

Government Should CONTINUE OR DO MORE OF...

- Zero based budgeting – most people don't know what they receive from government so we need to put everything up for justification and understanding.
- Auditing payment of use taxes – my business pays them yet many I know do not. Or repeal it.
- Push to put in a rail route from Greeley to Colorado Springs. Have monorail for easy and quick commute.
- Working like a business solving structural problems. And fixing bad decisions.
- Make the tough decisions for the long term benefit of the community they represent. No waffling.
- Road maintenance and significant upgrade of roads.
- Be more transparent with what it does with taxpayer dollars. There is a lot of distrust from taxpayers of what government does with and how it spends tax dollars.
- Invest in education and pay teachers more. Improve education at K-12 level.
- Continue to offer economic incentives for new businesses to build or relocate to our communities and also incent existing companies to grow and expand their businesses.
- Creating green space – hiking, bike trails, connecting communities.
- Raise revenue to maintain those services that make our cities attractive – parks, open space, complete streets, gathering places (squares).
- Collaborate with our regions cities to brand our region for recognition purposes.
- Put in light rail – Greeley – Fort Collins – Boulder – Denver
- Expand Larimer Compass to Weld County for comparison purposes (helps sell region).
- Collaboration between each other.
- Education on alternative transportation, bike options.
- Create more awareness about how cities and counties are run by putting in a civic lesson for common man to understand, participate and appreciate, contribute more effectively.
- Public – Private partnerships that leverage private funds to make public funds have a bigger impact – for example RMI2.
- Ensure funding for schools is focused on great education and creative teaching – no administration.
- Creating and upgrading energy, water and transportation infrastructure. We should be investing in airport, roads, bridges, water storage to create jobs now and capacity for the future.
- Lower taxes for businesses and incentive businesses to move to Colorado.
- Communicating with no agenda.
- Collaboration – work together for regional wins and jobs.
- Quality of life investments: bike paths, parks, arts/entertainment, senior services

- Support K-12, Higher Ed
- Protect land (open space)
- Cooperation at all levels
- Listening to the general public for common sense ideas/changes
- Business development incentives
- Working together to get ACE tech Park
- Feed-in Tariff for renewable energy (city then state)
- Infrastructure
- Need to figure out a better way to handle criminal justice
- Work force funding
- Long term investment: infrastructure, rail, schools

Government Should RE-EVALUATE...

- Remaining fixated on “local” concerns and neglecting regional needs. We need you to collaborate and partner together.
- TABOR/GALLAGHER/AMENDMENT 23. If the process is broken than an effective means of “fixing” – starting at appropriate positioning for tax payer understanding.
- TABOR
- The use of metro-districts. Limit the types of costs that can be covered within the metro district (costs that should be covered by the developer).
- Limit the use of Urban Renewal Authorities
- Gallagher, TABOR, Amendment 23 and how they are strangling our state
- Tax Increment Financing
- Decision and the policies which drive away businesses from Northern Colorado to other regions
- Education for citizens re: taxes and spending. Need to improve education in a non-partisan way.
- Should sales tax drive regional land use decisions.
- How we collect public opinion using new technology for more participation. Smart phones, social media, etc.
- TABOR
- Relationship between expenditures on education, human services, workforce, jails
- The energy consumption, the amount of waste of resources and money
- Tax breaks based on agricultural property. Redefine the requirements to qualify for tax breaks.
- The quality and accuracy of the information provided to petitioners and grass-roots groups.
- Limitations put on government – too many rules.
- Funding for Higher Education.
- TABOR, Gallagher
- How they work together with other governments to achieve regional and long term goals
- How we collaborate in Northern Colorado.
- Safety efforts in transportation.
- How to increase school funding for students. Teach them how to become contributing citizens.

Government Should STOP DOING...

- Allowing a vocal, crabby minority to slow progress.
- Forcing state entities to use state appointed realtors to lease property.
- Building prisons.
- Battles along party lines. Work together to fix problems.
- Partisan politics.
- Restricting collection of rainwater for homeowners – this isn't actively enforced, yet our region could benefit by setting the example for our state.
- TABOR
- Parking Tickets
- Get rid of TABOR, Gallagher, Amend 23
- Creating layers of policy making bodies.
- Creating laws/amendments that can't be modified to fulfill future needs/changes
- TABOR
- Get rid of CDHE and CCHE – eliminate state approval of Higher Ed programs and tuition
- TABOR and institutional amendments
- Advertising water and energy reduction methods on bus stops and bill boards. Instead create incentives and provide regular feedback towards incentives so people can see the impact of their actions and make their own choices (especially \$\$).
- Limiting personal property rights