

2011 Boulder Town Survey, Aggregated Responses, all areas

Thank you for taking a few moments to answer these questions. We are seeking opinions from area residents toward town services, government, growth, and planning that will help inform our decisions over the next few years. Your responses will remain confidential. (You may choose to identify yourself, but it is not mandatory.)

Please mail back this survey by **February 1, 2011**, or you can drop it in a lockbox located in the Boulder Community Library or at the Anasazi Museum.

1. How well do you feel Boulder currently performs on the following items:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know/ No opinion
a. Programs for youth	2%	21%	15%	28%	33%
b. Arts programs	18%	31%	25.5%	6.5%	19%
c. Library	30%	50%	9%	.7%	10%
d. Fire	9%	24%	8%	2%	56%
e. Emergency medical	9%	35%	28%	4%	23%
f. Town Council	8%	42%	19%	6%	25%
g. Planning Commission	12%	34%	19%	6%	24%
h. Communication (bulletin board and web)	20%	51%	14.5%	3%	12%
i. Law enforcement services	20%	36%	17%	9%	18%
j. Road Maintenance	11%	46%	32%	5%	5%
k. Town Hall building and grounds	19%	53%	20%	2% 5	5%
l. Town Landfill	7%	55%	13 5	4%	20%

2. What would you like to see improved? (items may or may not be on the list above) _____

_90% no second response, 65% no first response; Town serv & fac = 15%, youth = 4%, LE = 4%

3. On a scale of 1 to 4, 1 being very important and 4 not important at all, how important do you feel are the following town services?

	Very Important		Not Important		Don't know/ No opinions
a. Improving the cemetery	12%	17%	31%	33%	8%
b. Developing a municipal sewage system	6.5%	13%	12%	58%	11%
c. Maintaining roads	34%	45%	14%	4%	3%
d. Creating a Senior Citizens' Center	14%	21%	30%	28%	6.5%
e. Completing Town Hall Renovation	41%	34%	14.5%	9%	2%
f. Continuing work on a Town Park	21%	40%	23%	2%	2%
g. Having the town take over the culinary Water System	11%	18%	6.5%	35%	29%
h. Other _____	1	2	3	4	82%

4. Do you tend to support or oppose the following: (1 = strongly supportive, 4 = strongly oppose)

	Support			Oppose	Don't know/ No opinion
a. Availability of low income housing	31%	24%	10%	22%	12%
b. A walkable, identifiable "town center"	28%	16%	26%	18%	12%
c. A local school	75%	13%	13%	2%	4%
d. A community van	25.5%	30%	23%	17.5%	4
e. Youth programs	36%	37%	15%	3%	8%
f. Recycling	46%	21%	20%	7%	8%
g. Adult education	25.5%	24%	32%	8%	10%
i. Non-emergency health care	38%	34%	17%	5%	6%
j. Arts-related, indoor community facility	21%	25%	26%	18%	9%
k. Other _____	1	2	3	4	90%

5. For any items above that you "strongly support", who do you believe should provide financial support? (Circle your response)

12% 7% 73%
 a. Private contribution b. Town government c. Combination of "a" and "b"
 (more detail?) _____ no response = 8% _____

6. Please list any suggestions you have for improving local educational opportunities.

no response = 64%; community-run workshops = 8%; keep school open = 5% _____

7. Please indicate your preferred growth rate for Boulder Town (check only one).

Less growth than at present _17%_
 Same growth rate as at present _45%_
 More growth with some controls _26%_
 No growth controls _2%_
 Other _____ _4%_

8. Do you favor or oppose the Planning Commission addressing the topic of zoning for lot sizes smaller than 5 acres? (Circle your response.)

a. Favor b. Oppose c. Don't know/no opinion
 56% 30% 14%

9. Do you support or oppose low income housing development in Boulder?

a. Support b. Oppose c. Don't know/no opinion d. Other _____
 47% 29% 13% 9%

10. How would you like to see low income housing handled in Boulder?

No response = 33%; creative alternatives = 17%; other = 11%; zone-specific for low income = 10%; let individual/free market decide = 9% _____

11. Do you favor or oppose annexing two adjacent, residential areas into Boulder Town?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know/No opinion
Annexing "the Draw"?	42%	34%	24%
Annexing Black Boulder Mesa	35%	39%	26%

12. How do you think more job opportunities can be provided for the working age population?

No response = 45%; support local businesses/ag/sustainable farms = 14%; incentive for start-ups = 13%; not town's responsibility = 9%

13. Rank the items below, from 1 to 8, in their importance to you regarding where you live.

- a. remote and "undeveloped" quality ___26%
- b. active ranches and small farms ___25%
- c. open space ___26%
- d. clean air and water ___45%
- e. dark night sky _____
- f. locally-owned businesses _____
- g. availability of jobs _____
- h. quiet environment ___22%
- i. other _____

14. In general, would you approve or disapprove of Boulder Town providing incentives (through zoning) for specific services to locate here, such as a vet, mechanic, butcher, medical personnel or other? (Circle your response.)

- a. Approve b. Disapprove c. Don't know/no opinion
- 55% 27% 18%

15. Would you support or oppose local ordinances that deal with the following issues?

	Support		Oppose		DK/NO
Dark skies (limiting night lighting)	63%	11%	8%	15%	3%
Controlling noise	48%	20%	14%	13%	4%
Signs (location, size, appearance)	44.5%	27%	11%	14%	4%
Water quality	69%	15%	2%	6.5%	7%
Low flying or commercial aircraft	40%	13%	15%	24	6.5%
Noxious weed removal	43%	19%	10%	14.5%	13%
Other _____	14.5%				77%

16. Please describe any specific concerns you have about issues raised in #15:

__No response = 55%; 20% = other; 8% = equal enforcement of existing ordinances ____

17. Do you have any suggestions on how to better enforce our ordinances?

No response= 56%; 13% = penalties/consequences; 13% = consistency_____

18. It has been proposed that lighted window signs be limited to two per business, not flashing, and not over 5 square feet. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

Support	Oppose	Don't know/no opinion
72%	19%	9%

19. What would cause you to leave Boulder?_No response = 18%; overdevelopment/loss of rural character = 24%; health issues = 16%; death = 10%; employment = 10%; too much regulation = 8%; schools = 5%; other = 9%

20. What other issues are important to you that we have not included in this questionnaire?

_no reponse = 80%; preserve ranching community = 4%; new people/yuppies,etc = 4%_____

21. How could Boulder Town improve its communications with its residents?

No response = 55%; OK as is = 13%; other = 11%_____

Thank you for your answers! You've completed the major portion of our survey. To help put your answers into perspective with other residents, we need a little information about you:

22. In what area do you reside? (Please circle the corresponding letter.)

a. within Boulder Town limits	69%
b. the "Draw"	14%
c. Black Boulder Mesa	9%
d. Salt Gulch area	3%
e. Deer Creek area	1%

23. How many years have you lived here?

a. 0-3	b. 4-10	c. 11-20	d. over 20 years	e. Lifetime	
13%	30%	29%	15%	5%	no response = 7%

24. Please indicate **how many** people in each age group live at your residence (including yourself):

0-5 years old	_6%_	41-54 years old	_20%_
6-12 years old	_7%_	55-70 years old	_34%_
13-18 years old	_6%_	71+ years old	_11%_
19-24 years old	_2%_		
25-40 years old	_13%_		

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