved to Morgan Hill 1 year ago because we liked the nature of the community and the size of the city. We would hate to see the community and agricultural areas and open space be taken over by major construction projects. Looking forward is important for us, but maintaining the basic feeling of Morgan Hill should also be maintained.

Managing local traffic congestion due to broader regional growth. Continued residential growth in south county is causing a bottleneck affect in MH. What was once a semi-manageable commute to SV is becoming unbearable.

Maintaining reasonable/responsible residential growth rates.

I think the list above covers it all!

Fiscal responsibility. Don't spend money on projects that the community doesn't care about.

Continuing to foster a healthy community lifestyle for us

Provide path ways for walking and biking around city such as in the Paradise area.

Morgan Hill is turning into another San Jose. There's too much traffic and all the bad things associated with a large city.

I think that there needs to be an off-ramp on 101 for Burnett ave so that it is easier for commuting parents to drop off and pick up kids from Sobrato High School.

Currently there is only one way in and one way out to the school with long backups. The traffic on Monterey and Cochrane avenue would ease up with a freeway off ramp.

We also need to look into adding a lane each way on 101 going through Morgan Hill. There is a terrible southbound bottleneck each night just before Cochrane road when the lanes reduce.

Fixing the potholes on Monterey Road is #1 for me right now. It is in very bad condition from Usegi Farms to Watsonville Road. I drive it every day and I am afraid I am going to ruin my tires. The new area by Watsonville Road is nice and smooth. Can they continue that smooth road a little further south?

Stop building new homes

Maintaining community services such as the Library, Recreation Center and youth sport facilities.

El Toro trail
Picking up debris along roads. Enhancing landscaping wherever possible.
Invest in maintenance of existing infrastructure before expansion. Many of our roads, sidewalks, and parks show neglect while the city continues to invest in new infrastructure like the parking garage.
Repairing sidewalks that are cracked buckled with new sidewalks.
Non profit youth activities and assistance and shelters for battered wives.
Controlling the growth of Morgan Hill is most important. Growth impacts the items listed in question 1. The recent increase in new housing is disturbing. Everywhere you drive, new homes are being built. Schools are overcrowded. Traffic is increasing. The special feeling of Morgan Hill is diminishing.
In addition there are many senior housing complexes being built. While there is a need for these facilities, they do not contribute to the city's economic stability. These residents are not spenders. Is there a cap on the number of units to be built?
It appears the City planners are focused on building more housing rather than managing our existing community.
Greater focus should be placed on bringing more businesses to Morgan Hill. Our existing business parks have empty space.
As a 40 year resident I have also seen some wonderful improvements. The recreational facilities, the changes to downtown and our outstanding police department to name a few.
I love the entertainment provided by the Friday Night Music Series. Rich Firato and Jon Mockabee are very hospitable hosts.
family-friendly quality of life- easy walking trails, family events, keeping Big Box commercial element out of the downtown area
our library is awesome, too!