



APPENDIX E.

Survey Summary





LOS ALAMOS

Climate Action Plan Survey Summary

November 2023

OVERVIEW

SURVEY OVERVIEW

This report summarizes results from a survey administered to Los Alamos County residents to gather feedback to inform the development of the county’s first Climate Action Plan (CAP). The survey focused on understanding **community priorities and concerns** related to the County’s future, climate change impacts, and climate action, as well as **level of support for possible strategies for the CAP**.

The survey was administered online via SurveyMonkey from **September 19 to October 18, 2023**. Los Alamos County staff advertised the survey through the County’s Sustainability website, Los Alamos Daily Post, paper flyers, a press release, a utility bill insert, County Line, Los Alamos County Main Distribution email list, and multiple social media pages. The survey was offered in English and open to the public on the County’s website.

Community feedback is an essential part of the Los Alamos CAP development process. The planning team will consult the results of this survey to inform the CAP strategy and action list to ensure community priorities and concerns are reflected across all proposed CAP actions. All proposed draft CAP actions will also undergo a **multicriteria analysis (MCA)** to ensure actions are viable, impactful, cost-effective, center equity, and minimize potential unintended or negative impacts such as on vulnerable or low-income populations.

In total, **552 Los Alamos community members completed the survey**.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The survey design was informed by survey best practices, climate communication resources, and County staff input. Referenced best practices include:

- Minimizing response bias by asking neutral questions and using “balanced scales” by having an equal number of options on both sides of the response spectrum for each question, and by providing opportunities for additional open-ended comments.
- Using plain language appropriate to the public audience and avoiding jargon (e.g., “supporting climate action” and making the county more “sustainable and resilient” rather than “reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving resilience to climate impacts”).
- Considering audience attention span by keeping the survey short enough so that respondents can successfully complete the survey.
- Keeping questions on sensitive topics, such as about demographics or contact information, optional and at the end of the survey.

The survey design also drew from other available climate-focused surveys such as the Yale Program on Climate Communication’s *International Public Opinion on Climate Change* survey.¹ This global survey gauges public opinion on climate change beliefs, attitudes, policy preferences, and behaviors from respondents around the world.

Overall, the survey received 552 responses, 2.9% of the County’s population, which represents a 95% level of confidence with a +/-4% margin of error. This summary overviews response rates for

¹ [Yale Program on Climate Change Communication: International Public Opinion on Climate Change \(2022\)](#)

each question and trends and variations in responses across questions. This summary also compares survey response demographics to the County’s population to examine survey representativeness. *Section 5: Optional demographic questions* describes this comparison and shows that survey respondents reflect most County demographic categories (within a 5% difference).

Survey responses were exported to Excel and summarized for each question using graphs, tables, and short descriptions (see *Survey Results* section starting on page 4). Key takeaways from open-ended responses are also provided, when applicable. All open-ended responses to a given question were entered into ChatGPT with the instruction to synthesize the top 5 themes from the responses. The consultant team then manually reviewed survey responses to confirm that the themes produced by ChatGPT were accurate. The full list of responses is in *Appendix B: Open-Ended Responses*.

KEY THEMES

Key themes from the online survey results are summarized below.

Topic	Key Themes
Climate knowledge and impacts	Nearly half of respondents know a lot about climate change (48%) and are most concerned about drought, water supply, and ecosystem impacts of climate change.
Community vision and priorities	<p>Respondents who support climate action want to see enhanced energy efficiency, a transition to renewable energy, improved public transit, access to electric vehicle (EV) chargers, more water conservation, and protected green spaces and natural systems in Los Alamos.</p> <p>Respondents who do not support climate action would like to see fewer mandates, prioritization of issues other than climate change, and support for community business opportunities.</p> <p>In general, the community also cares about promoting a strong and diverse local economy, reducing waste, and facilitating education and collaboration on climate issues.</p>
Climate action concerns	Many respondents are concerned about the economic impact of taking climate action, including the cost to transition to renewable energy, potential job loss, and taxpayer burden.
County’s role in climate action	<p>Many respondents share the desire for Los Alamos to be a leader in climate action, stressing the importance of taking proactive action to prepare the county for the future by leveraging scientific knowledge and innovation.</p> <p>Respondents also voiced concern and skepticism about the validity of climate change and the effectiveness of taking climate action locally, including hesitancy around introducing mandates and regulations.</p>
Ongoing action	Many community members are already taking action to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and promote resilience through reducing waste, using sustainable yard care practices, purchasing environmentally friendly products, and buying second-hand items such as clothing and furniture.

SURVEY RESULTS

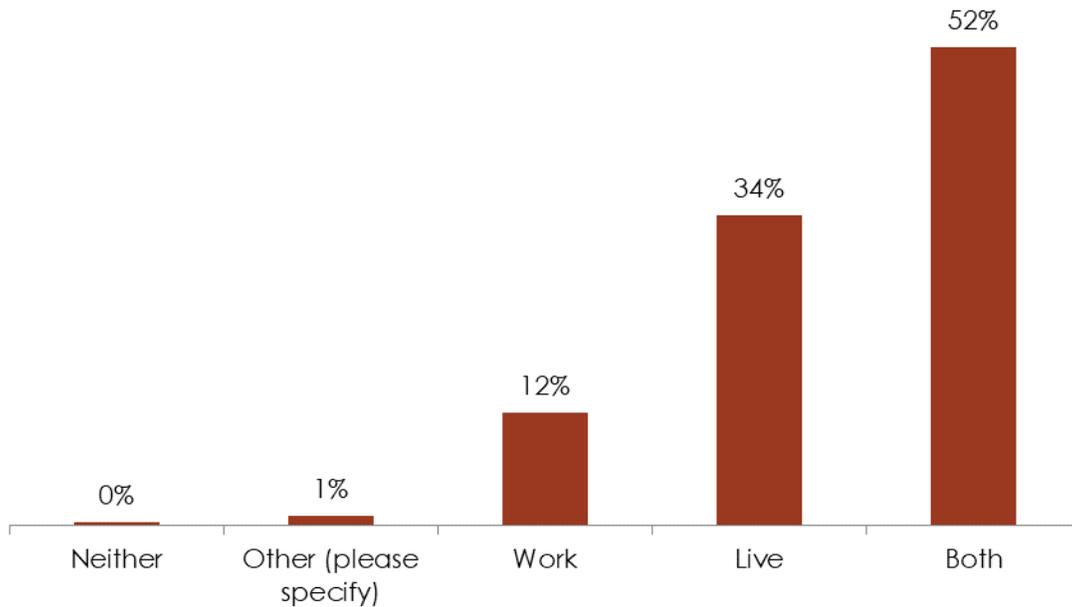
SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

Question 1: Do you live or work in Los Alamos County?

Answered: 551, Skipped: 1

- As shown in Figure 1, the majority (52%) of respondents **both live and work** in Los Alamos County. About one third of respondents (34%) **just live** in the county and a minority (12%) just **work** in the county.

Figure 1. Respondent relationship to Los Alamos County.

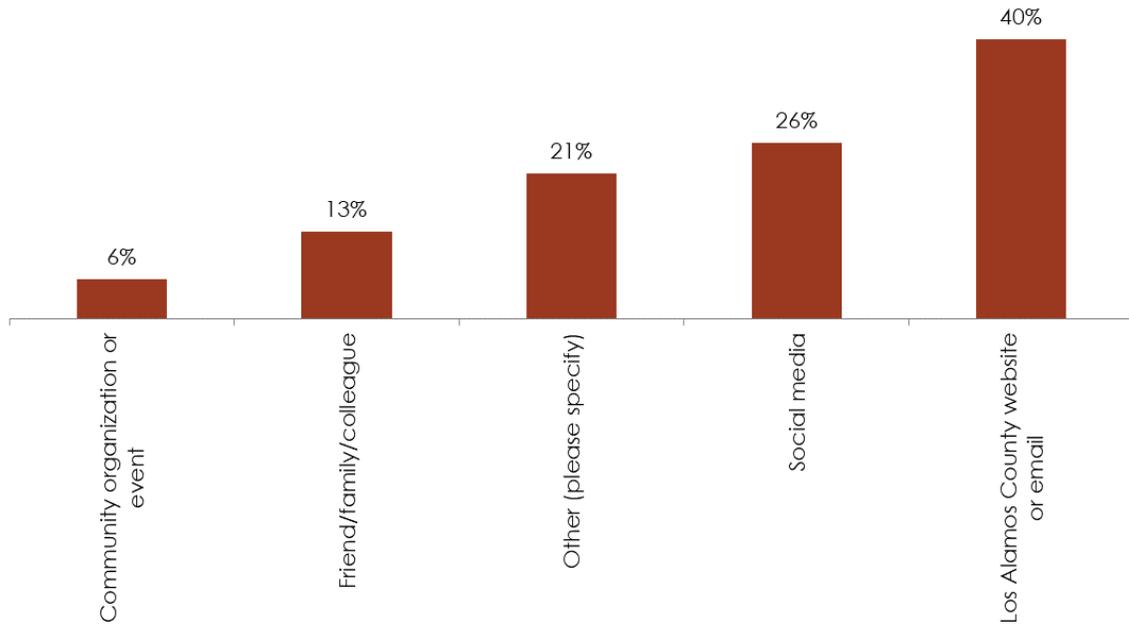


Question 2: How did you hear about this survey? Select all that apply.

Answered: 549, Skipped 3

- Most respondents heard about the survey through the **County’s website or emails** (40%) or via social media (26%; see Figure 2).

Figure 2. How respondents heard about the survey.

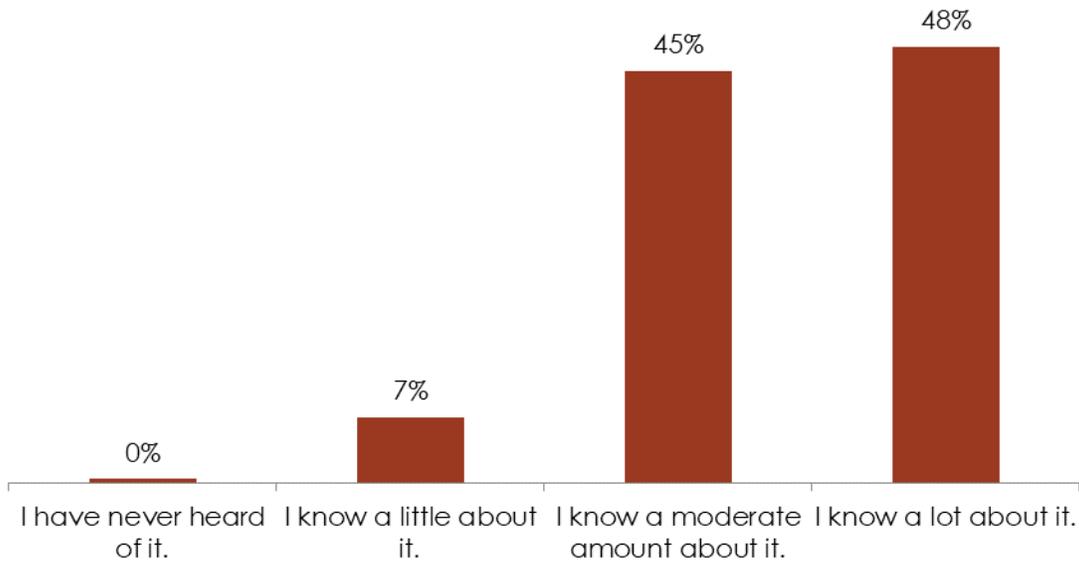


Question 3: How much do you know about climate change?

Answered: 550, Skipped: 2

- Most respondents **know either a lot** (48%) or a **moderate amount** (45%) about climate change (see Figure 3).

Figure 3. Respondent knowledge about climate change.

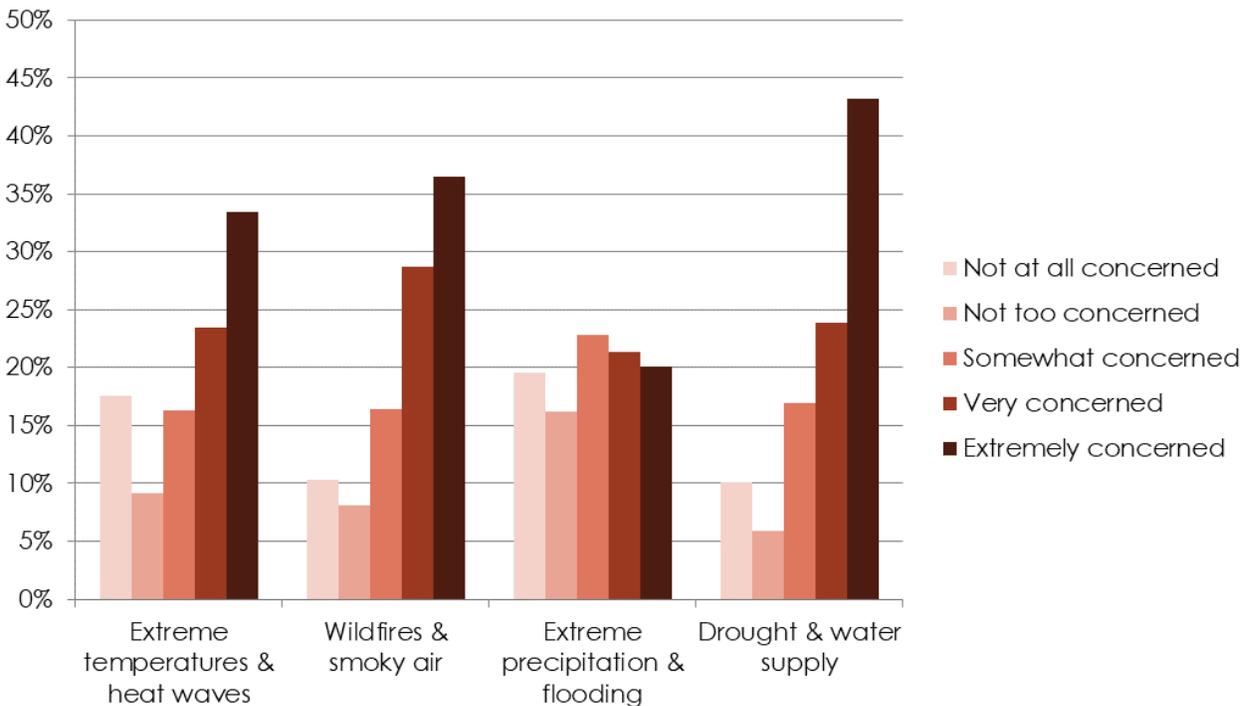


Question 4: How concerned are you about the following climate change impacts? Please indicate your level of concern for each.

Answered: 547, Skipped: 5

- Respondents are **most concerned about drought and water supply** with 43% of respondents being extremely concerned about it (see Figure 4).
- Respondents are **least concerned about extreme precipitation and flooding** with 20% of respondents being not at all concerned about it (see Figure 4).

Figure 4. Respondent concern regarding climate change impacts.



Question 5: Are there any other climate change impacts that you are VERY CONCERNED about? (Open response)

Answered: 239, Skipped: 313

The following top 5 key themes were identified from this open response question in order of most heard to least heard:

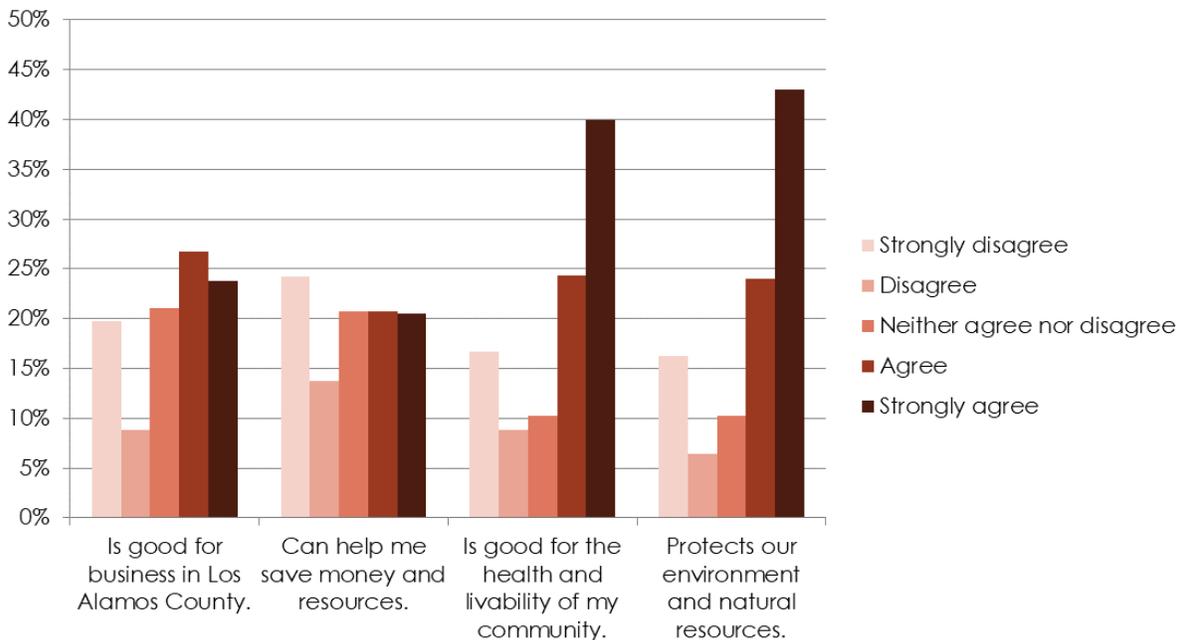
- **Skepticism** about the validity of climate change.
- Concern about the **economic impact** of taking climate action including the cost to transition to renewable energy, potential job loss, and taxpayer burden.
- Concern about the **environmental impact** of solar, wind farms, and electric vehicles.
- Desire to **focus on local and regional issues** such as sustainable agriculture, forest management, and water resources.
- Concern about the impact of climate change on **wildlife and biodiversity**.

Question 6: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements. For each statement, please select the option that best matches your view. *Taking action on climate change in Los Alamos County...*

Answered: 547, Skipped: 5

- Many respondents **strongly agree** that taking action on climate change in Los Alamos County will **“protect our environment and natural resources”** (43%) and **“is good for the health and livability of my community”** (40%; see Figure 5).
- Respondents are more **split on their level of agreement** on whether climate action **“can help me save money and resources”** (24% of respondents strongly disagree) and **“is good for business in Los Alamos County”** (20% of respondents strongly disagree; see Figure 5).

Figure 5. Level of agreement on benefits of climate action.



Question 7: What other benefits can be realized from taking action on climate change in Los Alamos? (Open response)

Answered: 193, Skipped: 359

The following top 3 key themes were identified from this open response question in order of most heard to least heard:

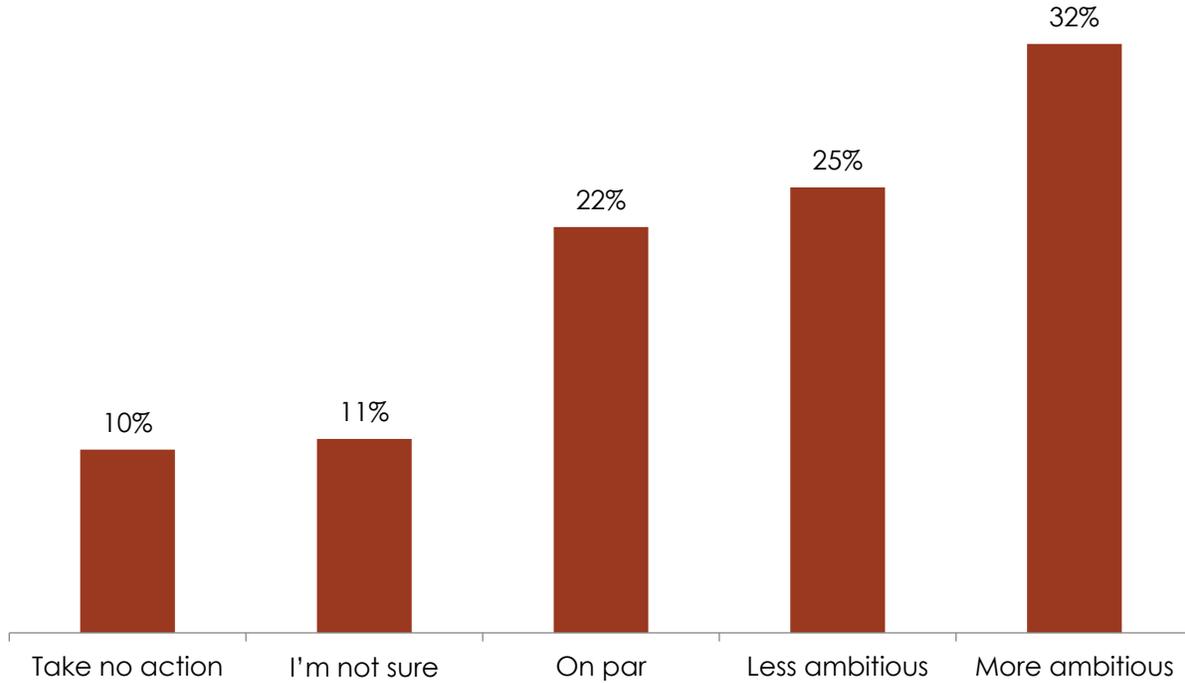
- **Skepticism** about the effectiveness of taking climate action locally.
- Recognition that taking climate action can help to **improve the environment, save money, and lead to a more sustainable community.**
- Desire for Los Alamos to be a **leader in climate action**, stressing the importance of taking proactive action to prepare the county for the future.

Question 9: The state of New Mexico has a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 45% by 2030 (compared to 2005 baseline levels). This ambitious goal will require implementing new regulations and programs across major emissions sectors, including transportation, buildings (electricity and natural gas), and solid waste. Compared to the state target, Los Alamos County’s target should be....

Answered: 506, Skipped: 46

- As shown in Figure 7, 32% of respondents think Los Alamos County’s targets should be **more ambitious** than the state of New Mexico’s targets with the remaining respondents indicating: less ambitious (25%), on par (22%), unsure (11%), or no action should be taken (10%).

Figure 7. Respondent feedback on Los Alamos County emission reduction targets.



Question 10: Please elaborate on why you believe this should be Los Alamos County’s target. (Open response)

Answered: 304, Skipped: 248

If respondents thought Los Alamos County should be **more ambitious** than the state:

- Respondents believe that the county should be a leader in climate action due to level of communitywide education, wealth, and scientific expertise.
- Respondents think that the County should leverage the scientific knowledge and innovation in the community.

- Respondents believe that taking climate action is urgent and therefore the County should set ambitious goals.

If respondents thought Los Alamos County should be **less ambitious** than the state:

- Respondents are skeptical about the validity of climate change.
- Respondents are concerned about the economic impact of taking action.
- Respondents are resistant to mandates and would prefer voluntary actions.

If respondents thought Los Alamos County should be **on par** with the state:

- Respondents are concerned about the economic impact of being more ambitious on working-class families.
- Respondents support being aligned with the state goals.
- Respondents would prefer voluntary behavioral changes over mandates.

If respondents were **not sure** where Los Alamos County's targets should be in relation to the state:

- Respondents would like more information before deciding.
- Respondents express concern about the feasibility of achieving targets.
- Respondents express a desire for the County to take leadership in climate action, recognizing the county's unique position as a highly educated community known for being scientific innovators.

If respondents thought Los Alamos County should **take no action**, therefore setting no targets:

- Respondents are skeptical of climate science, expressing thoughts that it is a hoax or that climate scientists exaggerate the urgency of taking action.
- Respondents believe it is not the government's place to impose regulations for climate action.
- Respondents express concerns about the socioeconomic impact setting targets would have on low-income populations.

SECTION 3: CLIMATE STRATEGIES

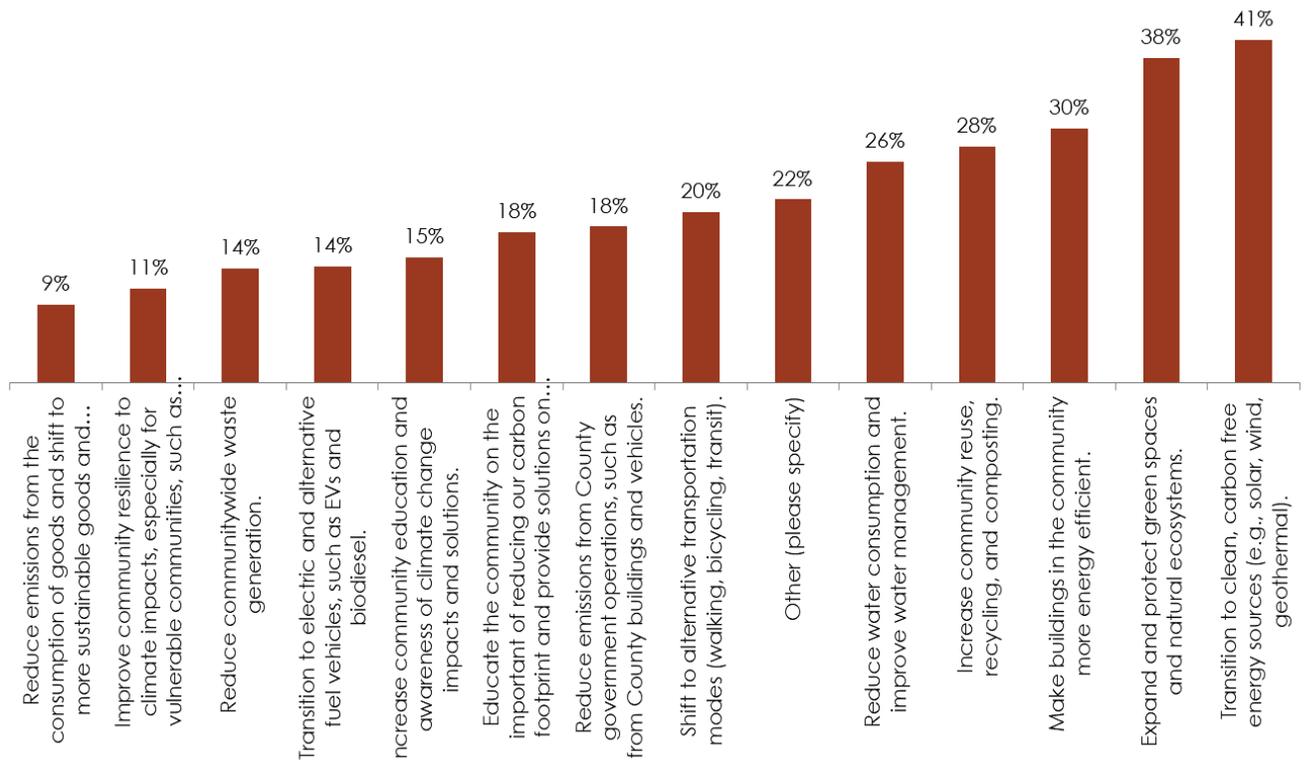
Question 11: What TOP THREE STRATEGIES do you think the Los Alamos Climate Action Plan should focus on? (Choose up to three)

Answered: 465, Skipped: 87

The top chosen strategies among respondents were (Figure 8):

1. Transition to **clean, carbon free energy** sources (41% of respondents selected strategy among the top three for the CAP’s focus).
2. Expand and protect **green spaces and natural ecosystems** (38% of respondents selected strategy among the top three for the CAP’s focus).
3. Make buildings in the community more **energy efficient** (30% of respondents selected strategy among the top three for the CAP’s focus).

Figure 8. Percentage of respondents who selected strategy among the top three for the CAP’s focus.



Question 12: What do you see as significant BARRIERS or CHALLENGES to implementing these strategies? (Open response)

Answered: 313, Skipped: 239

The following top 4 key themes were identified from this open response question in order of most heard to least heard:

- Concern about the **cost** of climate action.

- **Skepticism** about the validity of climate change.
- **Resistance to the change** these strategies would bring.
- Concern about the **politics** surrounding climate change.

Question 13: Do you have any additional feedback on these strategies? Are there any key strategies that you think are missing or actions you would like to see included in this plan?

Answered: 172, Skipped: 380

The following top 5 key themes were identified from this open response question in order of most heard to least heard:

- Importance of **education and outreach**, emphasizing the importance of transparency.
- Desire to **promote sustainable infrastructure, energy resources, and renewable energy**.
- Desire for **sustainable transportation options** and **access to EV chargers**.
- Desire for the County to **support local businesses** and focus on **local job creation**.
- Importance of **water conservation** and **sustainable waste management** in climate action.

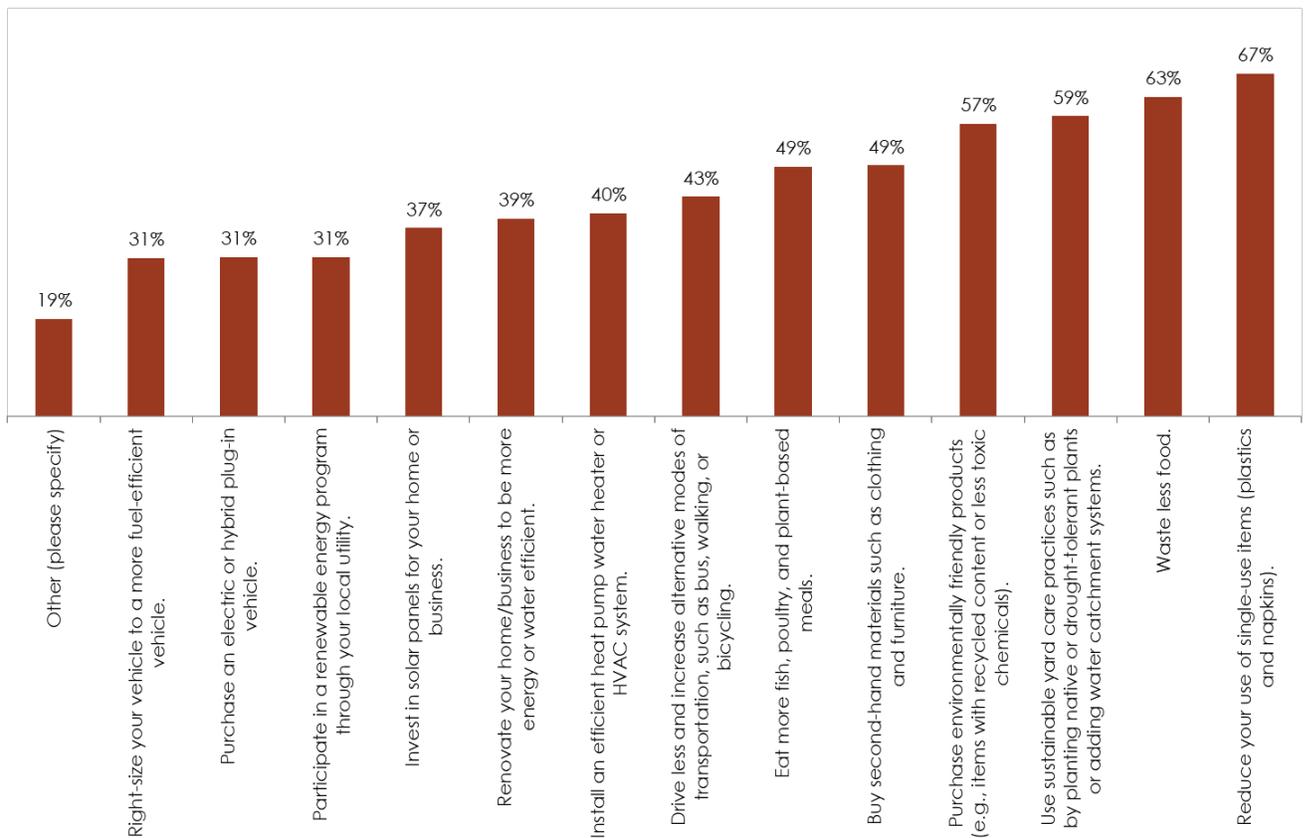
Question 14: What are some things you or your household/business HAVE DONE or would be WILLING TO DO to support climate action? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 456, Skipped: 96

As shown in Figure 9, most frequently chosen actions respondents or their business have done or are willing to do to support climate action were:

1. Reduce your use of single-use items (plastics and napkins) (67% of respondents).
2. Waste less food (63% of respondents).
3. Use sustainable yard care practices such as by planting native or drought-tolerant plants or adding water catchment systems (59% of respondents).
4. Purchase environmentally friendly products (e.g., items with recycled content or less toxic chemicals; 57% of respondents).

Figure 9. Actions respondents have taken or are willing to take to support climate action.



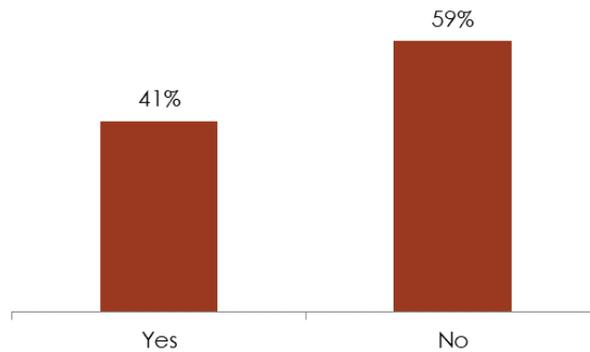
SECTION 4: STAYING INVOLVED

Question 15: Can we email you about additional engagement opportunities for the Climate Action Plan? (You will receive approximately one email per month).

Answered: 469, Skipped: 83

- A majority of respondents do not wish to be contacted about additional engagement opportunities for the Climate Action Plan (59%; see Figure 10).

Figure 10. Respondents who wish to be contacted about additional engagement opportunities.



Question 16: Email? (Open response)

Answered: 189, Skipped: 363

If respondents answered yes to question 15, they were prompted to share their email address for contact.

Question 17: Name? (Open response)

Answered: 186, Skipped: 366

If respondents answered yes to question 15, they were prompted to share their name for contact.

SECTION 5: OPTIONAL DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

Question 18: What is your zip code? (Open response)

Answered: 438, Skipped: 114

- Most respondents live in area code 87544 (65%) and 87547 (25%; see Table 1) which encompass the most populous areas of the county.

Table 1. Respondents' zip codes.

Zip code	
87544	64.8%
87547	24.9%
87025	0.2%
89547	0.2%
87532	2.1%
87566	0.7%
87506	1.8%
87655	0.2%
87507	0.5%
87548	0.2%
87505	0.7%
88547	0.5%
87508	0.9%
87537	0.5%
87581	0.2%
87571	0.2%
85744	0.2%
87567	0.2%
87544-2110	0.2%
87545	0.5%
87533	0.2%

Question 19: What is your gender?

Answered: 432, Skipped: 120

- Half of respondents (50%) identify as a woman, 47% identify as a man, and 2% identify in another way (see Table 2). Survey data on gender is not comparable to data from the U.S Census, which reports sex rather than gender.

Table 2. Gender of survey respondents.

Gender	
Woman	50%
Man	47%
I identify another way	2%

Question 20: If you identify in another way, how would you describe your gender?

Answered: 11, Skipped: 541

- Of the 11 respondents who identify their gender in a way other than man or woman, 18% identify as non-binary, 9% identify as transgender man, and 73% identify in another way (see Table 3). The U.S. Census does not currently share comparable data on gender.

Table 3. Gender of survey respondents who identify in another way.

Gender	
Non-binary	18%
Transgender man	9%
I identify another way	73%

Question 21: Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?

Answered: 408, Skipped: 144

- Most respondents do not consider themselves to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino (82%; See Table 4). This is representative of the County’s demographics in the U.S. Census which includes 18% of the population identifying as Hispanic or Latino (see Table 5).

Table 4. Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino ethnicity of survey respondents.

Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Population	
No, I do not consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino.	82%
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino.	18%

Table 5. U.S. Census race/ethnicity.

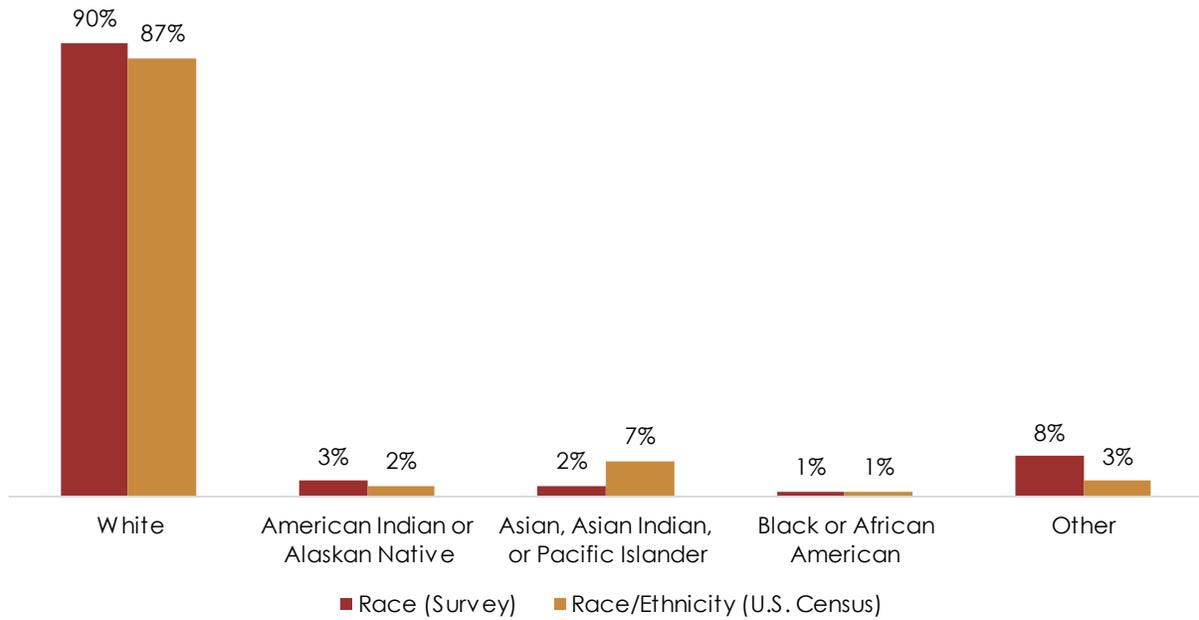
Race/Ethnicity ²	
Hispanic or Latino	18%

Question 22: What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be)

Answered: 395, Skipped: 157

- As shown in Figure 11, most respondents identify as White (90%), followed by Other (8%), American Indian or Alaskan Native (3%), Asian, Asian Indian, or Pacific Islander (2%), and Black or African American (1%). This is representative of the County’s demographics for all races in the U.S. Census within 5%.²

Figure 11. Indicated race of survey respondents compared to race of residents from U.S. Census.²



² [U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: Los Alamos County, New Mexico \(2022\)](#)

Question 23: In which category is your age?

Answered: 421, Skipped: 131

- Most survey respondents are 55-64 years of age (21%), 65-74 years of age (21%), or 45-54 years of age (20%; See Figure 12). The median age of survey respondents is over 10 years older than the median age of Los Alamos residents, according to the U.S. Census (see Figure 13 and Figure 14).

Figure 13. Age of survey respondents.

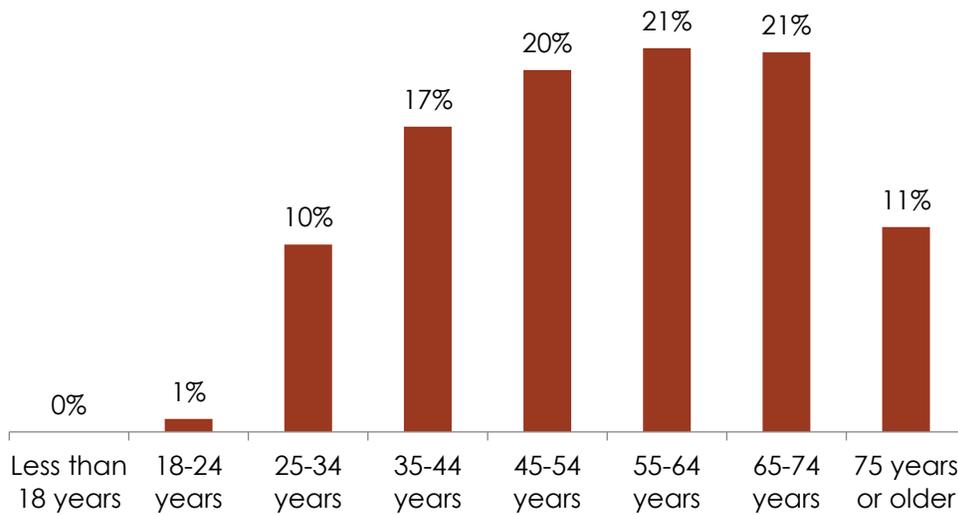
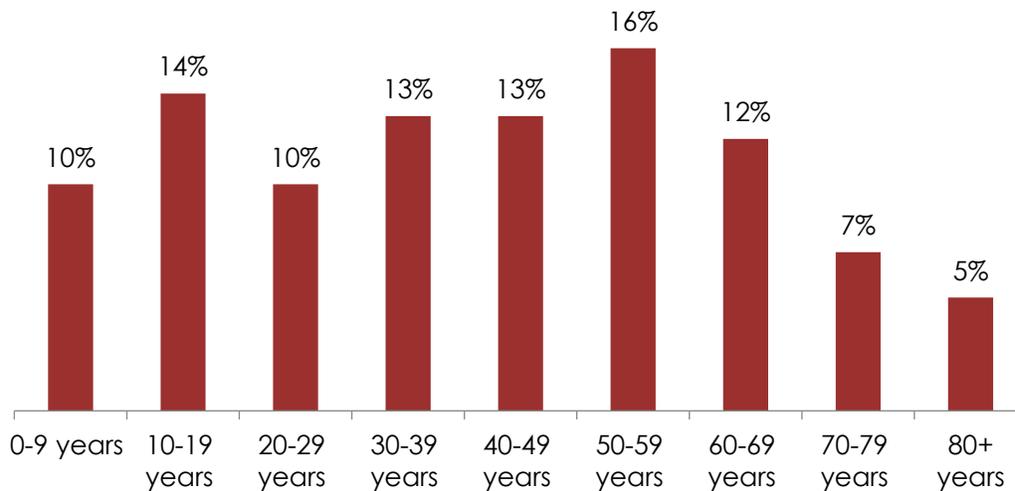


Figure 14. Age of Los Alamos residents (U.S. Census).³



³ [U.S. Census Bureau: American Community Survey 5-year estimates. Los Alamos County, NM \(2021\)](#)

Question 24: How much do you anticipate your household’s total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household).

Answered: 364, Skipped: 188

- Most survey respondents have an annual household income before taxes of over \$100,000 (66%; Figure 15). Compared to the US Census data for the County, survey respondents had a higher median household income.

Figure 15. Household total income of survey respondents compared to U.S. Census.³



Question 25: Which best describes the building you live in?

Answered: 429, Skipped: 123

- Most survey respondents live in a one family house detached from any other houses (83%; See Table 6). The next most common building type for respondents is a building with two or more homes (13%) followed by mobile home (4%). The US Census does not provide data on this question.

Table 6. Building type of survey respondents.

Building type	
One family house detached from any other houses	83%
Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment, or condominium)	13%
Mobile home	4%
Other (please specify)	1%

Question 26: Do you rent or own the place where you live?

Answered: 430, Skipped: 122

- Table 7 shows that the vast majority of survey respondents own the place where they live (91%). This rate is significantly higher than the percent of owner-occupied units in Los Alamos County according to the US census (74%; see Table 8).

Table 7. Percent of survey respondents who rent versus own the place where they live.

Rent or own	
Own	91%
Rent	7%
Neither	2%

Table 8. U.S. Census ownership of occupied units.³

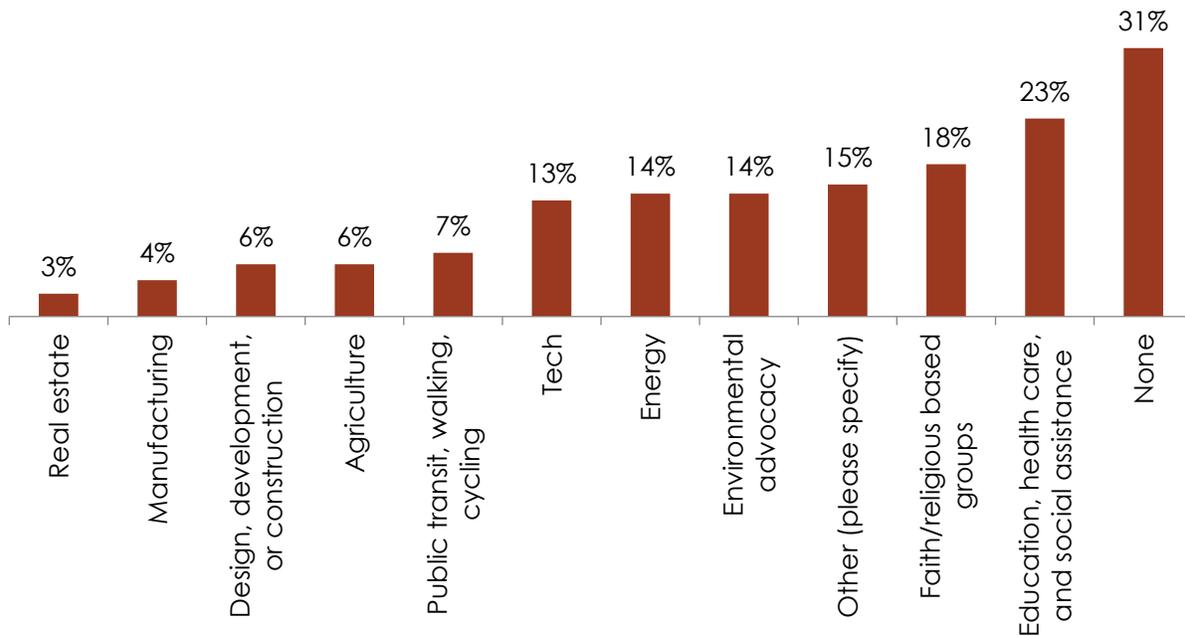
Occupied units²	
Owner occupied	74%
Renter occupied	26%

Question 27: Do you work or volunteer for an organization in any of the following sectors? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 378, Skipped: 174

- Many survey respondents work or volunteer in the education, health care, and social assistance sector (23%). Other popular work sectors of respondents include faith/religious based groups (18%), environmental advocacy (14%), energy (14%), and tech (13%; see Figure 16). Comparable data from the US Census was not available.

Figure 16. Sector of work/volunteer of survey respondents.





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APPENDIX A. SURVEY QUESTIONS

Los Alamos County Climate Action Plan: Community Survey

Welcome to the survey for the Los Alamos County Climate Action Plan!

The County of Los Alamos is developing its first ever Climate Action Plan and we need your input!

Thank you for participating in this survey. Your feedback is important. All questions are **optional**, and if desired, responses will remain **anonymous**.

What is a Climate Action Plan?

Global climate change represents an ever-increasing threat to the health and wellbeing of people and the planet. Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from human activity are changing our climate in ways that put the Los Alamos community at risk.

A climate action plan (CAP) provides a roadmap for reducing the community's greenhouse gas emissions and preparing the county for unavoidable impacts of climate change. By taking action to reduce emissions and build resilience to climate risks, the county will position itself to be ahead of the curve and protect the health and wellbeing of our residents and economy.

Purpose of this survey

The goal of this survey is to identify community concerns and priorities related to taking action on climate change in Los Alamos County. Your input will inform the direction the County will take to reduce environmental impacts and adapt to climate change.

This survey will take approximately 13 minutes to complete. Your feedback is important to us, thank you for participating!

Note that there will be other opportunities to provide feedback for the Climate Action Plan. To stay informed, visit the Sustainability website: lacnm.com/sustainability. Results from this survey will be shared at this site within a month after the survey close date.

Section 1: Introduction

Tell us a bit about you and your perspectives on climate change.

1) Do you live or work in Los Alamos County?

- a) Live
- b) Work
- c) Both
- d) Neither
- e) Other (please specify): _____

2) How did you hear about this survey? *Select all that apply.*

- a) Friend/family/colleague
- b) Community organization or event
- c) Los Alamos County website or email
- d) Social media
- e) Other (please specify): _____

3) How much do you know about climate change?

- a) I have never heard of it.
- b) I know a little about it.
- c) I know a moderate amount about it.
- d) I know a lot about it.

4) How concerned are you about the following climate change impacts? Please indicate your level of concern for each.

	Not at all concerned	Not too concerned	Somewhat concerned	Very concerned	Extremely concerned
Extreme temperatures & heat waves					
Wildfires & smoky air					
Extreme precipitation & flooding					
Drought & water supply					

5) Are there any other climate change impacts that you are VERY CONCERNED about?

6) Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements. For each statement, please select the option that best matches your view.

<i>Taking action on climate change in Los Alamos County...</i>	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
Is good for business in Los Alamos County.					
Can help me save money and resources.					
Is good for the health and livability of my community.					
Protects our environment and natural resources.					

7) What other benefits can be realized from taking action on climate change in Los Alamos?

Section 2: Vision & Targets

The following questions will help the County understand the community's vision for the future of Los Alamos County with respect to environmental stewardship.

8) **What would a sustainable and resilient Los Alamos look like?**

9) **The state of New Mexico has a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 45% by 2030 (compared to 2005 baseline levels). This ambitious goal will require implementing new regulations and programs across major emissions sectors, including transportation, buildings (electricity and natural gas), and solid waste.**

Compared to the state target, Los Alamos County's target should be....

- a) **Less ambitious** – Los Alamos County should encourage its community to take climate action primarily through voluntary or incentive-based actions.
- b) **On par** – Los Alamos County should keep pace with the state on climate action and policy. Keeping pace would require a mix of voluntary actions, incentive programs, and regulations or mandates.
- c) **More ambitious** – Los Alamos County should be a leader in climate action. Being a leader would require expanded voluntary and incentive programs and regulatory measures and would require a larger cost investment.
- d) **I'm not sure** – I need more information to decide.
- e) **Take no action** – please elaborate below.

10) Please elaborate on why you believe this should be Los Alamos County's target.

Section 3: Climate Strategies

11) **What TOP THREE STRATEGIES do you think the Los Alamos Climate Action Plan should focus on? Please choose up to three. Options were randomized.**

- Educate the community on the importance of reducing our carbon footprint and provide solutions on how.
- Make buildings in the community more energy efficient.
- Transition to clean, carbon free energy sources (e.g., solar, wind, geothermal).
- Shift to alternative transportation modes (walking, bicycling, transit).
- Transition to electric and alternative fuel vehicles, such as EVs and biodiesel.
- Reduce water consumption and improve water management.
- Expand and protect green spaces and natural ecosystems.
- Reduce emissions from the consumption of goods and shift to more sustainable goods and services.
- Reduce communitywide waste generation.
- Increase community reuse, recycling, and composting.
- Improve community resilience to climate impacts, especially for vulnerable communities, such as through emergency shelters and support services.
- Increase community education and awareness of climate change impacts and solutions.
- Reduce emissions from County government operations, such as from County buildings and vehicles.
- Other: _____

12) **What do you see as significant BARRIERS or CHALLENGES to implementing these strategies?**

13) **Do you have any additional feedback on these strategies? Are there any key strategies that you think are missing or actions you would like to see included in this plan?**

14) **What are some things you or your household/business HAVE DONE or would be WILLING TO DO to support climate action? Select all that apply. Options were randomized.**

- a) Drive less and increase alternative modes of transportation, such as bus, walking, or bicycling.
- b) Purchase an electric or hybrid plug-in vehicle.
- c) Invest in solar panels for your home or business.
- d) Eat more fish, poultry, and plant-based meals.
- e) Waste less food.
- f) Install an efficient heat pump water heater or HVAC system.
- g) Use sustainable yard care practices such as by planting native or drought-tolerant plants or adding water catchment systems.

- h) Purchase environmentally friendly products (e.g., items with recycled content or less toxic chemicals).
- i) Reduce your use of single-use items (plastics and napkins).
- j) Buy second-hand materials such as clothing and furniture.
- k) Participate in a renewable energy program through your local utility.
- l) Right-size your vehicle to a more fuel-efficient vehicle.
- m) Renovate your home/business to be more energy or water efficient.
- n) Other suggestions: _____

Section 4: Staying Involved

15) **Can we email you about additional engagement opportunities for the Climate Action Plan?** *(You will receive approximately one email per month.)*

- i) Yes
- ii) No

If yes:

16) **Email:** _____

17) **Name:** _____

Section 5: Optional demographic questions

The following questions help us understand the profile of survey participants and supports our effort to make this process as comprehensive and inclusive as possible. These questions are optional and anonymous.

18) **What is your zip code?** _____

19) **What is your gender?**

- a) Woman
- b) Man
- c) Identify in another way

20) **If you identify in another way, how would you describe your gender?** *Only showed if respondents chose "Identify in another way" from question 19.*

- a) Agender/I don't identify with any gender
- b) Genderqueer/gender fluid
- c) Non-binary
- d) Transgender man
- e) Transgender woman
- f) Two-spirit
- g) I identify in another way

21) **Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?**

- a) No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino.
- b) Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino.

22) **What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)**

- a) American Indian or Alaskan Native
- b) Asian, Asian Indian, or Pacific Islander
- c) Black or African American
- d) White
- e) Other

23) **In which category is your age?**

- a) 18-24 years
- b) 25-34 years
- c) 35-44 years
- d) 45-54 years
- e) 55-64 years
- f) 65-74 years
- g) 75 years or older

24) **How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)**

- a) Less than \$25,000
- b) \$25,000 to \$49,999

- c) \$50,000 to \$74,999
- d) \$75,000 to \$99,999
- e) \$100,000 to \$149,000
- f) \$150,000 or more

25) **Which best describes the building you live in?**

- a) One family house detached from any other houses
- b) Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment, or condominium)
- c) Mobile home
- d) Other

26) **Do you rent or own the place where you live?**

- a) Rent
- b) Own
- c) Neither (please specify): _____

27) **Do you work or volunteer for an organization in any of the following sectors? *Select all that apply.***

- a) Energy
- b) Manufacturing
- c) Education, health care, and social assistance
- d) Tech
- e) Faith/religious based groups
- f) Environmental advocacy
- g) Public transit, walking, cycling
- h) Design, development, or construction
- i) Real estate
- j) Agriculture
- k) None
- l) Other (please specify): _____

Thank you for completing this survey! We hope to see you at a future event. Learn more at lacnm.com/sustainability.



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Appendix B

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APPENDIX B. OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

This appendix includes all open-ended survey responses verbatim. These responses do not represent the views of the County.

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Question 2: How did you hear about this survey? Select all that apply.

Other (please specify)

- LA Daily Reporter
- Newspaper
- Google News
- Los Alamos Reporter
- newspaper
- LA Reporter website
- Daily Post
- Los Alamos Reporter
- LA Reporter
- media
- losalamosreporter
- Newspaper
- Daily Post and county post card.
- Daily Post
- County email
- Daily Post
- LA daily post
- Los Alamos Reporter
- LA Reporter
- Chamber of Commerce email
- Los Alamos Reporter
- Internet
- La daily post
- Los Alamos Reporter
- LA Daily Post
- LA Daily Post
- web search
- LA Reporter
- Los alamos Reporter
- sue Barnes primarily through her emails urging friend & community to respond to Surrey
- Paper
- LA Daily Post
- county e-mail
- SENT BY EMPLOYEER
- email
- Los Alamos Daily Post advertising
- Daily Post ad

- PEEC
- in connection with a movie on climate change, at PEEC
- losalamosprogress.com
- LosAlamosReporter.com
- lapost
- Employee appreciation event
- ad placed in daily post on laptop.
- Discovered online
- Newspaper
- LA Daily Post Ad
- Los Alamos Post
- newspaper
- Online newspaper
- PEEC This Week
- received email
- LA daily post
- LA Daily Post
- los alamos reporter
- The Los Alamos Reporter
- daily post
- Los Alamos Reporter Article
- Los Alamos Reporter Website
- Local newspaper
- I'm on the ESB
- Google local news
- Los alamos reporter
- online news
- LosAlamosReporter.com
- LA Reporter
- Los Alamos Reporter
- LA Reporter
- LA Reporter
- los alamos reporter
- Los Alamos Reporter
- Reporter
- Los Alamos Reporter
- Los Alamos Reporter
- PEEC newsletter
- involved with sustainability efforts at county level
- LA Daily Post

- local papers
- In
- la daily post article
- Daily Post story
- Los Alamos Daily Post newspaper
- Friend
- Daily post
- LA Daily Post
- Spies deep within county hierarchy
- County Council meeting, Daily Post
- Watching County Council meetings
- LA online newspaper
- The Daily Post
- The Post
- Nextdoor email
- LADaily Post
- News article
- LA Daily Post
- Newspaper
- Ladailymail
- LA Daily Post
- Dailypost
- Daily Post
- LA Daily Post
- Facebook
- On line news article
- LA Daily Post
- Newspaper
- Daily post
- Daily post
- LA Daily Post, County post on NextDoor
- LA Daily Post
- Nextdoor post
- Online
- The Nextdoor app
- Los Alamos Daily Post
- Daily post
- Paper

Question 5: Are there any other climate change impacts that you are VERY CONCERNED about? (Open response)

- Impacts on our wildlife
- None
- economic impacts to supply/food chain, food insecurity, rise in violence in the face of famine and drought (more war creates instability, decline in biodiversity, increased epidemics/pandemics
- None.
- Supply chain disruption, food insecurity, higher rates of epidemics and pandemics, violence and instability in regions affected most by drought and famine, mass immigration and the strain that puts on an already strained system, vast biodiversity losses
- Geo Engineering
- Yes, weather modification, Chem trails are more detrimental to the environment than any of the bologna that Al Gore and his cronies have fabricated to make millions \$\$\$!! Stop the insanity and educate yourselves! (And I'm not referring to the bought and paid for studies, expand your minds!)
- impact on biodiversity
- Global population migration, famine, etc.
- Flooding, Extreme Weather events, Mass Extinction events
- These are not climate change impacts.
- None
- Extinction of wildlife and insects, famine due to difficulty growing food - on a larger global scale
- Destroying the environment with lithium mining for EVs, destroying the landscape and birds of prey with wind farms, and lying to people about EV "efficiency". They are coal powered cars that use over 130% of the energy actually delivered to the batteries....
- Yes, "climate change" doesn't exist. I'm VERY concerned quality of life will be significantly impacted from people creating policy around something that doesn't exist.
- None
- No, this is a waste of taxpayer dollars.
- Crop failures, rioting, looting. The usual end of the world stuff.
- Destruction of our economy and way of life due to government regulation of fossil fuels
- Ozone layer and air quality (outside of smoke and wildfires)
- About the too little considered impacts of current and growing overpopulation on climate change and all its interconnected problems...
- Effects on the ecosystems worldwide.
- I do believe in climate change, but there are also many other issues confronting the County and its citizens it should be concerned with. The County Councilors should consider health, safety and welfare of the entire county, not just the dozen or so that are yelling the loudest.
- Misinformation. People do not believe it's a threat.
- Ripple effects of food insecurity
- Ocean temperatures and melting ice. Hurricanes and coastal storms.
- Electrical grid being over taxed due to full electric vehicles.

- Hype
- Economic damage done by climate extremists.
- Impacts on food supply
- No
- In the long run, sea-level rise and ocean acidification
- County has an excessive amount of fleet vehicles - many sit unmoved for days at a time. Many of them are in Smith's parking lot multiple times per day. Great Job reducing climate change contributions.
- electricity reliability
- I am concerned about the water supply but the problem is due to overuse and bad planning, not climate change.
- Impacts on wildlife, in particular plant growth and its connection to migrating birds, pollinators, and other animals, as well as food production.
- The above items are natural and not a result of man.
- Light pollution and it's impact on human and wildlife health through the alteration of natural environments resulting in climate impacts.
- Displaced people and regions of the world becoming uninhabitable
- Wildfires due to drought, diminishing snowpack.
- I am very concerned we will implement extreme life changing measures that will have little to no impact on what seems like an inevitable change in the climate.
- Severe weather (thunderstorms, wind, blizzards)
- Displaced wildlife
- Loss of species - plants, animals, birds, insects, etc.
- The adjustments in the humidity level near the ground and the water levels in the atmosphere in areas of the Northwest which will eventually cause a rainier climate here.
- No
- the surge of waste created by broken windmills and solar panels
- Sea level rise. Ocean heat. Ocean circulation failure.
- N/A
- No. I am concerned that the county is using tax payers money on this issue.
- Effects on wildlife.
- Too many to list here.
- No
- I am not concerned.
- Biodiversity loss!
- Glacial melt and rising sea levels and sea temps
- Food security and biodiversity
- I'm worried about native animals and plants not surviving climate changes.
- The costs associated with preparing for climate change impacts
- no
- Affect on wildlife and food production.

- how is the infrastructure going to handle climate change effects when at times it can't handle a normal day?
- I feel that we should also not ignore the horrendous pollution that can be seen between Los Alamos and the Sangre de Cristo mountains every work day. The mountains are obscured by pollution every week day morning.
- all of the flora and fauna in our world are impacted by climate change, and the damage to and loss of biodiversity is a huge problem for the planets health.
- Tipping the balance of nature with the loss of the eco-system as we know it.
- Energy Independence
- Deforestation and species loss, both plant and animal.
- No but lots that I am EXTREMELY CONCERNED about.
- yes
- Rising water levels near the coasts. This will concentrate populations more inland leading to overcrowding. There will also be more refugees seeking escape from climate change impacts and there will be no room or welcome for them.
- crop production, changing needs of given changing climates; increased human-wildlife interactions as drought impacts their food supply
- I am very concerned that we are using water as though we had an abundance of it; the little rains we have gotten are not enough to sustain us. Being that our electric production is based on water, we should probably start considering a back up plan (solar, wind). I am also concerned about the rise in temperature the affect that has on not just us but also plants and animals.
- Sea level rising.
- Lack of snowfall
- food security income inequality
- No
- Greenhouse gas emissions due to factory farming and livestock. Livestock production— primarily cows—produce 14.5 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions. The majority of that is in the form of methane, a potent greenhouse gas that is a natural byproduct of how some livestock process food.
- The waste of money put into trying to change our dynamic world climate environment which is always changing.
- Climate Migration and Infrastructure (or lack thereof)
- NO
- Loss of species, particularly insects and birds, but all life is being impacted.
- Loss of species, especially birds and insects.
- The biodiversity collapse
- Influx of refugees from flooded areas
- I am concerned about aridification, especially living in the Southwest.
- Climate refugees and resulting civil & global conflicts and destabilization due to mass immigration & people's reactions to that.
- Extreme winds
- National disasters that stress our resources
- Wildlife impacts

- Disruption of food supply and other global impacts, especially to developing countries.
- no
- Wildlife/plants extinction
- I'm concerned with the County wasting all this time and money on these surveys.
- None whatsoever
- Yes, overreacting/regulating ourselves over this ridiculous and controversial subject!
- Over reaction that results in unintended consequences
- The extreme variations of the weather from year to the next. Low water supply, what does that mean for future generations?
- air quality, 3rd world nations who suffer most and try to immigrate, but there is no where to go
- Effects on wildlife populations—living more with wildlife, changing zones of habitat, and habitat and species loss.
- Pollution in the oceans. Death of animal species.
- Fresh water supplies
- Destruction of native habitats
- Activists making a mountain out of nothing. Climate has always been "changing" and man has very little effect on it.
- habitat loss and extinctions caused by all these factors
- impact on food production, impact on the ecosystem (extinctions)
- migration, instability, and conflicts.
- It seems to me wildfires are caused by drought and lightning. So this may be a subset of the primary changes.
- the loss of coral reefs do to carbonic acid going into our ocean, loss of biodiversity, and the need to change our fuel sources now. etc
- Drought
- socio-economic disparities; geographic violent extremism linked to climate change (ie crime); the impact of climate change on our planet's animals
- The population is growing too fast to keep up with cleaning up the earth, and helping make the planet warmer with using natural resources, including body heat, 98.6 degrees.
- Yes. The affect Solar and wind farms have on the climate. They each change the weather patterns greatly for little benefit at a very high cost.
- Winter effects (More than usual snow)
- No
- Plastic Use-Not only does this get into nature and effect wildlife, it takes fossil fuels to create, creates microplastics with unknown health risks, and doesn't decompose. We need to pressure our Smiths to provide a large selection of bulk items where consumers can bring in their own containers and fill up on groceries without bringing heaps of plastic back home with them. Also, Animal Agriculture-which is one of the largest contributors to deforestation, ocean deadzones, (exceeds more GHG emissions than the entire transportation sector combined), and is incredibly resource intensive. -We need to educate our community on this issue, support more plantbased eating within our restaurants (create incentives for restaurants to give fully plant-based options), and make plant foods more accessible by creating community food farms in areas we aren't using-like abandoned buildings/parking lots that haven't been used in years. -If you'd like

help in coordinating this-I'd love to be a part of this. My M.S. is in Sustainability and I'm a public speaker for sustainable food systems.

- Unpredictable weather (i.e. swings of deep cold and very hot, long unexpected droughts) make growing plants and especially vegetables in the region much more difficult without creating artificial environments to protect what's growing.
- Lack of housing will destroy this community before any climate event will impact us.
- Impact on wildlife and our children's futures
- Lying scientists who are paid by leftist foundations to discern climate change no matter what the weather. Those who cannot predict the weather two weeks from now but insist they know what will happen fifty years from now.
- Less about climate and more to do with the fact that there doesn't seem to be any kind of enforcement for people who "roll coal."
- The long-term modeling suggests that extreme climate change will drive extreme weather, mostly heat and drought for the Los Alamos area. Demands for water and power for the current population will continue to increase while LAC simultaneously seeks to increase the population of LAC.
- Dryness in Los Alamos area
- Pollution
- No
- the stupidity of our govts to believe this climate change garbage!
- No
- plastics in the ocean
- No
- Climate change is not new and has nothing to do with humans
- I am very concerned that we are over reacting to this issue. If we try to do things quickly, like in the net 10 years we may drive the world into a deep depression which will set civilization back 50 years. The Cato institute has studied this problem and shown that it is a manageable problem.
- Ultimate inability for earth to sustain itself and us.
- food supply
- the lack of reliable, unbiased information fed to the public.
- Increasing severity of storms and increasing risk where homes are located. Ability for communities to be able to plan and mitigate risks associated with climate change. Our dependency on fossil fuels is also concerning. Technology for using electric cars and solar power is getting better, but it is still somewhat specialized, so I think it makes people hesitant to use it because if something goes wrong with these, they would not be able to fix it themselves, which I think is important to people, not to have to wait for a repair person. While they are waiting for the repair they would be out of power or a vehicle.
- climate-forced migration agricultural collapse
- I am very concerned how this survey catastrophizes climate change to push a zero-carbon energy policy that would cripple citizens' supply to affordable and reliable energy. I am also very concerned how this survey ignores that despite rising CO2 and temperature levels over the past 100 years, there have been fewer climate-related deaths (e.g. due to heat, fire, floods, and food insecurity) thanks to the climate mastery solutions that fossil fuels provide affordably and

reliably. Zero carbon emissions is a novel goal to have, but not at the expense of the world's most vulnerable populations.

- Melting glaciers and climate change effects on our oceans,
- Forest fires!
- Pests like bark beetle
- Reliability of food supply
- Climate refugee crisis
- droughts and forest fires
- NO, Stop wasting county money on this nonsense
- No
- Lack of forest care leaving too much fuel on the ground and forest fires
- Possible heat damage to tropical forests
- Electricity impacts due to increase in air conditioning usage and outages due to impacts from climate change and impacts from an increase in air conditioning usage during heat waves (like with Texas).
- All of the above.
- being a wedge for polarization and distrust in the scientific community
- Animal and plant extinctions Affects on food production
- The global cost associated with climate change.
- Effect on local ecological systems
- Cost of goods and services
- Extremely concerned with wildlife and ecosystem destruction that is caused by drought and temperature extremes. Concerned that Los Alamos's vision is to bring in more people through housing, destruction of open spaces, more water usage, impact on wildlife, and ecosystems.
- I just want to point out that it's absurd to ask if people are concerned about EXTREME anything. Obviously I am concerned about extreme things. I'm also deeply concerned about Extreme Sports, Extreme Golf, and Extreme Wrestling.
- climate refugees, arable land, extinctions, sociopolitical conflict
- Social collapse, war
- Adverse health effects from pollen or invasive insects.
- loss of biodiversity
- Investing in expensive "green" energy when nuclear is much cheaper and more "green"
- Governments, local, state, and federal, spending huge amounts of time, money, and governance attention addressing climate goals which they can have little to no tangible effect on. All while resulting in a increase in human suffering and being a welcome distraction from the real social and societal needs in our community that would greatly benefit from the time, attention, and funding of our government.
- All
- No
- Biodiversity loss
- Where do I start?! Wildlife habitat/oceans, endangered species, world hunger issues/food supply
- bomb cyclones and similar wind events

- Cost of change to meet perceived needs with no understanding if there are results.
- Loss of biodiversity
- effect on people, especially those in poor, undeveloped nations who bear the brunt of OUR actions that are responsible for most of climate change
- Our soils microbial background needs to be repaired.
- Increased transmission of zoonotic diseases and pandemics.
- Ecosystem destruction and socio-political impacts (migration, conflict driven by resource scarcity)
- loss of national energy independence, loss of national security
- Economic
- Downstream problems such as crop loss.
- Unpredictable storms
- Impacts on my life by extremist climate activists that are forcing unnecessary changes in the name of climate change.
- All.
- Not sure if the survey is for local concerns or global concerns-- but locally I'm also concerned about resources being spent on disaster preparation because we didn't do the right thing in the first place to help solve the root causes of climate change and its damaging impacts.
- I'm concerned about the financial aspects of a hurried rush to abandon fossil fuels and about the potential destabilization of the electric grid as more and more intermitant sources are added.
- Keeping my tax dollars working for utilities and education. Climate change should not be handled at the local level.
- Loss of habitat, too much concrete, pesticides, dangerous chemicals that lead to decline of pollinators.
- Agriculture / food supply; increase in migration causing upheaval and political / social unrest; economic opportunity costs: spending \$ on resiliency and damage repair vs. better causes for that \$\$.
- Population of the world
- Ice sheets and glaciers melting, sea level rise and ENSO shifts, esp for Pacific Is nations; rainforest drought and habitat convergence
- Dying trees and other vegetation.
- How trying to control climate change impacts on a regional level ignores the contributions made by the government, the military, and corporations towards climate insecurity and puts the fiscal and moral onus on individual citizens whose contributions are nothing in comparison.
- I am very concerned about the lack of common sense forest management when it comes to fire prevention. Also very concerned about the out growth of LANL by TRIAD and the impact it is having.
- chemical pollution into the environment, contaminants such as PCBs PFAS, metals,
- extinction of many species of plants and animals
- Biodiversity and ecological impacts - deforestation, extinction events, desertification
- disease spread, coastal impacts, geoengineering, regional instability
- The above items are not climate, they are weather related. I am concerned about the “climate crisis” agenda being forced on people.

- Leaders pushing climate crisis at the expense of quality of life for lower income populace. Taking more affordable sources of energy away as a choice.
- No
- Authoritarianism
- Over zealous sustainability goals and a focus on CO2 when water is the problem.
- No, I am a published scientist, I know the field, their predictions are BS
- Food shortages; water shortages, disasters and recovery
- I'm concerned that we are going spend millions in tax dollars over something we have almost no control over. I am VERY CONCERNED about that one.
- None climate change is a lie pushed by the liberal agenda.
- No
- I am concerend about the imapact of forcing everyone to adopt "green" technology will have. Windmills, solar panels & large batteries for cars/trucks cannot be recycled. I'm also concerned that we're supporting slave/child labor with all of this technology.
- Agricultural Impacts and low-income community health.
- Impacts on native vegetation
- I am concerned about the fear mongering regarding "climate change." The climate is always changing. Statements claiming the hottest summer ever are over-statement. I recall even hotter weather in the 50s & 60s.
- No
- Disease and pestilence, increased illnesses and spread of viruses. Electrification of vehicles without clean energy. Blackouts from overburdening the electric grid. Lack of water resources and other precious resources.
- None
- Climate change is a hoax. The county has been duped by alarmist hoax.
- Electricity
- Overpopulation
- No
- Extinction of species, climate equity
- Invasive plants increasing our fire danger and using valuable water needed for indigenous plants and animals.
- Man's stupidity to combat them and impoverishing the people
- Hunga Tonga–Hunga Ha‘apai affecting our weather and producing high winds for at least the next 5 years.
- This survey assumes these things happen because of climate change.
- While not strictly a "climate" issue, I'm also concerned about things like excessive night time lighting and other manmade impacts that affect wildlife, and the ecosystem in and around LA county.
- No
- None.
- Mass migrations of people from affected areas; resulting conflict and violence
- Bad Information from the press and Politicians

- Leaders destroying the economy and wasting money on things that will have limited effect or impact, like the Los Alamos Climate Action Plan
- Wasting money on fad “solutions”
- Well not here of course but sea level rise is huge.
- Ignorance by all the fools that are so egotistical that they believe humans can impact climate to the degree they say
- Not sure.
- Not being able to water around my house to have shade from the sun.
- Massive spending on climate detracts from real community needs
- The amount of money that will be spent combatting something we clearly don't understand and the damage that spending will do to future generations.
- None
- I'm concerned that environmentalist nut jobs are going to drag us back to the dark ages because of false climate change hysteria.
- Allergies becoming worse with heat and dryness. Natural disasters affecting loved ones. Loss of resources for wildlife. Bird population dying. Increases in disease.
- Rising ocean temperatures.
- No.
- Climate always changes and humans have not and are not now changing it. It is all a hoax to control our lives.
- No
- plant growth. This extreme heat has wreaked havoc on crops this summer. If we can't feed humanity, we might as well hang it up.

Question 7: What other benefits can be realized from taking action on climate change in Los Alamos? (Open response)

- Makes LA more liveable.
- 0
- economic benefits from ecotourism, dark skies benefitting wildlife and stargazing, becoming a leader in climate action and sparking far-reaching change
- economic benefits from "ecotourism," less light pollution --> better stargazing and animal sightings, becoming a model city that can spark greater change throughout New Mexican communities and therefore kickstarting New Mexico as a state to watch in the growing green economy
- NONE
- None
- Providing a future for our children
- We don't need or want the government to control the residents of Los Alamos. We can watch make or own choices about how we live.
- None
- Accountability

- Every community will have to take action at some point. Los Alamos should be prompt in accepting reality.
- Buying nuclear power is the single best thing to be done. Next is subsidizing solar on homes (for backup power). Next is subsidizing upgrades to the dilapidated older housing, like insulation and window replacement.
- None. Fossil fuels are plentiful in this country and it would lower heating and gas costs for everyone if we stopped shipping our oil to other countries. Turning everything electric will only overwhelm the electric grid and increase instances of power failures.
- None
- Prevent loss of trees and summer heat from making Los Alamos a much less pleasant place to live and work.
- Both physical and mental health are improved in a sustainable community.
- We can be part of the solution or part of the problem. Los Alamos has the opportunity and the ability to be on the forefront of world change.
- None. Literally none. Do something useful or reduce taxes so people can afford to live in this insane town.
- Helping avert apocalypse, perhaps.
- Every little bit counts. If every community, town, city, county, state and nation took action, it would improve our world and Los Alamos.
- We may ease the burden that we are leaving for future generations.
- Los Alamos is known for science, and can be a role model for other communities.
- Satisfaction that it's the right thing to do.
- Agan, the County seems to be run by a dozen or so individuals that yell the loudest, e.g., golfers, property maintenance codes, etc., and not that the vast majority want health, safety and welfare first and foremost. Better roads, schools, health care, even hold Smith's to a level of service as a monopoly in the community.
- Education of citizens
- Only to make brainwashed people feel like they are doing something meaningful
- You can't change the weather
- None
- Anything that we implement and see success from will serve as an example to other counties across the state, and possibly the country.
- None
- We can set an example of climate action for our nation!
- Being a good global citizen
- County could spend less money on nonsense and waste like the Chinese Christmas lights that they replace each year on the trees at Ashley Pond.
- reducing wildfire risk to community, LANL and neighboring communities
- We will feel good about ourselves while costing ourselves a lot of money and achieving absolutely nothing.
- It can help us innovate new ways of living and doing business that are healthier for our community. It can also have a greater impact on global issues.
- Benefits those pushing the climate change hoax

- contribution to the global good
- Public assets, such as bicycle lanes and pedestrian trails, as well as public transit to reduce traffic and emissions. Also, Improved forestry management.
- If climate change programs happen to coincide with good environmental practices. The mountains around us could be positively effected by a intelligent tree planting program.
- We are able to continue living on our own planet come 2100.
- It's a political power grab
- None. LA is to small and to remote to make a noticeable deafferents other than putting more unnecessary restrictions or requirements on to residents. Plus spending resources on pre-emptive spending that will still net below zero as the more than half of our community work force comes off the hill. wasteful spending that could go to better tangible use for the community. next your going to ask that the community goes to all electric cars witch our power grid can not handle or never will be able to handle.
- We can preserve and nurture the natural beauty around Los Alamos
- Climate change initiatives in Los Alamos are more costly for the limited number of businesses. Solar panels can help save money if the county subsidizes the installation. The health and livability in this community is excellent.
- Reduce traffic load and accidents.
- N/A
- LAC should be focused on commuter and travel impacts, what environmental damage is being done by housing expansion and the lack of local businesses in the community.
- Beauty and happiness in Los Alamos.
- None. Beyond scope of action capable by a local entity.
- Higher taxes from panic.
- Makes our community more beautiful!
- slowing the use of fossil fuels, decreasing light pollution
- Younger generations respect and a future for them A possibility for wildlife species survival
- We need clean air to breathe. We need trees to breathe and to cool our surrounding areas. We need water to live and to keep the trees alive. This last summer, it was possible to die just by being outside in the full sun in Los Alamos. Without care for our environment, we shall perish too. It is that simple.
- Improve youth mental health
- Set the example so others can follow.
- SAFE
- The continuation of the human species.
- it is good for the planet
- The other day, my family rode our bikes out to the co-op to buy groceries. We enjoyed the sights and fresh air along with the hard work carrying backpacks full of groceries and biking uphill. There are so many action that can be taken, I don't know all but we can come up with a lot together, and the benefits won't be realized until we give them a try. We might even revitalize our town and get more business and living spaces downtown so that we are growing our community.
- While it may be a small impact, it is still an impact. We can maybe slow the progression.
- Save money

- it depends on the type of action taken. Just because people are taking action doesn't mean it is the right action to help a situation.
- LA could become a leader in taking action to combat
- We can add this to LAC accolades and be a role model for leading the country in taking climate change action.
- Waste of time. Adapt.
- Reduction in energy consumption.
- none
- Saves lives.
- Help future generations
- Understanding how climate change impacts us as individuals
- mental health - feeling encouraged rather than discouraged.
- It benefits everyone and everything. If we all contribute, even in small ways, we all win.
- We can be prepared for impacts before they occur which will save the County money, resources and troubles. We can also be a leader in the field which is good for the image and liveability of the County.
- Reduce resources
- Increased community, access to low-carbon transport options, reduced energy costs, support for home electrification, cleaner air, healthier forests. Importantly, taking responsibility for our large carbon footprint (as a very wealthy community) and providing inspiration to other communities to take action.
- stop pushing your agenda on everyone.
- None. The county wastes enough money on needless surveys, consultants and bureaucracy
- Leaving a future for our children.
- save the earth for our children
- Help to preserve the beauty here.
- We all need to be involved in taking care of our resources in reasonable, responsible ways, not extremes one way or the other.
- Earning respect from others by setting an example. Los Alamos has the knowledge and ability to lead by example.
- setting a good example for other places
- Regarding my answers immediately above: all communities should take actions, but what Los Alamos alone does will have no effect globally, since we are all interconnected. In other words, if Los Alamos alone acted, we would still have the same climate change.
- We don't know the impact/improvements until we know the proposals.
- WFH days
- Not sure
- easier to breathe with lower pollen, dust, lab grinding stones at dump with particles blowing in the wind.
- Additional funds would be available for supporting local businesses so we do not have to leave the county for goods and services.

- There is much new construction going on in all parts of Los Alamos. If the new buildings can be built to use less energy for usual results (heat, cooling, lighting...) it will be to both Los Alamos' and the country's benefit (because results can be shared via the Lab).
- Creating an example template for other New Mexico cities to aspire to.- For example, Santa Fe's legal ban on plastic grocery bags has all the specifics and wording to make it easier for other towns to purpose the same law for their own community instead of reinventing the wheel without a law background. Los Alamos can be that for the rest of New Mexico in the environmental and climate action projects we take on. -Other towns will see what we're doing-seeing what works and can incorporate that into their own communities.
- Awareness as to **why** the daily phenomenon are happening makes it easier to adjust to it when it does happen. Making better choices for the long term--where to build, how to build, how to modify what we have already--to take into account the future.
- Cheaper utility bills if the companies that control them give us the savings instead of pocketing them.
- We all should feel a responsibility to minimize climate change; being a part of the effort is the ethical and smart thing to do to plan for the future.
- No climate changes can be affected by residents of Los Alamos. What is, is. Look at Seattle, Portland, San Francisco & Los Angeles's attempts to address the relatively small problems of homelessness. Talk about wasted money! Talk to me again when you have convinced Xi in the CCP and Modhi in India to reduce their pollution. Until then I will consider you nothing but a purple-haired "It" standing next to a 55-gallon drum of KY Jelly. Go Meghan!
- Los Alamos certainly can't fix the problem itself but can provide a model to other small governments that, collectively, might have an impact. Well planned action (local and regional), at any scale, can likely save taxpayers money over the long term and help improve the local and greater environment.
- Longevity for future generations
- county leadership to state and region
- ?
- Overall earth health
- None
- PLANT MORE TREES. Trees can remove GigaTons of CO2 naturally. Re-forest the burned areas of the Cerro Grande & Los Conchas fires.
- I do not see any other benefits. After attending the work shop on supplying electricity to this town I see that the biggest problem we have is getting enough power to the town.
- Setting an example
- It would keep pollution down not only here, but for surrounding areas as well, which benefits everyone, not just one place, since climate change affects everyone. It could serve as a good example for surrounding communities to follow and maybe lead to partnerships between communities to help each other.
- Set an example for other communities
- This is a loaded question. It shows how Los Alamos County has already assumed these actions are benefits. First, LAC would need to understand specifically how climate change impacts/will impact Los Alamos and then share that information with the general public so they can make an informed decision about action.
- A future for my grandsons.

- Save the planet!!!!
- Not sure... You haven't stated what actions will be taken. How do I know the impact of unknown actions?
- Please Stop
- None, it is a huge waste of resources and tax payer dollars.
- Good publicity of our actions attracts visitors = tourism.
- Minimize future litigation
- Given that this is a global problem, anything done in Los Alamos other than by the Laboratory has very impact locally.
- This is a huge cost. The County is already an extremely expensive place to live, some of the proposed actions will further the wealth divide in this County and make it more difficult for the poor to live here.
- Longevity of the community and teaching resource stewardship.
- As a science community, we have the opportunity to pioneer community action that other communities can emulate.
- It is the right thing to do, regardless of how small our contribution may be.
- Regarding question 6, it depends on what 'action' the county is planning to take. This is a stupid question!
- An even more beautiful and livable city and county
- I do not see any benefit
- This question is asking for confirmation of what you're pre-planning to do and is deeply dishonest in a survey.
- None
- Collective action can bring us together as a community.
- community engagement
- make Los Alamos a place that people want to move to
- Depends what it is
- more beautiful landscape; healthier atmosphere; less worry about high temperatures; less need for air conditioning (though we will finally get a heat pump); return to regular monsoons (though we can't do that alone) and more winter snow
- Creating a sustainable public transportation system that will reduce cars on the roads will also help with commuting and congestion.
- We are uniquely positioned to take a leadership role as a small community with access to internationally recognized research. By taking on a leadership role, this will benefit Los Alamos's national and international reputation.
- Even though a very small effect in the overall climate change picture, is the right thing to do, and may, if observed by other communities, encourage others to follow our footsteps.
- decline in standard of living, loss of energy independence, unnecessary added costs for citizens,
- Depends on the types of actions taken. Right now some people think it's a made up problem, but perhaps the county can help change that. Also, it's hard to know what to do as individuals and the county might provide some guidance in that regard.
- Healthier community

- What Los Alamos County does or doesn't so will make absolutely no difference in affecting climate other make people feel virtuous.
- Clean air
- Seems ridiculous for this tiny town to think it will change the course by pretending to think it can make a difference in the phenomenon of climate change.
- It is a waste of my tax money. Please spend our taxes in ways to reduce our cost of living (updating utilities) in this crazy expensive community. The other thing you could spend it on is reducing the building department burden so that we can have restaurants and affordable remodels
- Children might want to live here after they grow up.
- Recognition as a leader in being on the right side of history; recognition as a leader in following science; reduced traffic noise and congestion; cleaner air; rather than spending \$ on resiliency and rebuilding from storm damage, spend that \$ on infrastructure improvements, schools, parks, social services, arts, etc.
- NA this is a global issue and primary offenders are not working on this
- Optics - it is a national black eye for nukes, doing good process for CC will help
- Healthy planet fitness future generations
- The education of our school aged children who will eventually come into power and actually force change on a higher level to have an efficient impact on the problem.
- Cleaner air by down sizing LANL. Cleaner air by improved forest management.
- Support/promote through usage of emerging technologies/materials, equipment that are not carbon-intensive in operations - facilities, trucks, materials
- Helps regional, national, and global impacts
- preparedness
- Taking away cheaper sources of energy from a rural state is not taking into consideration the poverty level of our population.
- You are going to make energy supply less reliable and more expensive.
- I'm suspicious of the measures the county has for the purpose, and the definition of concern the county uses, or it's motivation behind this interest.
- Thugs get even more control. I'm not interested in this religion. This is a waste of time and money. Focus on eliminating corruption in the county government.
- Understanding & empathy for parts of the world impacted to a greater extent than we are locally. Doing our part to mitigate a global problem. Setting an example & being a role model for other communities.
- None. It just wastes money.
- None
- Getting our planet back
- None
- None. LAC wasting time and taxpayer dollars on this is wrong.
- None
- There are no other benefits to this. It's a boondoggle. We will spend unhealthy amounts of money for little to no return on the investment

- Can make Los Alamos a leader in the country for Green living, Green infrastructure, and a much-needed social /cultural shift to sustainability as a baseline for our future.
- Take action on the number of one-person-per-car commuters. That traffic passes my neighborhood, making it impossible at times to be out in my yard, due to the fumes and odors from traffic. Make it too expensive to drive here; lab workers can take the commuter busses offered. Take action, or living in this small mountain community will become unpalatable.
- It is misleading to say that money can be saved when many of the actions taken end up costing consumers more, ie, energy—electricity, natural gas, gasoline, etc.
- None
- Improved sense of community by promoting local community gardens. Improved health and economics by promoting locally grown agriculture. Independence from fossil fuels by introducing micro grids and roof top solar. Improve health by introducing independent bicycle lanes all across the community.
- None
- Human caused climate change is a hoax. My concern is how much tax money will be wasted trying to achieve unreachable goals. For the love people, CARBON IS NATURAL AND NOT HARMFUL!!!
- None
- We will have somewhere to live
- Be a model and teaching community for those who visit.
- Man's inability to do anything at all ablut it!
- None. Climate change is a natural phenomenon that us humans cannot make a meaningful impact on. Any proposed "feel good" laws/updates to codes will only make living more expensive in Los Alamos county.
- Any impact Los Alamos or our nation does is moot in light of China's impact.
- Will be seen as progressive community
- Taking action can involve small changes in behavior that are beneficial beyond only contributing to climate change, being more efficient, making choices and using technologies that lead to better long term outcomes on multiple metrics aside from the four categories listed in question 4, for example.
- None
- none.
- Incentive to keep people living here and reinvesting in the community rather than being so transient. Could help with transportation congestion and pollution due to so many cars commuting if we had other climate friendly transit options (More housing in LA that is new and green; more buses from Santa Fe and abq)
- no benefits just cost
- Nothing will benefit the community directly as our impact is minimal and the return on investment is not proven. Making the local open space more bio diverse by controlling the deer population would have greater impact than a climate action plan
- Los Alamos County's impact is too small to make an overall difference, don't waste money on this.

- If done correctly, climate action can help alleviate the effects of wealth inequality. Climate change tends to impact low-income people more than higher earners, and many of the actions can also disproportionately benefit lower-income individuals (e.g. better public transit).
- No benefits except taking money from the foolish masses
- The feeling of doing the right thing, even if it does cost us.
- Nothing, you e already screws this county up enough. Stop making stupid rules. Maybe people could fix up their houses and afford to water yards if the county wasn't busy trying to take all of our money.
- None
- None. Come on, we are a little high tech West Virginia Coal Town in NM. What ever we do will cost citizens more, reduce their freedom only to have a feel good action for a few people.
- None. Only negative results can be realized. Climate alarmism is total fiction.
- Draw in new business. Get rid of old businesses or building owners that don't want to change. Make Los Alamos a city of the future. Have Los Alamos be an example to others. Make us proud to live here.
- If Los Alamos County gets involved and is even slightly successful, surrounding counties will follow suit.

Question 8: What would a sustainable and resilient Los Alamos look like? (Open response)

- Less building of new but using available buildings for apartments etc like the old C and B building
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- solar panels on every county - owned building enhancing biodiversity through the expansion of green space and strict regulation on the worst invasive species present in town constant communication within the community, encouraged by the county, to ensure positive change continues to reflect the needs and desires of the Los Alamos community more collaboration with our northern New Mexican neighbors about how we can mutually help each other reducing overall waste and having an industrial composting facility so we can responsibly ban single use plastic frequent community events, activities, and outreach that harbor awareness, conversation, action, and hope -- best to collaborate with local businesses, schools, artists, etc.
- all county owned buildings have solar power; red tape for acquiring private solar panels is minimal; all unutilized green spaces (e.g. gravel filled median and roadsides, parking lots with space, the land around county buildings) undergo native landscaping for our native pollinators; becoming a dark sky associated city; terraforming the Reservoir from a dammed up body of water into a naturally filtered wetland for native fauna and flora, community gardens in every neighborhood; frequent educational programs (e.g. films, events, activities) done in collaboration with local businesses to raise awareness, action, and hope within the community; collaborating with neighboring communities like Espanola and the Pueblos to see how we can help each other reach our sustainability goals; reducing food waste within our community
- Stop selling out the people here.
- Residents cleaning up the dumps they call yards, growing their own clean organic gardens, raising chickens, bees, etc. Which are all necessary for our clean food supply and our environment.

- A community and county government that supports small and medium business. A better hospital.
- I prefer offering positive inducements to encourage people to change, such as increasing availability of ev chargers, easy to use public transportation, rebates for installing solar or replacing appliances with more energy efficient versions. Avoid punitive programs such as mandatory plastic bag fees, instead encourage use of reusable bags by offering a small discount at check out.
- Restrictions on single-use plastics, affordable options for low packaging groceries, water use restrictions
- Overwhelming support for the small businesses! Support the people who live here. Don't make more demands on the way we live in the wonderful community.
- Climate change is irrelevant Support small businesses is a better focus on resilience in the community.
- More safe in regard to wildfire, solar and natural landscaping encouraged
- We would educate people and have open debate on things like electric versus gas appliances, so people would understand that generating heat from electricity is a terrible idea. It actually dramatically increases CO2 b/c 50% of the electric energy is wasted. Simple physics.
- Have natural gas available in newly constructed residential and commercial areas. Clear out dead trees from forests and give that wood away to people to heat their homes.
- Full reliance on abundant and affordable energy sources.
- Work on creating resilient forest/woodland habitat in open spaces and protect wildlife from adverse impacts.
- Increased feasibility of active transit. I currently live in White Rock and would love to have a separated bike route to get to and around Los Alamos. Biking is my primary mode of transportation and I would love to be able to explore more of what Los Alamos has to offer with the convenience of my bike.
- Required highest attainable energy and water efficiency for residential, govt., and commercial properties. More P.V. and storage across all properties. County/DPU initiatives to promote installation. Increased propagation of trees and greenery. Enhanced public transportation to reduce vehicle use age. Increased EV fleets and charging stations.
- These are just words with little to no meaning.
- A somewhat smaller population without a bomb factory next door.
- Transportation and accessibility to resources to reduce climate change. Assistance in making homes energy efficient. Light or other energy use by county made more efficient. Don't have it on if it isn't needed. More chargers for electric cars. Incentives to use bus service or bike routes.
- Limited housing due to limited water supply
- It will take money. Effective recycling. Climate-friendly resources. As close to zero carbon footprint as reasonably possible. Investing in such resources for sufficient impact.
- We would have locally produced--HVDC--and distributed--AC--electricity that could AND WOULD be turned off during the effects of coronal mass ejections...
- Renewable energy resources (already in progress); more non-car options (separate bike lanes, incentives to use other transportation); County leads by example (no watering parks during the day, employees use other transportation methods, food waste composting at events)
- Decrease in lawns and watering, more native plants; decrease in lighting and other wasted electricity.

- I think the County always needs regular and alternative fuels. The dictate of a few individuals to require that the County move to 100% renewables is misguided. We need a balanced conventional and sustainable plan. Too often Council forgets that each proposal has costs to taxpayers and families attached and that should be a major consideration when deciding on a plan.
- Less employees at the lab. Carpooling
- Proactive utility maintenance and replacement.
- People stop watching CNN
- Stopping people from watching CNN
- Sorting trash and recycling (have more than 3 bins (trash, recycle, yard), more sorting places at the eco station, look up Kamikatsu Japan). More zero waste options for shopping, electric busses, and WAY safer biking options. I try to cycle to work but almost get hit every time. Have dividers between the road and the bike lane (either concrete or small reflective dividers), much more people would consider biking to work if it was safer. An even better longer term solution would be a bike path completely separate from the road. Make it easy for homeowners to install a grey water yard watering system. Why is the golf course able to do this but impossible for private owners.
- More chargers readily available for EV. Administrative offices open M-Th and realizing one day a week of energy savings. Much more accommodating and well planned regional transit system for employees and out of district LAPS kids.
- A Los Alamos that modernizes the whole system. Los Alamos has an aging infrastructure; major replacement of the system is needed to carry us into the future. we need to look at new projects and replacement projects as building for the future not just the present.
- I have no idea what you are getting at.
- More green energy and more sustainable housing.
- Depends on the Lab budget
- eventually no personal traffic from out of county coming in/out of county for LANL. Highly encourage workers to take the new bus system. Be curious and find solutions so that we can have reliable transportation for workers without the increase of roadway maintenance and individual personal vehicles that greatly contribute to our counties greenhouse gasses. - all citizens recycle regularly. More education to the public about our recycling program. Consider adding recycling services for apartments. - all citizens utilize the county compost (when it is done). Educate the public. Make it easy to participate.
- This is a BS question with an obvious agenda.
- One that has readily available services/shops.
- Reduction is carbon emitting vehicles with incentives to do so. Buildings with infrastructure to support less energy usage. Incentives for solar and alternative electricity sources. community gardening space made easy. Regular education on how to reduce waste and incentives to do so
- Continue to make the central business district more walkable. Continue and strengthen public transportation. Decarbonize the electric utility. Quit installing natural gas infrastructure in new construction. More EV charging stations.
- Smaller county budgets
- Population is our problem, not climate. A sustainable Los Alamos would be able to support the growing population without damaging the environment that is one of our biggest attractions. This has nothing to do with climate change.

- A community that sourced majority clean energy, had some of the highest water conservation measures for both commercial and residential uses, and had energy efficient architecture throughout neighborhoods and businesses.
- Residents would have fewer Lawns to water, more electric Vehicles with more charging stations, more County solar panels on schools, county buildings, land. More lab carpooling or bus riders. County/school electric buses.
- Reduction of government
- Independent clean energy supplies. Free, widespread charging infrastructure for electric vehicles. Focus on xeriscaping with natural plants rather than zero scaping with rocks which accelerates water evaporation and exacerbates droughts. Allowing all houses to have large solar arrays to power their own homes and communities.
- more options for us to quantify our emissions and to take action to reduce our individual and work carbon amounts
- Improved bike and E-bike infrastructure, especially to the labs and white rock. Overall reducing vehicle traffic and congestion.
- This is a vague question with much left up to everyones definitions of these adverbs.
- Stop wasting money on projects that don't benefit a reasonable number of residents.
- Green and diverse energy source(s)
- One that dose not rely on Gross Receipts Tax's from LANL. Balance the budget with out them, then lets talk a resilient LA.
- Better recycling programs and workshops where we can learn to fix things rather than buy again. Community gardens. Assistance/education about solar energy, many want it but don't know who to trust to get it.
- I would move away from wood to natural gas and pollute less
- The same. If you can't take care of recycling in Los Alamos without having to ship it somewhere else then it doesn't work after you add up the costs for shipping it and paying for it.
- A program to have the county install solar panels on county buildings to reduce the production of electricity from other sources; convert, over time, county vehicles to EV or fuel cell vehicles; use alternatives to concrete which generate far less heat; plant a considerable amount of trees to cool the land; and utilize nuclear fuel for power generation for the lab and the county.
- Don't know
- more recreational things to do and stores, nicer homes
- Biking and walking would not only be a planning goal and priority in our Comprehensive Plan, it would be realized by creating off-street bicycle/pedestrian pathways between the residential areas and the major employment centers. LAC should make sure that equity is met by providing bicycle rental kiosks that also make it easy for residents to run errands, kids to go to school, and tourists to visit around town.
- Vehicles separated from bikes. Smaller, more frequent electric buses charged by an upgraded solar farm on the former landfill. Subsidized solar rooftops to reduce utility load. Gardens encouraged in front yards, parks, and traffic corridors. We're going to need the food.
- N/A
- natural habitat in yards for pollinators. Solar panels on most homes (county needs to be better at permits)
- Not sure. Haven't been shown any example of communities that are sustainable and resilient.

- Different bins for other recyclable categories. A community that never litters and always recycles. A county using old recycled materials to upkeep.
- N/A
- Electric buses, more dedicated bicycle lanes, nuclear power or wind power, bans on lawns to conserve water, incentives to get rid of natural gas stoves and appliances (but also boost renewable energy so electricity is greener) solar panels on public buildings, electric car infrastructure (but paid because people abuse the few free chargers instead of charging at their homes)
- It is sustainable and resilient with Fed's billions in funding.
- Strong utility infrastructure
- More public transportation; better connected walk/bike trails; more robust small business environment; limit (or reduce) need to shop/eat/entertain off the hill. Consistency in county regulations especially for small business.
- A lot less concrete; plant Native plants for color and pollination in public spaces; require true xeriscaping, not gravelscaping; more public transport and less traffic; require businesses to clean up unsightly messes and require more green space; no single-use containers in restaurants; solar panels on homes and businesses.
- more adaptive, more flexible, quicker to respond to situations, more open too trying things and new ideas
- Use of green energy and nuclear energy. Less overconsumption, quality products, less plastic, and 3-D printed houses that use less materials, bike path from White Rock to Los Alamos for safer bicycling.
- Continuing to provide more green areas. Reduce asphalt where possible. Encourage people to cut down on food waste. Take your own reusable containers to restaurants for leftovers. Encourage restaurants to make smaller portions available to reduce food waste. Compost where possible.
- Better public transportation (like having the buses run more frequently and on weekends/evenings). Safer/more bike lanes. Ban on styrofoam containers at restaurants.
- This Community (This Area, for that matter) is solely dependent on the National Lab, i don't see any other means.
- A well balanced community that works in harmony with it's surrounding environment and works to continually improve how it interacts with the environment.
- More use of locally produced nuclear and geothermal power. More trails and less reliance on local roads.
- gray water use, electric scooter rental with specific lanes for them. biking and walking bridges over the canyons making it more feasible for most of the population to commute on their own power.
- A sustainable and resilient Los Alamos would have fewer cars on the road, more trees that are cared for and regularly watered.
- local (indoor?) food production, public transit state wide and every day, alternative to evacuation for wildfires, underground/bermed shelters to stay cool without AC
- Los Alamos would derive it's energy from renewable, clean sources; utilities, cars, and appliances would be powered by electricity; all open spaces would be native plants with resiliency built into all ecosystems; there would be more mass transit and bike traffic and fewer cars and parking lots.

- Convert to carbon free energy and explore way to eliminate CO2 emissions.
- More solar panels on all county buildings and a high speed and well dispersed charging network for electric vehicles. Not just a 2 locations in the county. If charging were either cheap or free to use zero emissions vehicles.
- There wouldn't be quite as many people.
- Better
- good protected bike ways separate from vehicle traffic, improved heating cooling systems available to upgrade dated housing, plant more trees, designate a portion of central as a pedestrian way with incentives for increased businesses
- Los Alamos would have almost everything that we need here in town, then we would not need to travel to Santa Fe or ABQ or order online so much. The county would work harder to keep businesses from closing, maybe help out before it gets to that point, and also new businesses could come in quickly to fill gaps in services.
- composting, gleaned and other re-use programs; growing food in Los Alamos with water-wise strategies; energy efficient windows and homes to curb use of electricity and gas in homes (subsidized programs for homeowners to be able to make these changes); bear-safe trash cans for homes and sidewalk/municipal use; education campaigns on these subjects; repair library or other program to help folks fix and repair appliances, clothing, etc. rather than tossing them; more bike infrastructure to reduce reliance on cars (bike lanes, bike racks, etc.) and maybe a bike rental program to allow folks to test these out (especially e-bikes) before purchasing;
- Water use reduction, more desert landscaping. As I mentioned before, a back up plan for producing electricity such as solar or wind.
- Invest in more stable carbon free power such as nuclear power.
- Los Alamos should be left alone. Our little town is not meant to have such a population and so much housing.
- More solar and a life without so much fire risk.
- Less cars and trucks more bikes and pedestrians
- Using Nuclear energy as a power source. Its reliable in any weateher, a small amount of urainium can be used to generate tons of electric power. Not like Solar panels and electric Vehicle batteries which are really bad to be mined out of the environment. solar panels are not reliable becuae they only work efficiently when the sun directly shining on them.
- More e-chargers, e-scooter downtown area, more bike lanes.
- zero carbon impact minimal water use
- Taking vehicles off the road.
- .
- It looks like propaganda.
- All electric all the time.
- Affordable housing, less commuting and energy conservation.
- a stable and reliable electric utility
- More people riding the bus or on bikes. Using solar and wind to supplement fossil fuel power.
- Expanded forest management with prescribed burning
- If we can add wind and more solar to our electric generation. We have a great water table and good water here.

- Low water use. Very little waste going to landfills. Renewable energy sources for 100% of energy use. Strict building codes to minimize energy use for buildings (ie. R-40 in walls, R-60 in roofs, 0.08 air exchanges per hour, R-8 windows, etc). Biking and walking friendly county with plentiful green public transportation.
- Understanding that impacts are individual, but the number of people currently working and living in Los Alamos proportionally impact every problem
- Powered by green energy, fire resistant/resilient
- 1. Integrate solar in our community on rooftops, in parking lots, and at the old landfill site, starting with the schools and county owned buildings. 2. Tine efficient mass transit that gets used by working people, both for commuters coming to Los Alamos from surrounding communities and within the community. We don't need more parking, we need fewer vehicles! 3. An Idle Free Los Alamos! No more vehicles idling! Unnecessary waste is painful and short sited. 4. Instill self powered pride, starting with the schools. The Santa Fe Conservation Trust has done an excellent job of starting a "Safe Routes to School" program in Santa Fe. Santa Fe county has taken over this program. Check it out! 5. Become a community that recognizes the importance of trees and plants!
- Very much like it looks today
- More insulation in home to keep them warmer in winter, cooler in summer with less energy use. Water conservation. Reusing water where can. Promote energy efficient green building standards. Promote ways to decrease energy use
- A County with zero carbon emissions. I think a great way to do that is continuing with the UAMPS project.
- It would be great if we were producing all the electricity needed to power our county right here, through residential and municipal solar arrays. That would make us more resilient and independent if grids go down. Also, saving rainwater and recycling/reusing water would help us to have a steady supply of water. This could look like water treatment ponds and wetlands and greywater systems as well as rainwater capture and storage on all homes and buildings. Ponds and wetlands would also be an emergency water source in the case of wildfire. Being plastic free as a County would be AMAZING! We could insist upon biodegradable plastics on all incoming goods. And, installing permeable pavements instead of impermeable would help with saving and protecting our water resources. Becoming pesticide free and pollinator friendly would increase the health of all of our residents. Teaching these sustainable principles in all of our schools would insure our coming generations would be leaders in this movement.
- Saving water and residents are able to live healthy lives. More EV cars and charge stations.
- Less wastefulness
- Vibrant and thriving community for ALL residents
- it would look like it did 10 years ago.
- Probably worse than it is now. The county can't even take care of it's own weeds and infrastructure
- An economic wasteland
- One that does not jump on every fad that comes along
- Walkable, many stores, various types of restaurants, outside eating, a sense of community
- Fire mitigation around perimeters of county, ease for use of electric cars including more charging stations, easier to install solar with county codes, incentives to use alternative energy sources

(biodigester, etc) in the county More small shops and restaurants to keep people not traveling off the hill

- Reliable power supply. Reliable, community-owned broadband system. Minimal evacuations due to fire threats. Reliable water supply. Not losing gardens and landscaping vegetation to an overabundance of deer.
- More recycling and drought control. Fewer cars, more public transport. Safer bike lanes. More Electric car charging stations.
- No lawns, local agriculture, retrofitted housing
- Using all the resources we have in a responsible manner. Don't throw out the baby with the bath water.
- No more new houses--too much drain on water supplies
- It would have a better electrical grid. It would embrace more renewables and help its residence to install solar, and geothermal. It should embrace small scale wind projects and then help the surrounding areas to do the same. Residence here can afford to stimulate the electric car industry and remove not all internal combustion engines, but the worst ones, the daily driven noisy, noxious polluters.
- A town with shopping and other amenities and not just full of apartments
- Healthy trees, in neighborhoods and forests. All electric, from residential and municipal renewable sources. Building codes for insulation and fire-resistance. Municipal composting. Business regulations that stop plastic packaging, and other trash-reduction strategies. Safe bicycle roads/paths. Usable public transport for common non-commuting trips, like shopping and the airport. Helping our surrounding, less-wealthy areas work towards all of this.
- Minimal government involvement in citizen and commercial business.
- Unnecessary funding allocated to unsubstantiated endeavors in which taxpayers of the county will carry the burden. Commuters and others utilizing the Los Alamos School system and community resources/perks will not contribute in any beneficial manner.
- cost effective solution that benefit and protect all income groups in community
- I believe we are above average environmentally 2) We should be resilient to economic changes 3) Being a community that is competitive, productive and generates jobs. We fail in this category. We have little to no competition for Kroger (Smith's) which was supported by our county council when Smith's opened the store. We have 12 to 16 thousand people here each day, but no where to spend their money. Office space is expensive, big corporations are supported by the county council. We have huge empty buildings while, I think that is getting better. The only thing that keeps us afloat is LANL. We could not be a sustainable community if they were gone. We are reliant on them and the town reflects it.
- WFH days = reduced traffic + improved air quality = smiles and potentially rainbows
- Sustainability and resilience Los Alamos would look like us dropping frivolous amenities like the golf course to open up additional green housing for our ever-expanding population, buying into more renewable energies to power our growing infrastructure, developing a bigger tourist hub to be able to hopefully make the town not as reliant on LANL profits taxes and workers to come here to give the town life. Finding ways to integrate community gardens and green energy initiatives that all local residents can take part in the point where we are carbon neutral going into carbon negative.
- Carbon neutral. But unsustainable at the moment.

- Electric fleet, more solar, some sort of transportation system or route to get commuters from Santa Fe to White Rock to shorten the trip time.
- More robust public transportation for commuters (from El Dorado, Rio Rancho, Taos, and more options from Santa Fe with greater flexibility especially those with families - bus routes after sending kids to school, after 8am) and/or ability to not commute (ie for those that work at the lab, to be 100% remote)
- clean air to breath, clear blue sky, lovely scenery with different colors, lots of clouds, and more rain.
- Expanded support for local self sufficiency and county support of businesses in the county. Reduce the cost of utilities for the community which uses less of the utilities. Have higher rates for the customers who use more of the utilities.
- -Older homes upgraded to be more efficient with both heat and cooling. -More use of community transportation (buses, shared rides) -Trees used for cooling. More Solar use.
- As little reliance on fossil fuels and environmental degrading practices as possible, while helping better the community as a whole. -Getting Our public city buses to be EVs (good job on having EV stations available in town btw) -Bulk options at smiths (and not just for rice and beans-I'm talking about pasta, ketchup, goodies, cereal, etc.) -Have energy companies partner with solar farms(orrn algae farms)-so people can still work with the LA utilities, but 50% or 100% of their energy is being sourced from solar. (Instead of making it the consumer's job to invest in solar panels) -Create a in town community plant food farm (I would love to help with)-Give incentive for people to volunteer by giving them "food points" they can use to purchase food from there or points to use in other parts of the town-ex: discount at a local bar, discount to the aquatic center, etc. Or tax exemptions if they volunteer a certain amount of hours each month. Not only does this make plantbased food more available and affordable, it teaches people how to sustain themselves on the most basic level and creates a place where the community can come together and enjoy each others company. -Create more second hand, affordable stores so people can reuse. (Boomerang and Casa Mesita are a little too pricey)-we need more sustainable options that are affordable to families for furniture, clothing, cookingware- and are open more than twice a week. -Giving businesses incentives to have sustainable packaging and sustainable products/plantbased items. -Smaller scales: making it easier on local businesses with fall back plans so that they stay open for more than a year or two. This makes our town economically more sustainable and makes it easier to incorporate sustainable change within the business if it's smaller.
- I see a home for us all wherein we are able to live with less reliance on extreme artificial changes to our environment: I would like better landscaping (public & private), better forest and open space management, better transportation management (roads & parking lots are a problem of town space too!), support adjustment for working/studying/living flexibilities in the town, support for making changes to our individual homes (induction, heat pump, solar, anything that works), and more programs to encourage learning about how to make better choices in our daily lives (esp. if they are *not* coached in 'green' and can then be taken in by those who are anti-green).
- More housing, better road infrastructure, faster internet, water and snow capture facilities.
- More EV charging stations, less housing development/more open space.
- A county that used more clean energy and has more transportation options for it's transient work force.
- No more Audis, no more Mercedes Benz, no more Subarus. No more Phds from Ivy League institutions, or from the CCP.

- Allowing any home-owner to install solar panels and EV charging stations and countermand any HOA requirements against them.
- Recycling should go up.
- Trick question.....too many things play into sustainability to be able to answer without more detail
- Increased solar power production Decreased water consumption
- As a county that describes itself as "where discoveries are made" Los Alamos should be leading the state in sustainability. Los Alamos should pursue decarbonization aggressively and Los Alamos county should partner closely with Los Alamos National Lab in this effort.
- I don't know.
- fewer cars on the road
- More rooftop solar 2) More home greywater/water collection systems 3) No wasteful lawns 4) Less lighting--I know LEDs don't use much energy but people's light pollution here is ridiculous
- Wasteland
- A County full of trees.
- I think it might be harder to live in because the people in charge are going to over do it and make life more difficult. Example taking away gas stoves.
- Completely powered through renewables (tho small nuclear would be good too) with all homes/businesses equipped with solar PV, water wise with reduced and efficient water use, robust/resilient mostly electric infrastructure including transportation
- More distributed solar and other power sources, strategic burying of certain power lines to reduce wildfire risk
- A place where we live within earth's renewable resources and eliminates earth's overshoot.
- The building code doesn't allow me to put a pergola in my front yard that would block sunlight into my home. Therefore, I support green building measures.
- we need an improved climate for small business.
- Less traffic. Having more amenities walkable from work places and homes. Having more eating places available near buildings where people work, so they can walk to get lunch instead of drive.
- modern, clean, attractive
- More people riding buses, walking and biking for transport.
- A sustainable Los Alamos first needs more equitable distribution of resources. Especially land, the heaviest consumers often disproportionately benefit from it while many shoulder the burden, e.g. the golf course. All consumers should be expected to pay their fair share.
- Keri g all the good we have and de bell ping retail. Right now the County does not seem friendly toward small business, so residents have to shop elsewhere, using gas and creating emissions.
- I think Climate change policies can hurt Los Alamos. We live in the mountains. We have hot days in the summer and it is summer time. In the winter we have cold days because it is winter time.
- I don't know
- Stop trying to interfere with the planet waking up from its slumber.
- A county powered by a small nuclear reactor power plant. Magnetic train transportation within the county and to adjoining towns. Especially to Santa Fe and Espanola.
- Better bike routes to reduce car emission for local residence to walk and bike to work

- Good access to businesses and professional services. Clean recreational facilities. Academic studies in all schools.
- More use of public transportation on and off the hill
- Renewal energy source such as nuclear power along with wind and solar.
- Similar.
- Energy security based on reality, not fairy tales.
- LAC and its affiliate departments make changes to the grid so residence can have then option to install renewable resources.
- Focus on renewable resources (electricity, water, natural gas) would lead to a more resilient community.
- Downtown Los Alamos closed off to traffic except for bicycles, electric carts, and buses. Call it the Green Zone. Example as found in Adelaide, Australia.
- higher density, less car dependent, and at least one more road down the hill.
- Using ground water no faster than it can recharge. 2. Plenty of power line capacity to handle distributed solar. 3. Mostly renewable power with enough backup that we avoid brownouts during extreme weather 4. Thinned and green forests
- It would look pretty much the same, as most of the needed changes needed to get to net zero carbon for the combined community and Lab would be implemented outside the county. Also note that switching away from natural gas and going to electricity would not make Los Alamos appear visually different. ("Look like" is a probably poor choice of words.)
- no difference
- Los Alamos would have an infrastructure that supports the change, the resources to help residents achieve it, and the willingness to educate and help residents come along. This is a long process and the county must listen to those who do not agree and not turn their minds against them but understand their point of view.
- More reliable electricity infrastructure; 2. Stop trucking our garbage to Rio Rancho
- More people in public transit, ride-sharing, walking, and bicycling--using their own power. Allow and encourage hanging laundry outside to dry, where feasible.
- The County would be more sustainable with local shopping. Forcing the County to commute to shopping centers in other communities is a waste.
- Carbon neutral or reduce carbon footprint. Replenish areas with trees to offset construction and concrete. Offer incentives (tax or otherwise) for homes with traditional landscaping like grass to transform into more climate friendly and appropriate xeriscape options that offer bee, butterfly and bird habitats with less reliance on water. Figure out a way to partner with LANL to offer better mass transportation services to reduce traffic, which is creating more congestion and carbon emissions. Current Atomic city schedules aren't the answer when it takes 45 minutes to travel from N Mesa to transit center. Due to drought and forest destruction, wildlife encroachment is becoming a safety issue wrt wildlife and cars. Look at ways to build in wildlife corridors along Diamond Dr up to Barranca roundabout. . Enforce speed limits in our communities (cameras?). My Western area neighborhood has too much traffic and people driving fast. Lack of healthcare access/options is becoming a local and state-wide threat to our resilience as a community.
- Either less asphalt or more solar panels over parking lots. Or alternative, more white paint in parking lots. Asphalt increases local heat more because it's a) black b) retains heat super well. If we can stop using as much asphalt, or keep it shielded from the sun better, it'll absorb less heat.

Solar panels may be a good idea, but they're expensive. A light-colored paint over large patches of asphalt would probably slow the heating.

- Less car-dependency. More education in drought-tolerant agriculture practices and fewer green lawns. Less dependency on the power grid.
- Gosh. Foremost: We need to work on our image with neighboring communities, and that starts with using 4x as much water per capita as any neighbor. No more green lawns at houses. The golf course would have to go, maybe that could become farmland. On-grid electrical storage, to the point where Pojoaque, Nambé, and Española see benefits, too. Investment in energy generation nearby. This is another area where we can strengthen relationships with our food-producing neighbors. The Spanish named this area "the big burn" and we're going to have to accept that this is part of life here. 200-foot pine trees 4 feet away from houses need to go. Letting critters back who aerate soil will have to happen, if it can be done. We're already ahead of the game when it comes to adoption of e-bikes and solar panels. That's encouraging, but it's all individuals. Do we have the resolve to act as a community, and can we band together with our neighbors? That's what a sustainable and resilient Los Alamos looks like to me.
- Walkable downtown, sufficient housing, transportation, and infrastructure, commitment to plant based diets.
- One that takes all actions with an eye to how it will effect the environment. Minimal impact on its citizens with a maximum impact on helping the environment.
- fewer cars on the road
- Another stupid question
- a local economy that would survive the changing/closure of LANL
- Looks like current Los alamos, more focus should be placed on the resiliency of our small businesses
- I do not know
- A strong economic base, not as reliant on the laboratory, that encourages small, medium, and large business to come and thrive. "Sustainability" as you define it will come as the market allows.
- More renewable energy sources, lower emissions county vehicles, less waste
- Continue as is
- Solar panels on all county buildings and schools, many businesses and homes. Plenty of EV charging stations. Fewer asphalt parking lots. Greater use of drought-tolerant plants in landscapes. No wastage of water. Clean air.
- A sustainable and resilient LA county would have easy and convenient zero-emissions public transit, along with easy access to charging/hydrogen infrastructure, a zero carbon electricity supply and active cooperation between the County, Laboratory and public schools to accomplish these goals.
- public transit on evenings and weekends, County-provided utilities run off of renewables, more EV charging stations, collaboration with LAB and Schools to reduce waste/make improvements
- vibrant downtowns with places for people to meet, live, and enjoy life
- Long term water budget maintained. Population growth managed with available space resources, and importing of needed other resources accounted for in planning.
- More natural landscaping; less blacktop (asphalt) parking; more bees and (monarch) butterflies and other pollinators; more composting; less plastic (including bags "decorating" the landscape

- Policies that encourage sensible and sustainable water use (e.g. rates with meaningful tiers); little or no reliance on coal or natural gas; infrastructure for electric vehicle charging; less trash that has to be trucked to distant landfills.
- I'll leave that to the experts.
- A community that produces the energy it needs, does not deplete the surrounding rivers.
- Better electrification, easier transport by walking/biking/bus. More incentivization of water and energy conservation. Lots of homes are under insulated and not up to modern code and weatherization and conservation could be incentivized.
- We may see a small nuclear reactor installed here to provide safe and clean energy (see Our World in Data). Infrastructure modifications to accommodate a changed energy supply.
- Would look like the Los Alamos of 30 years ago before the climate change fervor took over. Individuals have lost their ability to live independently apart from the climate change activists.
- More recycling and reuse of items
- Clean air as it is now. More roads.
- Solar power for each home and business supplied by the government. Electric car charging stations in town. Electric powered city vehicles (e.g. mail trucks, county vehicles) in use instead of gas powered. Financial incentives for residents and businesses converting landscaping to low-water vegetation (e.g. xeriscape).
- Since 'Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from human activity is changing our climate' we should reduce the number of humans creating GHG in our county. Los Alamos County seems to be planning to INCREASE the number of humans. Think about that.
- Get rid of the golf course - such a waste of water
- No plastic bags. More recycling.
- Improved biking and bus infrastructure, incentives for household solar/heat pumps/etc., plastic bans, required water conservation measures.
- Cleaner air, quieter town due to EV's, a feeling that we're doing our part.
- Reliable electric power and a slow, carefully engineered transition away from fossil fuels that makes significant use of nuclear power.
- Try supporting small business. Something the County and elected officials have NOT done in years.
- One that traffic flowed when the lab closes.
- Less concrete, better air, protection of dark skies and strict regulation against noise pollution.
- Electrified buildings & vehicles / buses; electric power from renewable sources; rooftop solar with bi-directional EV batteries; a quieter and calmer community without combustion engines; less traffic w/ ACT and e-bikes; parks and fields watered with reclaimed water; value-added composting and recycling; zero waste mind-set.
- Good question
- All decisions for infrastructure or business would start with sustainable options: wind, solar, low impact, grey water - and mandatory for all new construction including housing. See Davis, CA for ideas.
- Definitely keeping all the trees we have. Making gray water available for individual households to water yards/ flower beds, not only golf course and sport fields. Education and more education. Citation of people who don't secure trash and/or feed wildlife.

- More walking paths and trails linking parks with city resources. Another road off the mountain for fire evacuation.
- A town and county that doesn't have constant power outages, water main breaks, bad small business community, and a population that must rely almost completely on corporations to exist and thrive. A town and county who is interested in using tax payer money in solving actual problems that face the community rather than trying to solve a problem that we didn't create and mostly don't contribute to. A community that isn't being bled dry by stupid taxes collected for no purpose.
- A smaller mountain town by moving PIT production and LANL activities to a more feasible site.
- Clean energy source - nuclear, geothermal, wind, sun, battery storage technologies. minimizes usage of LANL's aquifer through water management, reduces chemical pollution into the environment - such as making sure PFAS is managed well - avoid release of AFFF foams into environment, electrification promotion - phase out natural gas and other carbon-based fuels, usage of heat pumps. LANL and the County partner to reuse materials such as asphalt, concrete. Implementation of cooling centers at LA County facilities on hot days. Recycle materials when recycling makes economic sense - otherwise landfill. Work with LANL to support/promote wildfire management operations such as with forest thinning efforts. Also, promote mass transit as the primary means to move around LA County, LANL, and White Rock with buses utilizing emerging battery technologies. Consider replacing hydrogen for natural gas when natural gas infrastructure already exists. Tree planting initiatives for carbon capture and shade around LA County, LANL, and White Rock. Grid modernization for intermittent energy sources (wind, sun)
- Fewer green lawns, more natural local vegetation, more photovoltaic systems on rooftops and over parking lots, more charging stations, less lighting of businesses and parking lots, active collection of glass for recycling and of compostables
- A community focused on water conservation and resiliency - utilizing green and LID development practices, rainwater and greywater capture and reuse incentives, education and community empowerment. Incentives for net-zero energy and water practices.
- More solar and wind power. County assisted weather proofing of homes, better bus service
- access to carbon free energy (wind, solar); more efficient consistent handling of waste (garbage, compost, recycling); help in transitioning to carbon free and energy sources and greater efficiency (solar panels, heat pumps); access to carbon free transit (electric buses, scooters, e-bikes) for in town / around lab campus use
- Not like California. We are a poor and rural state where people have to drive.
- Native plants, majority of lawns in public areas
- Nuclear energy. Forest management that reduces fuel in canyons. Encourages residents to recycle and incorporate solar, if they can afford, but does not demand elimination of natural gas.
- Creating community efforts to plant native grasses and trees along the surrounding wildlife, as well as regular maintenance of fire breaks.
- One where the county doesn't waste money and time on things like this.
- A place where people can get jobs that provide a decent wage and satisfaction. Basic services needed such as adequate number of tradespeople (plumbers, electricians, contractors, etc.), dry cleaning, shoe repair, more laundromats, more dining venues, more locations to hold events such as family reunions, wedding receptions, retirement parties, etc. Identify why people travel to Santa Fe for needed services and help establish or recruit those businesses to the county.
- Have processes in place that pay for themselves and protect local environment. Quit focusing on goals to save the world.

- Maintaining diversified energy resources.
- Things change so fast but nothing is really accomplished toward solving the problems.
- Retain natural gas and remain diversified vs an all-in approach to electricity.
- Well- developed public transportation, PV panels and water catchment on residential and commercial roofs, dense downtowns with walkable greenspace (things we are doing now but MORE and BETTER)
- Growing businesses and less empty buildings.
- The same
- Sustainable: one where people could open business w/o the County making it difficult. Resilient: one in which people are left alone to live as they please with as little government intrusion as possible.
- It would look like a county that puts much more emphasis on human-centric infrastructure over the current car-centric, traffic-congested present. The County needs to emphasize public transit and alternative forms of transportation like cycling over single occupancy vehicle use. That means dedicating money and resources to things like a centrally located transit center and separated and protected bike lanes. Paint is not infrastructure and painted bicycle lanes in the shoulders of the roads are completely inadequate and only used by the most passionate and fearless cyclists. These practices among others would eliminate (not reduce) much greenhouse gas emissions at the source and especially eliminate many transportation-related high energy intensity activities. The County also should emphasize denser neighborhoods over the current dominance of single-family zoning. Parking minimums can be reduced to free up more land for denser development closer to where people need to shop and work, for example. Much of the downtown area is land wasted on empty parking lots. It can be used much more productively if the County chooses to use it wisely. All of these things are one vision of a sustainable and resilient Los Alamos.
- Housing. We need more houses
- Increased accessibility to housing, food, water, natural spaces, education, and high-paying jobs. It would reshape our urban spaces for ease of use and a blending of technology and nature.
- A place that values and protects open space, air quality, water resources, and reduces its carbon footprint
- Safe bike lanes with ample room for e-bikes. Mountains I can still see (I.e., don't build beyond three stories). Curbside composting. A populace that understands and appreciates wildlife—and respects it. Educated populace that doesn't use pesticides and herbicides, or poison bait that kills wildlife.
- We could be a benchmark community for testing less polluting energy sources such as the small nuclear power reactor program the County is already participating in; and, by enhancing efficiency of the delivery systems (the grid), for example.
- If the government stays out of it
- Continuous waste diversion, food composting, food rescue centers for people, sustainable agriculture, promoting local farmers to reduce food travel, independent bike lanes to promote safe bicycling around the community, offering programs that help community members make the right choices for the environment, adopt the latest building standards and offer programs that help retrofit the community households and businesses. Educate our next generation (students) about these problems/solutions. Dedicate funding to continuously support energy and water efficiency, waste diversion and reduction programs, bicycle infrastructure.
- Worse than it is today.

- One in which people can live their lives with minimal government intrusion, and one in which the county quits wasting our money on dumb things like this climate action plan.
- renewable energy sources, nuclear power, clean fuel for buses.
- Increased wages for licensed non lab workers to reduce commuting.
- Leave Los Alamos alone. We need our little town back without all of the politics.
- better wildfire fuels management of canyons.
- Solar, wind, and recycling of waste and water. Household use of grey water would be nice.
- NO different then it looks today
- Less Government involvement/overreach within the citizens' lives.
- LA could lead by example in relying heavily on state of the art nuclear power generation as an alternative to gas/coal fired plants.
- Nothing with Hunga Tonga–Hunga Ha‘apai greenhouse effect. Oh, you could keep electrical infrastructure running and decrease natural gas costs.
- Present information and opportunities to improve the environment and allow people to make their own decisions.
- Improved infrastructure for biking/e-bikes, especially the Diamond/trinity intersection. More incentives (cash offsets) and improved system (online tracking) from DPU or NM for homeowners and businesses to invest in infrastructure that improve gas efficiency, reduce water waste, improve HVAC systems, encourage composting and reduce other methane producing items in landfills, etc. Transition electric generation from coal to renewables (hydro, individual or massive solar farms). The cost must be at least marginally matched with less efficient methods or else nothing will change.
- Electricity from renewable sources Water saving solution (access to tray water, rain collection....)
- Better use of resources. People more engaged in taking care of resources
- I would expect that a sustainable and resilient LA would be working to be more self-sufficient, reducing its costs and dependence on external infrastructure/services, and working to optimize practices both informally and perhaps via ordinances or other means, to encourage efficiency, reduction of waste, reduction of environmental impacts and so on. When we have residential water restrictions in effect on the mesas, and DPU is putting out reminders about best practices for lawn watering and the like, I find it concerning to see apartment complexes watering at high noon with significant overspray onto paved roads, pooling, and other waste. I have greater concerns when I see similar watering-at-high-noon going on at the golf course, schools, or other county operated properties. LA and LA county should be acting as role models for the water conservation practices they want LA county residents to be following. Being in a land-limited and somewhat isolated location, LA county spends money shipping trash and recyclables out of town, and many other things have to be brought in. As just one of many examples I frequently encounter, it pains me to see local LA county restaurants that still provide styrofoam single-use cups, which in other U.S. states and regions have been all-but-gone for decades already -- there are certainly cases where a styrofoam cup is needed, but I hate to see that as the default, it should rather be the exception... In other mountainous regions like Switzerland that have similar challenges (rocky terrain, high costs associated with trash, etc) recycling and avoidance of trash generation is taken very seriously. There are lessons to be learned there that seem to be particularly relevant for LA county. Given NM's relatively low population density in comparison with other states that can more easily make use of nuclear power, after having moved to Los Alamos, I find myself keenly aware of the fact that wasted electricity immediately becomes soot in the sky somewhere. As such, I would want to eliminate trivially evident waste from

excessively bright and/or poorly designed light fixtures that are left on all night every night. I'm sure that given the aging houses in many parts of LA county and the ongoing increases in peak temperatures, there are significant opportunities for county residents to improve efficiency of their HVAC systems, insulation, windows, and other upgrades that would have a direct and significant impact on gas/electric usage. When I bought my house in LA county, I was surprised that its interior lighting was still largely composed of incandescent lights, something I had entirely replaced in my previous house in Illinois already 20 years ago. From what I've seen of other houses in LA county, many have not taken advantage of even very easy opportunities to improve energy efficiency thus far.

- Depends on your definitions and government actions. From the questions in this survey I would guess LA would be poorer and a much less pleasant place to live.
- For residents to voluntarily practice using less and energy & resources (eg not watering excessively) but not by governmental mandates.
- The same way it does now.
- Affordable housing, standard rainwater and grey water catchment systems on every building, water usage regulations and higher prices on municipal water use. Incentives to get contractors committed to doing work on upgrading local homes and buildings to move them away from gas. Residential and municipal solar.
- a nightmare
- One where local government uses its tax base to promote a resilient private business base rather than waste it on climate action activities
- ?
- More walkable with public transit options that provide a highly compelling alternative to driving.
 - Electricity provided solely through renewable energy
 - Investments into improving green spaces to offset the urban heat island effect
 - Large investments into reforesting some of the burn scars, but in a way that avoids future fuel risks
- Continued reliance on natural gas with a more gradual transition to alternative energy sources as infrastructures are properly developed, engineered and matured.
- Simple environmental protections in balance with reasonable public use
- Maybe more Tesla's and fewer big pickups. I assume there will be more mini-splits, but that shouldn't be a big change visually.
- Nuclear energy
- A community that focuses on supporting expanding that research base on the climate.
- One where science and not politics influences policy
- One that takes common sense approaches that don't bankrupt our county.
- Abundant and inexpensive domestically produced fossil fuels
- More renewable resource use
- A city run on solar and wind power, reduce greenhouse, gas emissions, encourage electric vehicles, fast chargers, around town, electric powered city buses, tear down old buildings and build new energy, efficient ones. Penalize building owners that keep their buildings empty and not up to code. A city of the future! A compost center and compost pick up. Incentives for people to put solar panels on their houses, incentives for people to collect rainwater. Reduce plastic use, all businesses and Smiths should use compostable, takeout containers, food, containers, cutlery, straws, you name it.

- Making sure all residents can still afford their energy bills — don't do things that make bills too high
- A community with bus service from Santa Fe and Espanola to reduce vehicles coming up the hill. The Lab would encourage bus riding vs driving to its employees. Homeowners encouraged to adopt solar.
- Save money and resources by using natural gas and fossil fuels and minimizing construction of wind and solar farms, Both are much more costly and destructive to the environment.
- Affordable energy from numerous sources. Everyone should benefit from renewable energy and no one, including middle class folks, should suffer from the cold or heat because they cannot afford to pay for renewable energy.
- Stop building housing.
- More local resources, so residents didn't have to go off the hill or online shop for needs.
- Trying to conserve water, only watering early morning or late night. As water infrastructure is replaced in the county, put in two lines and use the processed sewer water and pipe it through the community for watering lawns, trees, etc. A red and green water line.

Question 9: The state of New Mexico has a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 45% by 2030 (compared to 2005 baseline levels). This ambitious goal will require implementing new regulations and programs across major emissions sectors, including transportation, buildings (electricity and natural gas), and solid waste. Compared to the state target, Los Alamos County's target should be....

Take no action - please elaborate below.

- True Science does NOT support climate change. We need more CO2 to sustain life !
- This will control the way we live! This plan is will steal our freedoms
- Climate change is a fraudulent way to control residents.
- Taking action will only create angry citizens.
- The state's goal is based on false and flawed data and assumptions
- County-level governments should not take on this task.
- If climate change is real, why would it matter what Los Alamos did? We aren't going to change the pollution created by China and India.
- Los Alamos should work on modernizing their aged infrastructure and systems, then they would be better equipped to tackle these goals: Electric Vehicles, electrification throughout the county
- Does not matter since India and China wag the world
- self explanatory
- Let the market, not the government, decide winners and losers.
- Stop wasting resources
- The state of NM goal is ridiculous, with little hope of implementation because of the poverty in this state.
- Los Alamos County should take the initiative to be an example, not a regulator. Once lessons are learned the populous will be more inclined to take additional voluntary actions.
- Action needed beyond LAC's capability.

- if the plan is electric vehicles and wind turbines solar panel they are worse for the environment which makes no sense. Destroy more to help who the electric elite the government who is selling bad ideas and more debt.
- There is no problem with people being responsible and doing the right thing. But all of you self righteous people need to encourage people to do better not try and force things down their throats.
- Let the individuals deal with it as they see fit
- We already can't keep small businesses as is.
- Waste of money with minimal effect.
- Proposed actions to reduce greenhouse gases are not effective and waste of money.
- What regulations or mandates. Not voting for this one until I know what the drafts look like.
- This theory of climate change is false.
- Gavin Newsom has his penis so far up Michelle Lujan Grisham's anus its amazing her voice doesn't sound like his. Get a governor who doesn't aim to be Kamala 2.0 and then seek what reasonable people want. Don't listen to the activists, listen to the grand parents of the people who pay the taxes.
- climate change is a hoax
- This is a scheme to apply more taxes to NM citizens when nature can resolve perceived problems
- More regulations will make life more difficult. Fossil fuel supply 30 to 40 percent of NM money. What is going to replace that?
- You do realize that water is the most abundant green house gas, right? It's worse than CO2 and methane combined. Why would you want to get rid of it?
- Life is based on CO2, quality science is needed before any action.
- Putting all ones eggs in one basket historically is a bad idea. Furthermore electric/green energy storage has not caught up to demand and very expensive and does nothing to lower our carbon footprint as it shifts the footprint elsewhere
- Until there is a realistic plan to actually get to zero emissions we would just be wasting money without fixing the problem.
- Greenhouse gas emissions is not an issue
- dont need any more government in my life
- See above comment. What LA does is inconsequential.
- Climate change impacts are propaganda
- Los alamos needs to focus on housing it's community.
- Not everyone can afford an electric car OR the expense of getting a charging station installed at their home.
- MLG is actively destroying New Mexico for her own benefit. We should do nothing to support her.
- According to NASA, the earth has warmed 1.8 degrees F since the 1880s. It would seem that there are more important priorities to keep Los Alamos county sustainable and resilient than to spend our tax dollars on this. The climate is always changing. Data shows that there are not more hurricanes and adverse weather events than in the past and the number of wildfires overall have actually decreased. The increase in intensity and size of wildfires is due to years in which prescribed burning was halted causing an overgrowth of easily ignitable fuels. And most causes are human started followed by lightning. Climate exists in cycles. Warmer than normal

weather is affected by volcanic eruptions both in the ocean and on land and by a cyclical period we are in. What will be the discussion when we enter a colder than normal cycle?

- No need for action.
- None required
- Implementing more regulations is harmful to the taxpayer.

Question 10: Please elaborate on why you believe this should be Los Alamos County's target. (Open response)

- We R a town built on Science. We should be the leader
- With LANL as our powerhouse, the Los Alamos community is in a unique position when compared to other towns across the country -- we are already nationally recognized for the Manhattan Project and our continued work towards advancing science and national security; this means that Los Alamos has an opportunity to become a model city for other communities across the country. If done correctly, we may spark real change with our continued excellence. HOWEVER, any cost incurred to community members should be thought over carefully and, ideally, offset by other means. Though I'm not aware of the power that local governments have over taxes, enacting a "give-and-take" strategy towards reaching this ambitious target would ensure that political blowback is minimized. When determining the cost investment necessary in becoming a national leader in climate action, PLEASE hold multiple easily-accessible and well-advertised town halls. If you include us in your decision making, face-to-face where our collective humanity is most apparent, you reduce the chances of all your hard work being torn down a decade from now when new people are in power -- see as reference the UK's fall from climate leadership, along with many other European nations where near-authoritarian climate policies sparked a harsh policy reversal mere years after they were first put in place.
- The theory of climate change caused by CO2 emissions relies on computer models that have proven to be unreliable. They cannot predict the present climate, and past predictions have not been accurate.
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- There are a lot of smart people. Why they are not questioning the agenda is beyond me. It is embarrassing how all the PhD's and scientists living here and blindly believe there is a "climate problem" when 300 scientists specializing in climate issues across the world have proven there

is no climate problem. Using this issue to usher in the 2030 Agenda by the WEF is unbelievably corrupt. Is there any integrity and critical thinking and research left in this town?

- Solar panels last for only a short time. Then they are thrown in our landfills and they don't break down. Wind farms kill thousands of endangered birds of prey every year. Remember the fiasco in TX with the ice storms?? Wind/solar are not dependable. Electric vehs aren't the answer either-look at the harm to the environment to create the batteries for the vehs, absolute atrocious!!!
- Because Los Alamos should lead the way in science, not political science.
- LAC has the most resources per capita of any NM county, covers a small geographical area, and is a well educated community. We can't achieve significant improvements, who can?
- As a wealthy/privileged county we have additional responsibility to exceed these goals
- We don't want or need to be controlled. The climate change hoax is not about our environment but about controlling the people toward agenda 2030 and supporting the WEFs goals of control.
- It should not
- We have the resources to lead.
- We have more educated people than in many other communities. We should lead the way.
- As a nation we are already far ahead of developing nations, China and India, who produce many times the emissions we do, so making our lives more expensive to reduce a microscopic % of global emissions is insanity. We need to focus on the real problem. Not virtue signal.
- The target should be to increase availability of fossil fuels in the county and do not force people to go electric.
- It should NOT!
- Climate change is an underestimate threat to the ability of people to live in this landscape.
- Having a mixture of mechanisms give the best probability of success.
- We have limited resources. We are more susceptible to drought. We have the brainpower and a forward thinking community. We have the opportunity to showcase what can be accomplished.
- Relocating emissions, mining, and waste to other less prosperous countries is quite the virtue signal. We care so much! Not.
- It's pretty wordy already. We're relatively rich and should devote some of our excess to improving the world.
- Alignment with the state gives us a starting point and allows us to move up to more ambitious goals rather than stumbling out of the blocks.
- Less government control of individuals to make their own decisions
- Los Alamos should be the leader in the state for all things.
- To reach any target, natural science (of behavior) tells us that the more methods are NON-coercive, the more successful they will be.
- Where did the 45% number come from? let's go for 50%! Look, the sooner we stop putting GHGs into the atmosphere, the more likely we will have a future that looks like today. More GHG means more temperature increase, greater climate disruption, and more cost in the long run.
- Los Alamos is known for its science and could be well-positioned to be a leader and role model.
- We have motivated, intelligent people here.
- I do believe that change is needed, but feel the State has made goals without due and proper consideration. As the State is truly one of the lowest median gross income states in the nation, reaching their goals comes at a higher costs than I think they really understand. Similarly,

Council must consider the true day-to-day costs on the average family, some of which do not work at LANL and can afford slightly higher tax bills. As much as the area needs real workers, teachers, etc., implementing lofty goals can be devastating to regular working class families.

- Los Alamos should be a leader of the State with its level of education. The risk is resentment because others in New Mexico do not get paid as much as Lab employees. Others cannot afford electric vehicles, using less water, etc.
- County government is just one layer of government, so County should restrict itself to true County business and leave "higher" level business to state and fed.
- Los Alamos, with it's high amount of scientists and engineers, should be on the forefront of both science and engineering. What this looks like is being a leader in promoting climate change actions. Simple things such as expanded safe bike infrastructure and public transit options would fall into this category but could also include larger projects such as investments into renewable energy sources for our utilities. Los Alamos, the city on the hill, should be looked to as an example on what to do and should not accept the status quo, instead should challenge it and be the beacon to which other cities even outside of New Mexico look to. Additionally, being a smaller city gives us the opportunity to enact large change without the larger upfront costs that larger cities may have.
- Realistically we should let the state work through the challenges and benefits of going first so we can then logically plan to avoid lessons learned. We also need enough time to ensure infrastructure is in place to accommodate large shifts in fleet and equipment and give vendors that same breathing room. Mandates will create dissension and more division of political views.
- the current system is aged with a lot of is passed or coming to the end of its lifespan, making the system less reliable in multiple areas. and this problem grows every year we dont aggressively replace infrastructure.
- This town is already very low greenhouse. If anything it is the lab that needs to be put on notice to reduce by the county.
- Leading statement. Why have any target on something that does not matter
- This county already prides itself on climate initiatives. We have a highly educated population capable of doing what is needed. I believe most people of Los Alamos would want to be recognized as a leader in this arena.
- Because whatever Los Alamos shoe size is if we decide to try on a smaller size (footprint) its not going to stop foreign countries who have few to little regulations. Their footprint is the size of sasquach and I dont see him wearing tiny stilettos anytime soon.
- There is no emergency. Actions should be carefully thought out and realistically evaluated.
- We should be leading in the state. With great resources (our outstanding people) comes great responsibility.
- Because Los Alamos is home to so many bright scientists. It would only fit that it exceeds climate expect
- As a science-based community, Los Alamos should lead on this issue.
- The County Council talks a lot but there's never much positive action. County employees don't care since most of them do no live here.
- Los Alamos needs to set an example for the rest of the State
- We are a fairly affluent and small community, which would allow us to make more impacts compared to other towns and cities. We also have an enormous energy usage through the lab. If we want to counter that usage, we need the most ambitious goals possible for the county side.

- The changes will be expensive. Not everyone can afford some of the changes.
- You are wasting people's time and money with a problem that doesn't exist
- Los Alamos is a center of innovation in this country. We should use that lineage to be at the forefront of sustainability and clean energy sources.
- More rules and regulations to follow just slows everyone down and more everything more tedious. More bureaucracy and less progress.
- If NM actually met this goal that would be a large step forward.
- I believe that Los Alamos is in a strong economic position, and ideal size to test methods of sustainability, that could be used as an example to other towns and cities.
- A town like Los alamos should lead innovation
- LA already has high costs of energy and waste, this is itself a disincentive into over use of gas and electricity. LA should incentivize solar home.
- We should atop wasting money and energy on contrived problems.
- We should be aiming to completely eliminate gas emissions by 2030, not just reduce them by 45%
- New climate policy will only increase costs and take away freedom
- LA is small, and has a small foot print by its self. LANL will not be required to fall in line with this, and our neighboring community's will not have the resources to do the same and with that will not follow or enforce the regulations. being that more than half the work force comes from off the hill, its a great wish and want. Try as much as the governor wants, it will not happen in our life time.
- We have limited resources and I believe a majority of the community want to help our environment.
- I live in a 1952 house going more towards wood I probably pollute more. More ambitious would drive me into poverty.
- What it is now. If you have several county trucks cruising around now just billing time, then you should get rid of the employees or programs they support and you won't have the waste. But, the county only employees friends and family of people that live off the hill, so the need for them to travel up here also is a waste.
- This is a small community (Los Alamos and White Rock). There are a lot of folks here with high incomes from the lab and the county. Their money should be invested back into the community.
- Los Alamos has access to a great deal of technology which can be applied to the county and lab infrastructure first. Solar panels on and in new construction; reusable waste streams in county and new housing; window coatings that provide solar energy in buildings and homes; and an aggressive effort to plant trees that absorb CO2 and help cool the excessive concrete.
- the last thing we need is vehicle emission standards here. that wont fly, not everyone has a tesla or the means to charge electric vehicles
- The goal should be to create less waste and not throw money at harmful policies that only punish the poorer people in our community
- People still look to Los Alamos to lead on issues of scientific concern. We should set an example for how a sustainable community can be run.
- Los Alamos residents have the resources to do more and they have more to loose in terms of the forested surroundings.

- Energy prices are only going to rise. We need to mitigate this every way we can, from fuel use to utility load.
- Los Alamos County has a surplus of funds that can be used to benefit the county instead of lining the coffers of our corrupt County Board Members.
- Los Alamos seems to lead the state in every aspect, why not reducing greenhouse gas emissions as well?
- Climate change is weak and mostly natural.
- It's Important.
- Should not be exactly like the state. Should take into consideration the area/geography/topography of Los Alamos County and adjust. Costs in Los Alamos are already higher than the rest of the state (building permits, etc). It would drive the cost of living in Los Alamos even higher than it is now. Taxes would increase also. We are already seeing hikes in utilities.
- I believe that Los Alamos is a symbol to northern New Mexico and should strive to stay on the cusp of advancement and change.
- Action needed beyond LAC's capability.
- I think we are a town built on science and innovation and coming up with innovative solutions to a global issue.
- Some families can't afford the extra costs associated with buying electric vehicles or solar panels to off set our carbon foot print. A lot of homes in Los Alamos are very old and aren't insulated very well. So those homes will use a lot more energy for heating and cooling.
- Those who believe climate is a problem and can be substantially influenced by human action should move closer to their supply chain; away from Los Alamos.
- We should be a role-model for the rest of New Mexico, because we have LANL as a fantastic resource! Also, the income in our county is high enough to support any required changes. Lower income people will need to receive help!
- It's difficult to take this seriously when those on top who tout climate change do so from their private planes.
- If we are home to one of the most innovative national labs - we should as a community lead innovation and technology that supports a long term sustainable way of living.
- Los Alamos is a unique community and it would benefit all involved.
- Los Alamos with its intelligent scientific community should set the standard for the state.
- We have more resources than other communities.
- LAC is primarily a scientific community. It has the potential & and capability to take a lead in trying to set an example for the rest of the state. We all owe this to the rest of the state.
- Los Alamos county is one of the country's richest and smartest people. We can afford to be leaders in sustainability.
- The cost of living in Los Alamos is too burdensome as it is. I don't think it would be wise to add extra "green" costs
- Los Alamos has always had the drive and financial means to excel and be at the top or near the top when it comes to these types of initiatives.
- Only by taking the lead does on par get accomplished. Taking the lead creates hope.
- LA should be pioneering the future of sustainable fuels.

- Solar array covered parking and when reroofing buildings use solar roofing material. Electric scooter depots each mile or 2 on main streets.
- I believe that the climate situation is dire and it is in complete ignorance of reality to think that the lives of humans are not in eminent danger if the green house gases are to continue as they are or get worse. I do not ask that Los Alamos county do more than the state asks of them, but I beg that we do at least that.
- As an affluent and science based community, we should be setting higher standards of accountability, and taking more aggressive actions to reach a more sustainable future,
- The federal government goal is more ambitious.
- It should have been the goal to reach that long ago. This is the county is at the forefront of innovation at the laboratory but the county infrastructure is not. The roads could be better maintained and the traffic patters and roads coming and going to LA could work much better to help the flow to and from town. The lack of renewable resources is unbelievable. There could be solar parking covers and car charging at most every county buildings. Places like the fire stations and newer county buildings that aren't going somewhere should have these.
- Los Alamos should be a leader in how to react to scientific information. That we are not is to our shame.
- As a community of scientists and engineers we should be a model of innovation
- Since you are wasting our tax dollars on community nukes you should spend some of it locally on projects that actually benefits us NOW.
- Los Alamos should be a front runner in setting example. We have a population willing to take these steps.
- Los Alamos County has more resources to be more ambitious. We could set an example for the rest of the state for what is possible and also how it can be scaled back so that more communities can afford to take climate change action. If Los Alamos County tried various initiatives then other communities can learn from us and there would be hope for a better future.
- We're one of the wealthiest counties in the state with a host of well-educated scientists. We should be able to innovate and lead on this front.
- I don't think the government should force the citizens to don something they don't want to do. Allow people to make the decisions on what is important to them.
- We are a county with more resources and people who really care about science and technology.
- smaller territory and more affluent population
- Electrification of the county will put a strain on all existing infrastructure. homeowners would have to do costly renovations and purchase electric equipment. the county would have to build a transmission line into the county just to carry the increased load. the county would have to replace all existing distribution lines in the county just to supply businesses and neighborhoods.
- We are the leader in technology and have the workforce to sustain. We already have a shortage of chargers in town and making more chargers attainable for charges and economical will allow those that commute to naturally change over.
- LAC has the resources and knowledgebase to do this.
- Mandates are difficult to enforce. Education may be a better path.
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- I believe that everyone should recycle and keep our environment clean and healthy, plant more trees and gardens and align ourselves with nature. Thats enough.

- It's best to lead by example. And we have more resources to do so than most other communities.
- Los Alamos is a scientific community with plenty of financial and human resources to lead the state and perhaps the nation in this area.
- Some of the brightest state citizens live here and we should be leading by example.
- State's goal seems ambitious.
- We're a scientific community and we should be leading the way to follow what science tells us.
- Los Alamos is a wealthy and well educated community that should understand the importance and be willing to make necessary investments. Although small, there is no reason Los Alamos should not be a leader in responding to the climate urgency.
- We all have to do our part. But, I am somewhat hesitant about regulations and mandates. I do what I personally think is important and that I can afford to do - walk to work, limit water and electric usage, solarize my camper, etc. But, I think there is a lot of low hanging fruit for the county outside of mandates.
- Los Alamos is relatively rich and should be a leader in the state and the country.
- We tend to think we are a community of smart people. Are we? How about using all that brainpower as an example?
- Because the people of this country are knowledgeable and forward-thinking.
- We are a science based community; we are an affluent community; we can and should lead.
- Intelligent community with many educated inoavaibe people who can help lead the way
- I believe this effort has a lot of community support. I know quite a few citizens are already taking measures in their own homes to reduce green house emissions through composting, solar power panels, induction stoves. Public transportation seems very popular along with biking.
- LA County is a wealthy county and we have the Lab as a partner in this so I believe we should spend the money and become the leaders we are capable of being. I also believe we owe this extra effort to our surrounding pueblos and downstream residents who have historically suffered at the hand of the Lab and its experiments/unintended consequences of their work.
- The state goal appears ambitious but accessible. So I feel Los Alamos County should keep pace.
- To many variables and doesn't address the root cause of worldwide population
- The science is abundant and clear: it is critical (and most effective) to make maximum effort ASAP to reduce GHG emissions. A 45% reduction in emissions by 2030 is too little too late. Temperatures are already shooting up locally and globally, and the most cost-effective (and life-saving!) approach is to do as much as possible as soon as possible.
- Right now the politics is running ahead of the science.
- We are the most educated county in NM, perhaps the US, so we should be able to bring change to our own immunity. We also have a higher Democratic than Republican base.
- Need more information
- The state goal seems ambitious and if Los Alamos County can keep pace, than good on us!
- We can do at least as well as the rest of the state, probably better.
- We have many resources at hand. We should find ways to safely and responsibly utilize these resources and not go with only one at the exclusion of the others. There are benefits to using a mix of resources and we have the capability to learn ways, utilize our combined resources to come up with a workable plan.
- That is a respectable goal in the given time and Los Alamos has the resources to demonstrate this can be successfully achieved.

- It's the right thing to do. And, cost investments should be paid off longer-term through improved efficiency.
- There are highly educated people in the county and if they were willing they could figure out how to reduce their individual carbon footprints. But this would cost money, so I'm not convinced it would be popular (even though this is a rich county overall). Plus, these same minds could make suggestions for improvements in general. Requiring better building methods, for instance, or giving up on so much "convenience", such as bottled water from the store and plastic shopping bags.
- Politics is the driver for such programs, not science. The politics will change, but any adopted regulations or policies will remain, and likely be devastating. Los Alamos County representatives do not listen to the concerns of the community members. They seem to always find a way to get what they want, even if the constituents have voted against previous measures. The necessary infrastructure improvements will not be achieved efficiently or effectively and projects will fail. The only near-term change that may be beneficial and could have a positive impact would be to allow homeowners more leniency in installing solar panels.
- See response to question #8
- It is our duty to be a pinnacle beacon of what humanity can strive for. While it isn't on a grand scale like other major cities we can show in this small collective what we can do to persevere if we put our minds to it and hopefully spread this idea out to everyone else I know that we have an abundance of resources and other things that other place lack but we can really still show that with the proper government funding and community backing and such we can achieve anything and everything to better our world
- Because the electrical system can not handle that much load that it would require that soon without sufficient upgrades to the system.
- I think the transportation system or route needs to be looked at pushed through for shorter commutes and reduce the number of accidents coming up the main hill. Have alternatives to get evacuated off the hill in an emergency.
- Nothing will be done to change climate change, unless it is required , and punished if not done.
- The states climate change action and policy is aimed to fund and make rich the corporations who manufacture the "Green Energy" products. The "GREENEST" energy of the future is nuclear. Until that is on the table to be considered, the policies are a BIG FAT LIE.
- Individual contributions to climate change are trivial compared to business cases and should therefor be of no concern to the county.
- Please refer to answer on question number 7.
- I don't know enough about the target and the date.
- Our housing infrastructure here in LA is old and needs major overhauls to meet modern conservation standards. Most houses are not properly insulated or heated causing waste and inefficiency every winter. Most houses have electrical safety problems (old wiring and cotton/paper insulation). The example that comes to mind here is that if you are driving a car from the 1950s. You do not need to upgrade to a brand new electric car right away to help the environment. Simply upgrading to a 2010 car would be a massive improvement for safety and emissions. The same can be said of housing here in LA.
- Efforts reduce greenhouse gas emissions should have been undertaken decades ago, but they weren't. Now we need aggressive action.

- Los Alamos is a county full of scientists who should understand the potential catastrophe related to climate change. As such, they should assist in leading the charge to not simply be "good enough", but better.
- Los Alamos county is the epitome of white privilege. People in Los Alamos need to accept that their shit stinks, that they don't know everything, and that a lot of white people in other places have a valid "lived experience". You don't have to be a BIPOC to have a valid reason to hate the 1%.
- We understand the importance of reducing our consumption of fossil fuels and we have the resources to make the transition.
- Aging houses, lack of professionals makes it hard to help create for our privately owned houses
- It is a fine goal.
- Don't get pushy. Make opportunities to improve but no mandates without county population approval.
- I think the 2030 goal may turn out to be overly optimistic, but Los Alamos should participate in the state effort, not try to reinvent the wheel.
- Not sure that it should be a target.....need more conversation on expectations and impacts to families.
- LANL High per capita income
- As the richest per capita county in the state, Los Alamos should be leading New Mexico in identifying, developing, and implementing regionally appropriate climate actions and facilitating the larger state and regional climate actions.
- I just told you
- I think it should be everyone's target.
- it will be a hard sell for some in the community, so it's better to be on par than ahead
- This county is filthy rich compared to the rest of the state and has the education and resources to be a leader in change.
- Climate is going to change regardless, we shouldn't do things that will tank the economy
- Because the Climate Change science is filled with Junk Science to promote a tax scheme.
- It should not be our Target
- As a community of scientists, we need to lead by example
- 50%
- Los Alamos should be a leader in climate action.
- Los Alamos County should be TRYING to get homeowners to install solar instead of creating roadblocks to keep this from happening. It should not take MONTHS to get a permit from County on this.
- unintended consequences from extreme reactions to climate change hurt us more than the original problem
- It would benefit the County as well as the surrounding area and is going to be a future requirement anyway to reduce our resource usage.
- I need to understand how the state's target was set; what science and economics are the foundation for setting this target? What are the science and economics for Los Alamos and how do they compare with the state's?
- We have money that others don't as well as smaller geography to deal with

- Government's role is to protect the Liberty of its citizens. If citizens do not voluntarily decarbonize, a likely reason is because the costs - economic or otherwise - outweigh the perceived benefits. This survey assumes that climate change is catastrophic, but fewer people are threatened by climate today than ever before thanks to human engineering and climate mastery. It also assumes the only solution is to cripple its citizens' access to affordable and reliable energy. This has far more consequences to the welfare of Los Alamos citizens than climate change ever will.
- We need to be better neighbors to the rest of our state. Working alongside them for a common goal would help.
- Requirements like policies for many green energy can cause problems if done in a manner which causes people to run out and buy new appliances. Not all of us are considered rich.
- Saving the planet!
- Water is needed for life, as is CO2. Stop pandering to politicians talking points about reducing green house gases without first educating your self on what a "green house" gas is... water is the worst culprit, but no politician/scientist is going to admit that fact.
- Again... no actual statement of actions. Cannot determine impacts or targets. Targets are fine. But eventually, the rubber needs to hit the road. Not just pie in the sky targets. Los Alamos County has a national nuclear lab to operate which requires huge amounts of energy to run. Without this lab, there is no LA County. We don't have area to build housing, so we don't have it to build acres and acres of solar farm and we don't want wind turbines everywhere (ugly). Build us a nuclear power plant and then go from there.
- We are one of the richest and most well educated county in the US.
- I think this is a reach goal, however feel that doing more than this is important, tho it just may not be possible
- Climate Change is an existential threat to humanity.
- We should lead because we understand the consequences.
- The science is not well done and is fraught with controversy. Conflicting peer reviewed papers are not published. Scientists are black listed and shunned. Climate change has become a mantra and close to a religion it does not stand up to scientific principles.
- Los Alamos is the most prosperous county in New Mexico and unlike most communities, has the financial and technical resources to implement such a plan. Los Alamos should lead the State of New Mexico on climate change due to it's resources and relative small area.
- It is do-able.
- The question is whether the target includes the lab or not. For the county alone, it would be good to the trade-offs of being more aggressive than the state as Los Alamos is a fairly isolated and small county.
- State goal is an average impact of all communities within it's boundary. Because we are the wealthiest county, we owe it to the rest of the state to offset the poorer communities that will have a harder time meeting the state's goal.
- The target needs to be effectively zero NET emissions and should be the goal from the outset. Anything else will just not solve the problem, waste time, and ensure the waste of vast amounts of money.
- Spending enormous amounts of money to reduce carbon emissions will have no measurable effect on temperatures. Better to spend on reducing methane emissions. Spending money on adaptation is vastly more cost effective.. There is no evidence that severe weather events have

become more frequent or more severe. The planet has become greener because of higher CO2 concentration.

- Force feeding change does not have buy in from residents. Prepare the infrastructure first so the change is an easy choice for affected residents.
- LA should not mandate anything, leave that to state and feds.
- Recognize that individuals can help with some life-style changes.
- The State could meet this goal by shifting their forest management to stop setting the forests on fire. There were 4 wildfires started by controlled burns in 2022 in northern NM. Also, stop making it impossible to live. We're not all trust fund babies.
- We have more resources than any other county in New Mexico, and we keep giving away land to whoever is friends with a County Councilor. Seriously, if we can subsidize the Smith's Marketplace, we could put some solar panels up in the parking lot.
- Los Alamos has the educational base to provide expertise and practice for technologies. With the geographic location, we are ideally situated to enact technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- We are a community with more resources than the average community in resources. We should lead
- National Security is LANL's core mission, and the town of Los Alamos must support this in ways the lab cannot.
- Our low population and small size will not have a substantial impact on climate change, regardless of what we do.
- More education regarding recycling and encouragement to do so. Encouragement for LANL employees to use the bus systems to reduce emissions and reduce traffic on our limited roads. Increase trim cart pickups during high brush and limb removal times.
- Los Alamos has the talent, funding and support of its citizens to make a big impact.
- Because we are supposed to be smart here
- Climate change is due to global influences (pollution). It makes no sense to make decisions that have adverse financial impact on some residents 'out of principal'.
- I believe Los Alamos has already done a lot in this regard, more investment would be a waste of tax payer dollars
- More free market solutions and principles; less government regulation
- Los Alamos should not have a target. The county may have a target for itself, but it is inappropriate to be dictating to residents what car they drive, and where they get their heating fuel. It is also insensitive to the culture of northern New Mexico.
- Current climate change is natural and will only be impacted negatively by actions to control atmosphere
- The majority of Los Alamos County is blessed with financial resources greatly above the majority of communities in the state. Frankly, we can afford it. The community was founded as a way to support the pushing of scientific boundaries in face of the existential threat of fascism. We should carry on legacy in our response to this generation's existential threat, climate change.
- Hosting a national lab should mean that we are working toward helping the future of our community and planet through science-based data and are helping implement changes to reduce climate change impact

- action this decade is imperative to mitigate temperature increases and adverse on people in Los Alamos and globally
- We have enough trouble with affordable in this very expensive town. DICTATING change has unintended consequences.
- We have an educated, scientific community that can understand the need for changes--most of the changes, like driving EVs, are affordable and FUN
- We claim we're a science-oriented town full of highly educated people, so we should be acting based on the science. We're also much richer than most counties in the state, so we can afford to try new climate-friendly technologies before our poorer neighbors.
- We have the resources and an educated population that understands the need and responsibility to make efforts towards a sustainable future.
- If this educated and once practical community cannot offer examples of radical reduction and transformation away from fossil fuels, we don't deserve to live here.
- We are a leader in the DOE national labs, to not be a leader in climate change resiliency would be an embarrassment to our scientific mission and our position as a leader in international scientific research.
- The state target is extremely ambitious, and just meeting it here would take a major effort. We have more resources here than most communities, and funding should be easier.
- More educated community with and more economical resources than majority of New Mexico
- The State's target is unrealistic unless the State is willing to fund the costs involved with attaining that goal. Individuals in this state cannot afford the financial burden of that kind of goal.
- Reduce the population.
- Because the DOE lab is here. We should be an example to other communities
- China is building 150 coal fired plants and have plans for 250 more. India is doing similar things. The US has reduced its carbon footprint substantially. The costs that will be forced on us by the state are untenable.
- LAC has the resources and knowledge to be a leader in this realm. We can take a strong stance and lead other communities.
- We have the money and brainpower to be a leader
- The state of NM goals are a pipe dream and will only lead to less effective actions taken too fast. NM 2018 GHG emissions are 50% higher than 2005 which means the goal calls for a 63 percent reduction from 2018 levels. That's preposterous. See: https://cnee.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/New-Mexico-GHG-Inventory-and-Forecast-Report_2020-10-27_final.pdf
- It makes sense to me that Los Alamos county should keep pace with state guidelines
- That goal is a politically based stunt, from a third world state. New Mexico's oil and gas resources are all the state has.
- Because commuting is emitting massive amounts of carbon and services are needed.
- What's good for NM is good for Los Alamos County.
- By its nature, Los Alamos is and should be a leader.
- I'd prefer to be more ambitious but I'd like to be pragmatic, as well. NM's targets are already relatively ambitious and we seem to be trying to keep pace with Calif., as well... at least I think that's the case.

- To many questions about supposed sustainable practices- how to dispose of wind turbines, electric capacity and reliability and EV battery disposal. Lithium production
- 2030 is already too far - step it up
- It's necessary, we experience last summer, we have no time and need to act now.
- Los Alamos has a responsibility to show that alongside LANL and it's environmental impact, sustainable measures are crucial.
- We can't even solve the issues we're facing now that are of more importance to the community such as aging infrastructure, extremely high cost of living, housing, affordable housing, etc.
- To believe we can control the different climate cycles the earth goes through does not make any sense!! A true study of the different historical periods the earth has gone through (ice ages, warming ages, etc) shows us people had zero impact as these periods happened. A number of Nobel Laureates have testified to this. Computer models are not real science. They are just theory's. There are many examples of their failures. In just the last 50-60 years there have been many doomsday proclamations that have all been lies and failures to come to pass. Climate Change is a big gift for government money.
- LANL partners with the LA County. Since LANL is a national laboratory funded by the US government, LANL and the County should promote utilization of emerging technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Los Alamos County has the scientific acumen and talent to lead in climate action
- Los Alamos is a national leader in many aspects with LANL being located here. We should also be a leader in climate action. This would benefit not only Los Alamos but surrounding communities and the region as a whole. As climate threats continue to increase, we should be taking the initiative to mitigate these impacts in any way possible.
- We have so many scientists, high wages, and a Department of ENERGY facility here!
- The DOE should be leading the countries efforts to transition to clean energy sources and to build resiliency to climate impacts. With a flagship DOE lab as the center of town / business, Los Alamos should also be leading that charge.
- We are a rural state with many outlying communities that are poor. We need to provide people with energy options that will not rob the poor of cheaper energy options they can afford. We do not live in a country where you can "mandate your agenda" if it abridges the US Constitution.
- The state has unrealistic expectations. Our state has many rural areas that will suffer due to this agenda. This state does not have the infrastructure to support "an all electric" agenda. The poor, of which there are many in this state, will suffer.
- I disagree with the premise, being the reduction of CO2 by artificial means. Nothing absorbs CO2 better than vegetation, and yet the county wants to persuade me than at least some (there is no reason) efforts should include artificial solutions.
- This is a political plot. We should take care of the people and environment of the county.
- Marking more "programs" increases cost and generally sees little actual climate benefit.
- We need to be smart. Not ambitious. Do good programs, do them right and show impact. Don't rush and do stupid things and waste money/time.
- These goals are mostly derived from political science rather than developing a plan based upon all scientific data.
- Keep pace or even exceed
- Emissions are currently at a reasonable and sustainable level. Pursuit of extreme goals cost too much and negatively impact quality of life in our community.

- Los Alamos Co has the funding and the vision to be a leader in the state, and across the nation. We should leverage our incredible resources (including the talented and highly educated residents)
- Taxpayers should not fund a bogus agenda.
- Ridiculous focus when infrastructure and small business support is much, much more important.
- LAC's target should literally be nothing. "Greenhouse gas" is a myth, and you are stupid enough to believe it. CO2 and Carbon are NATURAL AND NOT THE PROBLEM!
- Few places are doing enough. Some places need to step up.
- I don't think Los Alamos is the problem when it comes to emissions in New Mexico.
- Los Alamos has been a cultural Icon for one really big reason for quite some time. I think that it would be powerful to become a new cultural Icon for the whole of the world in a way that is restorative, sustainable, and culturally accountable.
- I feel like we're not really the problem.
- As a science community, we should be a leader in reducing carbon dioxide impacts in the state.
- I don't trust county government, which has taken survey after survey, even gone to the expense of an actual county-wide vote on topics, ONLY TO COMPLETELY IGNORE citizen output. The county also refuses to recognize that a portion of the town's population does not work at the lab or pull in outrageously high salaries. I want solar panels and other such devices, BUT I CANT AFFORD THEM. If the county starts to throw its weight around, I will be forced to move. The county has been hit in court proceedings for its failure to deal above board. That was with a judge watching. I can only imagine what bullying will take place in this area of governance.
- Please, no more regulations. People are transitioning to less polluting as they replace appliances, vehicles etc. forcing rapid replacement just increases pollution as more trash is generated quickly.
- Because it's nothing but a money grab
- Cannot control the weather or many natural disasters.
- Because data shows that most green energy investments cost more than they save, and place unnecessary and useless burdens on the taxpayers. Be good stewards of the environment, but that's it. Climate change is a hoax, why are we going down this money pit?
- The same as New Mexico. That wasn't a choice.
- Any law has to be enforced, otherwise it doesn't make sense
- It should not be.
- To continue our good life and exhibit how things can be done.
- because our County govt is too stupid to know what to do!
- Climate Change is a money grabbing hoax. Obama and AL Gore bought seaside mansions but want us to believe in oceans rising from melted ice masses.
- People participate more in changes if it is voluntary rather than forced.
- because it is the right thing to do
- Los Alamos has more resources than other counties so can afford to do more.
- We have the income level and intellectual capacity to be frontrunners.
- These goals might sound extreme, but from what I have observed since I moved to LA county, existing practices are far behind those of other cities and municipalities where I have lived previously. Since more than half of LANL employees live outside of LA county and commute into

town, I wonder what fraction of the emissions target might be focused on improving efficiency of commuter traffic and the like. It would be informative to know what fraction of emissions are attributable to particular sources, how much can be gained from improvements to vehicular emissions, residential housing efficiency (HVAC, lighting, etc), and other contributors.

- Warming is definitely taking place, but virtually all the horrible predictions of the consequences of increased warming are provably false.
- Our county needs to focus on more pressing issues and evaluate the real cause of "climate change"
- Not having a "equal" check box for the state goals makes this a biased survey.
- Our county is so small that any action will have a negligible effect on climate, but potentially negative effects on our residents.
- In large part people living here have the resources and education to implement innovative and model solutions. We should lead the way as a National lab community dedicated to science and innovation.
- It should not. We run empty buses all over town, burning up fuel, tearing up the roads, paying people to do useless work.
- The over regulation of life in Los Alamos is already showing uncontrolled cost inflation for things like basic utilities with reduced services to the community. Furthering this trajectory in the name of climate change will only erode quality of life for those who live here and quality of service for those that pay taxes here
- Los Alamos is the smallest county in the state
- The State's goals are not realistic!
- I have a feeling that 45% over 25 years will be the natural impact of technologic advancement. Coal power is naturally waning and many things are naturally becoming more energy efficient. I also think that the first big cuts will be fairly easy while cutting more will get progressively harder.
- Because, local action will not affect our local climate...don't be a fool
- Los Alamos has a well educated population, with good technical skills. We should lead the way here, and find the best all around solution.
- This county is already expensive and ridiculous.
- The data does not support the State's position.
- NM goals are set by politics
- I never said I thought this should be the county's target, you did. The bias of this survey is very apparent.
- A few people want to feel good about themselves and they think they know how to spend other people's money better than the person who worked for that money.
- Because greenhouse gas emissions are not a problem. They are greening the planet and making it more habitable
- Climate will always change. Man's response needs to be to assure we have the resources (\$, energy, food supply, etc.) to continue to live comfortably and expand the progress of civilization. Don't shut down our economy and our society for these fantasies.
- We are a more scientific and data based population that the state as a whole

- I believe that as the birthplace of the first atomic bomb, and now a center of top scientific research in the United States, we should be a leader in taking action towards climate change, and be a city run entirely on green power
- We are known to be an educated aware community.
- People are more willing to do things they agree with and can afford.
- Folks don't like change, so regulation is necessary.
- Ambitious action on CC increases the cost of living and makes our community less friendly and less appealing. I am particularly concerned about burdensome costs placed on less wealthy and fixed income residents.
- People need to wake up and see how much propaganda they are being fed.
- Utilities are already high. Need to bring about change in a positive way and not make people suffer or the will not support it.
- Currently, most climate action steps require a higher income or money up front - invest first, incentives later. Middle and lower income families really don't have the ability to do that.
- That's a difficult question. We have such a high poverty rate. In the 80's the federal government did a study that suggested that electricity is cheaper than natural gas. That study was outdated at the time! Electricity is at least 3 times more expensive than natural gas. So mandating that we move to electricity is not favorable for the poor! The government cant always take up the slack and pay everyone's bills. There has to be a happy medium. With all the scientists we have at LANL, can't they work on some sort of filtration system for homes with natural gas and for cars that run on fossil fuel? I personally cannot afford my own electric bill much less an electric car! I'm nearing retirement like many people in the workforce. Paying high electric bills and being required to buy an electric vehicle is not realistic. There has to be other solutions. We all know electricity is NOT reliable, natural gas isn't either. We need to be able to rely on one or the other in outages. One other thing, maybe bring back arbor day festivities. Make everyone plant a tree or two, release oxygen into the atmosphere. It has become a concrete/asphalt world, which adds to the head and displaces oxygen and water (flooding)

Question 11: What TOP THREE STRATEGIES do you think the Los Alamos Climate Action Plan should focus on? (Choose up to three)

Other (please specify)

- We desperately need to coexist with our wildlife. Cats should be confined. Windows should have some sort of treatment so birds don't fly into the windows
- None of the above
- Get some real scientists and critical thinkers to get the facts straight
- STOP THE WEATHER MODIFICATION
- None of cthe above should be legislated or forced. I do many of the above, but it is my choice, not to be governed to do so
- None of these should be forced on residents
- Help NM get a nuclear reactor
- None of the above. County government should be reduced. Citizens choice of energy use should not be infringed.

- The only thing I support is improving and expanding bike lanes since this town wants to add more housing units than the infrastructure can support and traffic is already insane during rush times.
- All of these come with significant costs. In a time where interests rates are still truly excessive and many people are still struggling, see the food bank service line in Los Alamos, each of these actions will come at a costs too high for enactment by County Council.
- Stop letting the popular vote decide specific policies we aren't knowledgable in, and hire experts to determine and enact the most effective solutions.
- switch from using gas sources for electricity and switch to something more reliable and efficient than wind or solar. nuclear is an excellent choice its greener than solar panels and batteries.
- Transition to nuclear power for electricity generation.
- go nuclear
- Reduce staffing levels
- Consider a community E-bike share program. and further improve on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, especially to LANL
- The County shouldn't take on contrived issues or reduce freedom.
- All of these to some degree, really
- All are a waste of money and will only increase utilities costs
- What ever you do decide to move forward with, start in house (LA County owned) and see if you can even make that happen 100% before you even think about pushing it on to the Community as a whole. If you as a county government cant make it happen 100% don't expect it to happen with in the community. Lead by example!
- Transition the county to electric and alternative fuel vehicles.
- Reduce the necessity of Commuters needing to come up the hill everyday. i.e. Some remote work days and some days in the office.
- LAC should focus on other important community issues: roads and traffic, environmental damage from housing expansion, and support for local businesses.
- N/A
- plant trees and other photosynthesizers which cosume CO2.
- More EV charging to help promote zero emissions commuting
- Transition to clean, carbon free energy sources(nuclear not wind,solar)
- Less people living in the community. No More apartment complexes.
- Switch to Nuclear power source generation. more reliable than solar or wind. it is a greener energy source when you look at what it takes to mine materials for each and its output and efficiency.
- Invest in expanded/appropriate infrastructure for climate extremes.
- encourage telework as much as possible, which will reduce carbon emissions
- Forest Management with prescribed burning
- Improve resilliance to the inevitable increased probability of wildfires that will result from increased drought and temperatures.
- Incorporate solar in our community on roof tops and in parking lots. Require all new residential, commercial, and county construction to include rooftop solar.

- Convince me this is real. everyone responsible for this survey sell your car and never fly anywhere again. Also do not run your heater this winter fossil fuels are evil
- Stop
- Make the two new schools be energy efficient...solar, etc.
- Encourage people to grow their own food
- do nothing, as everything government touches gets fouled-up
- None of the above.
- do not encourage growth with out assurance of increase water available for residents
- Partner with the Lab to ensure strategies are aligned across the county, not just for the county government and private citizens
- WFH DAYS
- The county could go back to collecting recycling every week. We certainly didn't see a decrease in our bill when that service moved to every other week.
- Double down on transportation: Transportation is a major thing in this county. After LANL and County's own choices for facilities & operations, I want to focus entirely on transportation. Too many cars, not enough options from transit, cycling and walking feel like I'm taking my life into my own hands as monster trucks fly past me well above the speed limit and swerving in and out of bike lanes.
- No added burden to citizens is required.
- What a useless bunch of words! You sound like the Seattle or Portland City Councils! Look at those faile enclaves of "Progressive" thought for an example of how not to run a city/county. If you want a city where normal people fear to tread but drug-addled zombies are idolized, come visit these cess pools on the "Left Coast".
- these are all good ideas
- Environmental sustainability, contributions to climate change as well as potential impacts of climate change should be part of the review for every process or action including local codes. Failure to include those elements would be irresponsible.
- Support nuclear power
- do nothing
- Transition to nuclear energy or hydrogen if anything. Encourage high polluting countries to reduce emissions
- Plant more trees
- Get rid of the bus system. They run around town with no one in them and replace with an on demand system like Uber. These buses tear up the road which have to be repaired more often with fossil fuel derived products. he busses are burning up fuel without a purpose, it cost money to operate and we have to pay people for useless work.
- Encourage population control by e.g. taxing more for families over 2 kids
- decrease industrial use of utilities
- Stop interfering with citizens lives. .
- Nuclear power
- Stop wasting money on this
- Our goal needs to be NET zero carbon emissions, which although it can and should include carbon free energy sources, it does not need to and probably should not totally rely on them.

Many of the choices are drops in the bucket so to speak and really don't speak to the really solving the problem.

- Build more housing so fewer people commute into the county.
- People do what they can afford.
- Get rid of the LAPD police trucks in favor of smaller police vehicles. Get them Priuses or something. We're not Albuquerque, nobody is trying to run away from the police here.
- Reduce emission from LANL out of town traffic and in town traffic by encouraging use of the bus systems
- Continuously try to identify climate threats that have been missed.
- whichever of the County-owned-assets options (buildings, consumption of goods, buses, or energy source) has the greatest carbon footprint
- These options are all seeking to confirm your assumptions that heavy investment will be effective and make a difference. Each of these come at the cost of people in our community struggling. How about funding a kitchen facility to feed the needy kids of the county and provide better meal prep facilities to the schools new lunch programs. That will make real impacts.
- reduce county spending
- All of the above, of course!
- We really need to include nuclear in the transaction. Solar, hydro, wind, and nuclear are by far the safest and cleanest sources of energy in the world right now.
- Reduce consumption and waste by discouraging people having large families.
- None of the above
- Transition to nuclear power (it's weird this was omitted !)
- None of the above. I want my tax dollars to go into basic services, not climate change
- xerioscaping
- Educate people about federal tax incentives for green initiatives such as appliances and solar
- Focus on Proper forest management and turn LANL into a tourist destination by moving the institution to a more appropriate site.
- Instruct the community to clean plastics from milk and juices before recycling, encourage separating recyclable items from non recyclable items, include glass specific system of collecting at residences.
- Disband and return all money.
- No need to do anything
- Transition to nuclear energy
- None
- The only thing we should be doing is being good stewards. That's it. Picking up trash, not wasting resources. Quit trying to force people into believe this garbage. I am concerned about the cost of all of this. Because no matter what we do in LAC will not matter globally, as long as China does whatever it wants.
- Increase density of neighborhoods (remove parking minimums) and add closer amenities and businesses
- I don't think you have 3 decent ones. I selected Reduce water consumption because it wouldn't let me keep going.
- Force commuters to carpool or use public transport.

- None
- None.
- Support carbon free nuclear power generation.
- Stay away from pushing anything electric fueled by coal or gas.
- improve wildfire safety by educating and enforcing defensible space and thinning/managing public and private lands
- x
- None.
- Encourage general electrification of homes and energy saving strategies (heat pumps, new windows, etc.) through property tax incentives
- Let market forces direct sensible solutions. No government mandates.
- Stop wasting my tax dollars
- Look at policies critically
- How about some clear research with some clear answers about how these measures will improve anything?
- Change county electric system policy to encourage solar on homes
- See selections above
- I don't want to see any of these forced on our residents.

Question 12: What do you see as significant BARRIERS or CHALLENGES to implementing these strategies? (Open response)

- Humans won't do what is right
- Cost
- Adoption by the public
- political polarization caused by social media -- to address this, we really need the opportunity to discuss the best course of action with our fellow community members. This allows us to recognize the collective humanity we all share and puts our best foot forward to ensure that a polarized "left-out" minority doesn't hijack climate strategies in the future.
- Cost, cost, and cost.
- too many brainwashed people, not enough critical thinkers.
- LANL, POLITICIANS
- Increased high density housing.
- Misinformation. Short-term economic self-interest.
- The county's push to develop more housing at the cost of open space and undeveloped land will result in more people, more vehicles, more energy use while sacrificing the undeveloped natural areas. A better approach would be renovation and/or replacement of existing developed properties such as the Marimac Center to make them more energy efficient and sustainable while working toward the goal of providing more housing.
- Availability and affordability
- Don't force implementation of these strategies.
- Forcing your ideas on residents

- People are very misinformed about the green agenda, about climate change and human activity as a cause, about the big causes, about EVs, about energy in general, especially energy security.
- Grid failures.
- Government.
- Lack of concurrence among residents that the long-term benefits are worth the short-term costs.
- Investment of effort required from individuals.
- Willingness to change quickly. Engaging all ages, communities, and professions to tackle the climate change battle.
- None since there should be no strategy.
- A notable fraction of the population that would rather not deal with it.
- Cost and resources
- Myself and other like minded freedom loving individuals
- Money/investment, education/buy-in from climate change deniers - including those on Council and County boards.
- Many people (e.g., senior citizens who do not have local lab based retirement incomes) simply cannot afford to replace their gas fueled heating systems with electric systems (see #13 next),
- Human behavior is the greatest challenge to change. We are unlikely to change our long held behaviors until not changing becomes more painful than changing. But we should try anyway. Life can only thrive in a narrow temperature range. We need to try everything to reduce GHG emissions
- People like their green lawns. Also some people have already made up their minds on climate change and are resistant to change.
- Some people's unwillingness to change.
- Money. I recommend Council consider the average day-to-day citizen and not specific special interest groups. The board or commission members likely hearing these results are likely LANL staff or have sufficient funding to make decisions without fully considering the real impact to teachers, workers, and others without incomes over \$70k a year in Los Alamos. Wouldn't better infrastructure such as roads be money well spent? Wouldn't providing more elderly services be money better spent? Wouldn't giving some County worker a better costs of living wage be money better spent? Spending money to buy a whole new fleet of electric vehicles just to met State or our own standards seems ludicrous. Wouldn't one at a time be better?
- People need results for payoff. How to show that measures work?
- People's buy in and participation (having money incentives would help)
- The short-sighted views and big-oil propoganda that are prevalent in all sources of media. This will require true dedication as it will be received poorly by a large portion of the public as climate change is still a political issue regardless of the facts that it is occurring and the effects are indeed negative for human life currently and our future.
- Buy in for change.
- the power grid cant sustain all the electrification we need to modernize our electric grid.
- Citizens need a clear understanding of what our goals are and what we need to do to achieve them. People here don't even know what to recycle. After all these years, they - the ones I know- will put anything paper or plastic into recycling. Dirty Kleenexes and paper towels and anything made out of plastic.

- The power grid and electric cars. The entire grid needs upgraded before the cars. Also going to green power or the charging the electric cars is redundant.
- Hopefully the voters want to stop paying for feel good, no effect initiatives
- Ignorance. Nihilism. Climate doomerism.
- The fact that anything implemented will be like a drop in the ocean. Especially when compared to China and Indias emissions.
- High costs.
- Anti-nuclear bias
- Misinformation and egos.
- Costs, support from decision makers, resources of building/ infrastructure
- The vocal minority who deny the problem.
- County Council is ineffective. Staff just justify their positions and spend money for consultants, etc.
- political opposition to doing anything to address climate change at the County level
- Foolish prioritization of carbon emission reduction. Reducing carbon emissions in Los Alamos will have zero effect on global warming. Reducing energy use, conserving water, and preserving green space will actually improve the quality of life.
- County bureaucracy
- Buy-in from residents. \$\$\$
- Cost and politics. These are the two things preventing us from saving our planet everywhere and why my children will likely not have a planet to live on.
- We need to move beyond being inconvenienced and take action because it is desperately needed
- County communications with LANL, in order to better interface public transit and trails, and housing on LANL properties. Both entities have many goals in common.
- Public transport for non LANL is poor. Especially between Los alamos and white rock there are few options.
- Cost and life style impacts.
- Their based on bad science.
- Political motivations from right-wing
- The only purpose of climate policies are to take away personal freedoms
- Community is to remote, infrastructure is not in place to make it a reality. None of the renewable options have paned out, and in a few years its all going to back fire on us a nation. don't put us in that same boat. 90% of all recycling goes into land fills and is not recycled. Don't believe it? do you job and follow LA's recycling through 100% of its journey and see for your self.
- None
- Money is being wasted already by the county in budgets and personnel. Cut those and maybe there will be money to fix things.
- Elderly members of the community do not believe there is a problem with availability of water,
- Lack of awareness of Technologies that care in our own backyard that can have positive impact.
- We should have started changes long ago. Too much too fast may fail.
- too expensive. the cost of living here is already sky-high. EV's are not the way to go, they are a myth. they use just as much energy in mining and production and cost too much

- - Bureaucracy that can't figure out bus drivers won't hire on until it becomes an actual career instead of part-time low pay work. People are done with that. - Building inspectors that are overloaded and poorly educated in modern sustainability practices. - Planners that are poorly educated in separating motor vehicles from bicycles and pedestrians. - Most older homes have 50 amp service. Prevents installation of heat pumps. Figure out a solution other than a loan program.
- Pretentious and over indulgent lab workers who think it's too difficult to support strategies.
- county takes forever to permit for solar panels! More people would go with this option if county didn't drag the process out
- Money
- limited land space for things such as solar farms
- There is plenty of ignorance on this subject. There also exists biases against positive climate change, possibly remnants of older climate change propoganda.
- N/A
- Individuals unlikely to do their part because it might be uncomfortable or cost a little more, or because they simply don't think their daily actions affect everyone else. And money. These things cost money.
- Money and peoples way of thinking on the matter.
- Drinking the kool-aid of panic and group think that "climate change" is a crisis.
- Education
- Disinterest on the part of too many people; hostility from some people; not understanding the real cost of not acting now; being uneducated about the many different issues that come with climate change.
- resistance from community members who do not "believe" and costs
- Old infrastructure all over Los Alamos.
- Political will
- Pushback from gas and oil promoters to solar, wind, and geothermal production.
- Other residents thinking action against climate change is a waste of taxpayer money or not believing climate change is real.
- Cost
- None.
- The commuter culture is so difficult to overcome.
- The elderly population and transplants present a barrier to progress.
- Humans seek the easiest thing. It is easier to get in a car and go then to walk to a bus stop. Make alternative transportation the easiest thing.
- I believe that ignorance and apathy towards the situation are huge barriers. It is to my understanding that Los Alamos is a very financially well-to-do county and can afford to implement changes that will support climate action without further need to tax the citizens more than they already are.
- There are many people who do not believe in climate change and/or do not want any government regulations to mitigate this problem.
- Getting people to change their current behaviors.
- Lack of buy in from county council

- Cost, and entrenched thinking.
- Religious attempting to bring about the end of days. Oh, and of course money
- County council and BPU
- public education on 3 Rs improved infrastructure for alternative transportation building improvements for energy efficiency
- The funding it will take to implement any changes
- Limited spaces in Los Alamos County to build new places, existing spaces have very high rent that is expected by landlords who charge the labs extra as well.
- Slowness of government. That not all of these can be government sponsored, some seem better suited to bottom-up campaigns. Lack of access to contractors to make buildings more energy efficient (especially for individual homeowners/landlords who aren't putting out million-dollar contracts to bid).
- The fact that some people do not believe this is an issue.
- Misinformation from climate extremists.
- The only Barrier as always is money.
- people's indifference
- people are afraid of Nuclear.
- Cost and real estate to put the chargers. Technology to charge faster and vacate the spaces when done charging.
- often costs more
- Resistance from the climate change deniers.
- Cost and community willingness to change
- .
- Undue and unjust taxes imposed by climate change policies.
- People and denialism.
- Community education requires a long term strategy to change behavior. Financial resources to make buildings more energy efficient may take community buy in; and agree that telework is highly effective at reducing carbon emissions. This requires buy in at upper level management, which seems to be an issue with some.
- Housing, hopefully improved by allowing taller structures. We need to conserve energy and water by not pumping water up to the ski hill for recreational snow making.
- Residents do not have the funds to pay for the increased costs associated with climate change initiatives. there are always unintended consequences to these programs
- The citizens. :)
- cost
- Cost, political pressure, public opinion
- The cost of electricity will go up significantly if we are 100% solar wind and geothermal. Also, this doesn't address battery storage which has its own carbon footprint when the batteries are out of age and no longer usable. Also, you cant mandate what people eat.
- Money
- Entropy. The idea that we've always done things this way. And an unwillingness to actually learn what is now in front of us...
- Resistance to change, cost

- A big disconnect between the lifestyle choices that people are making and the climate cost of these choices. People in my neighborhood (Western Area) are more vehicle oriented than ever and drive distances they could easily walk (a couple of blocks). Kids are driven everywhere, then get their own cars in high school and drive everywhere.
- I believe it is too late to do much about climate change and that we must adapt to living with it
- Expense. Personal habits
- Money. I think the County, and its citizens, need to determine how much they are willing to spend on achieving zero emissions.
- The system of business is not geared toward sustainability and it is very hard to make the shift in what seem like simple areas like groceries or goods and services.
- People not taking climate change seriously and not doing what individuals can do. The county not requiring energy efficiency on new buildings.
- Desire to drive and not reduce usage of materials that are not recyclable
- Socio economics-cost of implementation and mandates-increase government cost raising taxes to fund-Look at California and see the multiple issues in the state for their aggressive stance and how the population is declining due to those actions and cost
- Human behavior: climate change denial, unwillingness to take responsibility for carbon emissions, individual inertia (due to apathy, hopelessness, lack of time/resources).
- You will never take action that affects you. Biggest barrier is you like to preach but you aren't practicing.
- We don't need a "climate change czar" or any other government position
- We are destroying the economic future of this county, also fix the water mains for Pete sake!
- \$, older people cannot retrofit their homes, not much return for older people to go to solar, Republicans do not believe there is any climate crisis.
- Interest and motivation from residents
- County codes for building improvements are horrendous. Solar installations are complicated with county code which drives up costs
- Shifting residents from a consumer mindset to a sustainability mindset. Need for housing that puts pressure on green spaces.
- Older adults hesitate to bike. We need more 3-wheeled bikes in the bike lanes. Education about electric cars. And more publicity on the IR Act to help people get electric power in their homes.
- The all or nothing mentality, as in focusing on only one way to achieve our goals.
- Too many people
- Initial investments can be expensive. This can lead people to be skeptical and not want to try new ideas.
- Inertia. Competing priorities. For residents, shortage of contractors/providers to hire.
- Money. People are thrifty. Also, any modification to a residence and its landscaping is a major undertaking.
- Regulations
- Lab expansion without planning for it.
- Community involvement. Cost

- People are not likely to make changes in their lives unless they are regulated to do so. The Lab operates independently of the county and provides the majority of the jobs and presumably the most energy use.
- Bosses often dislike WFH days
- I believe most of the barriers and challenges are just political and people fixating their own agenda. if we work together as a coherent unit are the betterment of our society we can persevere and do anything when we first have to get past any biases and shortcomings as humans to look past ourselves and see through the greater future that can be made not only for ourselves but are later generations. We need to get our heads out of our asses stop squabbling and just push for greater initiatives no matter the cost.
- Electrical system not being able to handle these loads.
- Money, tribal entities, and general public not wanting to break habits.
- Won't be able to agree on rules, punishment , and carrying thru with change.
- The huge number os single cars driving to work, the age of the homes in Los Alamos, and the need for some renovation. That involves a lot of \$\$
- Lack of education to the public. People think they're making a difference by "recycling", taking shorter showers, and turning off lights in a room they're not using. While these are great little things, there's everyday choices we make that could have a much greater impact. We have to educate the public and businesses -as well a giving incentives for people to incorporate more sustainable practices in their everyday life. Also funds. Many individuals cannot afford an electric car, solar panels, organic produce-we need to put pressure on the bigger entities (large businesses in town, the lab, people collectively and the county) to take much of the financial load for sustainable projects.
- Culturally, everyone loves the freedom their vehicles afford them. This will be impossible to shake until it is also convenient and safe to use transit, to cycle, to walk.
- Cost to upgrade infrastructure. Utilities companies protesting loss of revenue and taking action to maintain hold on gas and coal dependent energy.
- It's easier to be lazy and not make changes to the norm. It can be difficult to convince people to participate for the greater good if they feel they are being forced to change their lifestyles.
- cost
- Normal people who hate steaming, stinking piles of Communists, or dead-skunk Socialists, or limp-wristed \, man-bun-wearing "Theys". That is, people born with vaginas & ovaries who know they are "Women", and people born with penises & testicles who know they are "Men" Note that I have no issue with Women who love other Women, or Men who love Men. I just hate the lie that people born with a penis are Women, or that people born with a vagina are Men.
- Cost, apathy
- elected republicans
- Climate change denialists, those who chose to live in alternative reality.
- Cost, both real and imagined. Buy-in from residents and especially from developers and businesses. Real buy-in and participation by LAC. Volunteer efforts are always welcome but significant improvement is unlikely to happen without solid plans, deliverables, and measures. Likewise, tax incentives for certain segments of the population only shift the cost burden to a smaller segment when funding actions.
- Cost Inconvenience Not a priority

- One of the principal components will be making our (old) homes and buildings more carbon free. This will be an expensive transition, so efforts should be made to accomplish this gradually and methodically, and to support those for whom this will create a financial hardship.
- Funding, lack of charging stations (no grid is able to support this effort).
- Water - pushback from residents who do not want to limit use, monitoring and enforcing limits on use, pushback from golf and tourism Clean energy sources - cost County - pushback from LAC employees who leave vehicles running for personal comfort and/or out of habit, cost to upgrade county buildings
- Activists against nuclear power, including coal and oil industry
- over aggressive government that can't help but be stupid
- Public apathy and/or ignorance
- inertia
- Truck culture, rednecks who think it's all fake
- Doing ridiculous things like encouraging mining for minerals for ev batteries . Encouraging eyesores and wildlife killers like solar and wind power
- No barriers other than it requires common sense and the scrutiny of fake or junk science
- Old house that would be hard to retrofit
- The county has little control over privately owned buildings and personal choices.
- Availability of electricians and other specialty contractors to perform the needed work
- Overpopulation (e.g. if everyone reduces emissions by 50% but population increases by 50%, nothing is gained). Changing habits (e.g. Supplanting long-distance auto and air travel with a high-speed rail system).
- County Council are their own worst enemy. They enact more barriers than letting homeowners taking care of their own business.
- corporate interests that manipulate the political system
- some people prefer more extreme measures
- People not understanding the importance of doing these things and so not cooperating.
- Resistance from segments of the community
- Older homes, employees who feel like they *must* have a car. Would need to make better bike lanes (ideally lanes separated from cars) Difficulty hiring bus drivers
- Los Alamos County's willpower to cut its own wasteful consumption.
- Politics. I hope we NEVER elect another person who believes it's "cyclical" or a hoax. You can't fix stupid, but you also don't have to elect it.
- Indifference - or non believers in climate change.
- Politicians not willing to admit that there is an almighty God in control of our planet and its natural resources.
- Our water supply is my biggest concern. And we have little effect when the Rio Grande is going dry (even in a great runoff year) and Santa Fe and Albuquerque are building whole new communities/apartments/etc. to bring in more people and businesses. We can't dictate to them and our efforts will not put a dent in the problem. Just like the US efforts to reduce carbon footprint when other countries are increasing theirs.
- It will be expensive but extremely helpful to have a bike route for commuters to get between white rock and Los Alamos

- People resisting to new ideas
- People are resistant to change
- cost and ignorance
- People blindly following the mantra of climate change.
- Too much government and private influences. Agendas are being pushed regardless of expense and dependability.
- Convenience, cost and attachment to lawns
- The problem is that too many communities focus on the "save nature" aspect. While I completely agree with the message, it does not motivate people like money does. Shifting the focus away from "be good" to "save money or even make money" is a better message for people who focus so much on their daily lives and cannot see the forest through the trees.
- Cost. Inconvenience. Sacrifice personal comforts.
- Cost, people's willingness to change life style, and the county's ability.
- Grid capacity Geographic isolation
- As previously stated the real goal needs to be NET zero carbon emissions. Rather than working to develop a plan to achieve this and looking at the costs involved, all that listed is a hodgepodge of items, with no useful information being given on their effectiveness towards achieving the needed goal.
- LA county, like most of the US, is built around the automobile. Changing that will be extraordinarily difficult.
- The electrical infrastructure needs to change first. Residents should be educated, not forced, and incentivized with money to make the change,
- Getting everyone on board to try these new (or old) ideas.
- Trinity/Diamond intersection is dangerous to bike through. Also, our electric grid is too unreliable for me to want to rely entirely on it for heating and transportation.
- Individuals not regarding themselves as a part of a larger community.
- COST!
- It's always the people. Half of the population, almost along party lines, do not believe climate change is real despite education and scientific evidence.
- The County Council and County Government resistance to approving solar panels, general crookedness.
- Cost and county permitting.
- time
- Social inertia. I've seen what happened in the past when council tried to roll out progressive water rates. It's going to take years to convince people to let go of the Kentucky bluegrass all over town, and we still haven't even started that campaign.
- Changing behavior.
- Biggest barrier or challenge is the County itself. People want to see change, Los Alamos County is only concerned with how it will affect the lab and the cost.
- dependance on fossil fuels
- Tunnel vision on CO2 emission reduction.
- Republicans
- Ramming this down the publics throat will cause an adverse reaction

- No suggestion will have any tangible effect on the climate. The well being of residents should be your focus, not dictating what cars we drive or how we heat our homes. These items will not make life tangibly better for any resident, though they may cause the poor to suffer more.
- Habits, disbelief of climate change, overcoming biases and privilege
- people who are too focused on making lofty goals for the sake of optics
- There is a large inventory of buildings in the community that will require substantial investment to be made more efficient. Additionally, the majority of those buildings are privately owned, making improvements up to the owner's discretion. Another barrier is that ~60% of LANL employees commute into work from outside Los Alamos. As LANL grows and housing in LAC remains limited, how does the LANL/LAC help enable these workers to change their commute to be less energy intensive?
- apathy, busy lives, money, climate change fatigue
- carbon free electric generation, replacing natural gas and eliminating its use
- Embedded political will to keep up with the Joneses (and Lujan-Grishams and Newson and ...) makes the default direction not thought out.
- Money; people's resistance to change; difficulty of doing all of the above at once
- Getting people onboard
- Clean power: it costs more when bought from power companies, and local clean power, like household solar, requires construction labor which is difficult to get these days, and also requires permitting, at which Los Alamos is notoriously unfriendly. Improving permitting would help at least in some cases, and might also make outside firms more willing to work in Los Alamos.
Water: the main challenge is entitled residents who think they have the right to use as much water as they'd use in less drought-prone areas. Waste: we already have a good team working hard to move in the right direction, so additional improvements are harder.
- People love the convenience of their cars. That will be hard to give up. But opening more pop up food options for lunches will help!
- The needed short-term investment to make the transitions needed.
- Political inertia and unfair politicalization of these technologies and changes
- Cost. Change to clean and safe energy will cost more, and many will not like this. The perceived fear of nuclear power. Even though safer and cleaner than say, biofuels, many carry a dated fear of this form of power.
- loss of energy independence...greatly increased costs which would otherwise be unnecessary
- Convince of driving yourself and the ability to buy online and have new items delivered in 24 hours
- Cost and flexibility
- The cost. Individuals cannot take on the financial burdens required for the changes that need to be made. The government needs to foot the bill.
- Difficulty changing the norms and attitudes of people
- Humans have been brainwashed into thinking growth is good. Growth produces more waste and just exaggerates the problem
- Cost
- Cost
- Money, stakeholder buy in.

- Perceived cost and natural unwillingness to change unless confronted with an immediate, not future, risk
- Primarily cost and grid reliability, secondarily climate alarmism and catastrophic thinking fueled by media and other stakeholders which drive panic and ineffective, costly actions.
- The will.
- These strategies are not what your citizens want.
- Ignorance, denial, laziness.
- Climate change denial. Short-term costs.
- Lack of sense of urgency on this — too many other priorities — but I think this should be at the top of the list. The CAP is going to take too long. We need action now.
- Cost, long term effects-population growth
- money and people to implement strategies long-term (50+ years)
- People denying that there is a problem. Even an easy action - securing trash cans is too much effort for many. People who don't make an effort to secure trash should be cited. There is plenty of garbage in the canyons, and it should be none.
- The county's attempt to remove parks and open spaces that have a high use/ low impact on County resources (like the Orange St Playlot)
- Money and community participation, I'd rather my money be spent on actual issues and a lot of people are jaded towards this effort because it's not much use for our day to day lives
- The EPA and other government agency's. Also, a number of other NGO,s that think they know better than the rest of us what is best. The wage and salary earners that are dependent on government paychecks. The political science propaganda versus real science!!
- funding, stakeholder buy-in
- Education and community incentives, and costs. The community would need to be educated on climate impacts and solutions to mitigate those impacts. Financial incentives should also be offered in order to help mitigate the impact on the community.
- Schools' custodians don't know the rules for recycling even though there are posters around the schools. This leads me to believe there is little to no communication, guidance or mandates from the county to large businesses/entities in town on how these institutions should be playing their part in our county's goals.
- Politics and those who do not believe in human caused climate change.
- Ignorance of the community
- This state does not have monetary resources to build the infrastructure. This country has enough debt. Stop printing money and increasing our debt.
- The lack of community awareness and participation for planting natural and native habitat, grasses, trees.
- Just stop.
- Too often people and government entities want to create programs because they want to brag about being a part of the current popular fad, rather than really examining what the communities real needs are and financing and addressing those. Much is needed in this county for us to be sustainable and resilient that have nothing to do with "climate change."
- Cost vs true impact
- People are focused on CO2 emissions and will ignore items important to us locally.

- Gullibility of public officials believing in hoaxes
- County residential growth driven by increased growth of the laboratory.
- The politics of the Climate Change activist community.
- A huge barrier is trying to convince the taxpayer to support this agenda, most people are smart enough to know it is a lie.
- The county seems to focus on unimportant things and not listen to the community, so really this survey is silly for me to even take the time to do.
- My issue with green technology is that it has a larger impact than traditional technologies. For example, windmill components cannot be recycled, so they're just dumped. Mining rare earth minerals for batteries is done in inhumane conditions, by children & slaves. Our infrastructure also cannot support mass electrification.
- Most people in the United States are used to driving everywhere and living far from any amenities or work. They do not have much of a conception of alternative living arrangements even if they improve their overall life (in my opinion), like denser neighborhoods with closer amenities and alternative modes of transportation. The barrier is largely cultural and many people will react immediately and strongly simply because they cannot conceive of alternatives. I hope that the County can provide a positive vision here that is framed to avoid conspiratorial thinking (like the recent "15 minute cities" hysteria). Messaging must focus on what is gained over all else, because many people will unfortunately interpret additional transportation options as an attack on driving itself, which it is not. Emphasizing more choice (with driving being one of those choices) would be a good messaging strategy, basically. Similarly, the County needs to address the stigma of riding the bus here, because many people in the United States interpret public transit as only used by the desperate and indigent rather than a choice that well-off people can and even should make.
- The County. Not everyone can afford solar wind etc. Nor can we all afford electric vehicles.
- County workers driving large trucks at half the speed limit.
- For business and building owners, dealing with the county.
- Lack of education, lack of interest, funding for this process, cultural avoidance of this topic, people feeling overwhelmed by the size of the problem, and addressing the fact this needs to be accessible to people of all income levels.
- Rather than educating themselves on these issues, many continue to choose to embrace misinformation, deny that climate change is real and dig their heels in to simply side with their uniformed political party.
- Money on the part of some residents. Not all of us are wealthy lab employees.
- The electric power grid is not adequate to go all-electric.
- Money, we need dedicated/recurring funding to implement these environmentally friendly solutions.
- Residents should decide how they would like to deal with these matters individually, not be mandated by the county to do so.
- The extra burden, cost, lifestyle changes it will cause to families.
- Ignorance and greed
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- LA County has the reputation of being business unfriendly in a very subtle manner. Everyone in the county is helpful, but there are so many divisions offering "help" that businesses face long

delays and confusion before they can open. I fear this climate agenda will produce another layer of “help.”

- You all are playing into the crazy money grabbing politicians laundering money for their personal gain.
- Climate change is so steeped in political agendas trust in the facts has been lost. Trust in the County Government is also low so forced solutions and changes cause resistance rather than cooperation.
- politics
- it is expensive, however Los Alamos has resources. Some reduction and efficiency improvements come at little to no cost such as reducing water waste. others are more expensive and must be subsidized, with the benefit of employing individuals to do the work.
- Infrastructures will need a serious makeover; the number of power outages and water main breaks shows that our infrastructure is in bad shape.
- Lack of concern . Lack of 2M bus route for White Rock.
- People don't like feeling like choices have been eliminated, or that personal freedoms/convenience have been reduced, so even simple waste reduction behavior changes can sometimes be hard to encourage effectively -- I am amazed by the outcry from people upset about the demise of incandescent light bulbs of late, for example... LA county has barriers/challenges arising from local geography and land limitations that make large scale adoption of things like solar farms hard to envision even though they might be a significant benefit. The fact that there are a large percentage of commuters from outside of LA county driving personal vehicles limits what might be achievable in terms of reduction of vehicular emissions -- while electric cars are more efficient, the fact that LA gets its electricity from fossil fuel plants doesn't make for a great outcome even if it were to encourage electric vehicles with broad access to improved vehicle charging infrastructure.
- Our county has a huge fleet - do we really so many vehicles? County building parking lot is full of county cars!
- None.
- Getting contractors from outside the county to complete work efficiently at competitive rates. Old Homes that need a lot of retrofitting and have elderly occupants who cannot commit to the work. Many piecemeal needs.
- There really could be amazing bike connections for the community but road traffic is priority. Only isolated bike paths are safe enough to get full by-in across large populations. As for bettering the open space, there needs to be a discussion on population management of certain wildlife like the deer.
- Wasting tax payer money on these “solutions “
- Convincing people
- Getting clean power will just be hard, especially with the four corners power plant producing so much of our electricity. Shifting to alternative transportation modes will require significant investment in additional public transit and/or changing traffic flow patterns in the county.
- The county government should just get out of the way.
- Reality
- Up front costs.
- Science

- People who insist on transparent and truly scientific research before blindly adopting expensive policies.
- You have no solid metrics to Gauge success by. That means you don't know if your succeeding or just wasting money.
- Infrastructure required for electric vehicle transition Climate deniers.
- People. People don't like change. We have been doing climate change educational outreach since the 80s!!! I think it's time to stop doing community education and start taking action. There will be business owners and people that complain but the end result will be something. Most people would be proud of for our town.
- Republicans
- The county wants to develop green spaces for housing and businesses and leave vacant buildings around Los Alamos and White Rock as eyesores
- Dangerous drivers on road make cycling unsafe. Sending all bus routes to/from Transit Center makes bus inefficient for any purpose other than commuting.
- Sufficient education regarding not just climate change, but the impact on individuals.
- Cost of forced adoption.
- Cost and the county forcing expensive measures on struggling families.
- Money, supply chain, staffing
- Winter is harsh up here sometimes. Shifting to alternative transportation modes like walking and bicycling is not a good idea for most people. Transit systems need to offer more hours, stops, and connections with larger transit systems.

Question 13: Do you have any additional feedback on these strategies? Are there any key strategies that you think are missing or actions you would like to see included in this plan?

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- Open-Ended Response
- I would really like to see some type of coexistence with wildlife. Education about the use of poisons and chemicals
- Education and community outreach is just as important to focus on, in my opinion. However, when pursuing this, make sure to balance despair with hope -- we need to recognize how grave our situation is while believing we can still make meaningful change.
- BE HONEST! SHOW INTEGRITY! STOP THIS NONSENSE!
- Economic incentives to replace existing infrastructure with new technologies/equipment.
- I would like to see environmentally friendly practices subsidized and incentivized by the county
- Stop the plan!
- Scrap this plan
- Los Alamos is the home of nuclear knowledge. It is simply disgusting that NM has no nuclear power, yet processes the fuel and disposes the waste. A power reactor would do 10x more for carbon emissions than everything else combined, and create high paying jobs and education opportunities.

- Create incentives or community programs to encourage people to grow their own food; including raising poultry or animals that would help nourish the soil.
- Stop the green agenda.
- Many HOAs and landlords need encouragement and support to accept, allow, or make the changes necessary. This would also be an essential area needing attention.
- No
- Promote planned parenthood. Promote reason over superstition.
- This is not an issue for local government
- Don't appoint climate deniers to County boards.
- so we need to build in a source to fully fund (e.g. grants, or just pay for it, but loans cannot work) these replacements or they cannot happen without excessive coercion!
- I think the County should lead by example first -- reduce emissions, use less water, etc. Then use that to educate the public.
- Promote use of LED lights only and non-centralized solar power for lighting
- EV is ideal for many but infrastructure has to be first. And then it's questionable about the global climate footprint, so keep facts facts and not one sided or over politicized. Regional transit makes so much sense but only if it meets lifestyles and is safe for all commuters. Don't waste \$\$\$Millions to accommodate a few, invest properly to make it a true ROI. Go for low hanging fruit and work in phases.
- Modernize the entire electric grid to prepare for electrification. bring our own power transmission line into the county or build a nuclear power plant to supply the county with its own power reliable power and to compensate the future electrification loads.
- Full electric vehicles don't make sense. Most people in this town don't drive more than 30 miles. One full electric car battery can be split to 3 plug in hybrids. The plug in hybrids will very very rarely use the gas engines due to the short ranges. 3 vehicles is more sustainable than 1.
- No
- It was hard for me to pick only three from your list. They are all worthwhile.
- I have been really disappointed by the county's ability to get things done and address other major issues such as small businesses and the lack of housing. This needs to be explicitly addressed for any substantial change, rather than assuming a plan is going to happen without addressing the political aspect.
- I could only check 3 above but these are also needed: Transition to carbon free energy Make buildings more energy efficient and provide assistance to low income residents.
- Specifically, bike and pedestrian trails interfacing with LANL, as well as white rock and in town.
- Incentivize home solar.
- Do your homework fully, and don't take someone's word for it. Look at it from both sides.
- Plans need to assess the financial impact on the community it serves. Examples of good stewardship include assisting the poor or limited income people in the community with things such as: solar panels, window films to utilize the sun's energy or to block our excess heat. Community wastewater reuse centers located in community areas. Recyclable center at the ECO center to span jobs and inventive uses of recyclable materials. These instead of punitive regulations will have much better community acceptance.
- - Fix the bus system so it becomes an example instead of a detriment. Smaller, more frequent vehicles, electric powered, eventually recharged by a solar farm. - Designate and mark wider

streets within 25mph zones with bike lanes using vibration triggering warning stripes. - Build full curbs instead of white stripes for bicycle lanes on streets > 25mph. - Install grid-tied solar on every county building. - Install grid-tied solar shade structures on every county parking lot and subsidize this for apartments and business lots. - Discourage on-street parking in residential areas.

- Not at this time
- No.
- N/A
- No, I think we do need to do better in general.
- Maintain county facilities and infrastructure and don't waste time on the "climate change" issue.
- Attention to biodiversity is missing. There is too much concrete in Los Alamos! The lawns are being stripped down to the dirt by the relentless mowing by the fuming lawnmower monsters! That must stop! Please don't plant in boxes (library), it is hideous looking!
- Incentivize and reward desired outcomes and offer greater flexibility and creativity to meet goals and objectives
- Hire locally and encourage the elderly to relocate to locations off the hill.
- I believe that the county of Los Alamos would highly benefit from hiring within the community of Los Alamos to reduce carbon emissions from commuting and will ensure a reason in employees to care about the quality of the town that they live and work in.
- Bring in some of Project Drawdown strategies.
- With the much larger workforce of LANL and the continuation to grow LAC the road network is not sized appropriately and does not allow the county to get people around during rush hour. This seems like this would be a large capital project but we have the resources to remedy this problem.
- End the transit contract with Bandolier. The busses mostly travel empty, beat up the roads, pollute the air, etc. The money should have been spent on parking at the Bandolier entrance and shorter shuttles in the park, if a shuttle was necessary.
- How about paying customers to switch out water and energy hogs for efficient toilets, fridges, stoves, etc
- tax incentives may be helpful or reduced utility costs for upgrades
- We will need to try multiple strategies at the same time and be willing to change tactics if something is not working.
- #4 strategy for me would be increasing alternative transportation options. #5 education campaigns.
- Education and community ownership, this County tends to take on the weight of the community, they need some ownership, it can't always be the county's responsibility.
- Protect and promote green space development. Discourage residents from xeriscaping their yards that increase water runoff and ambient temperatures. Xeriscape dries out the soil by removing plants the protect the soil from the sun and make the soil hydrophobic as a result of the the extreme drying.
- Encourage county employees to stop leaving vehicles idling when they are not in use and sometimes unattended - this is costly, increases emissions and sets a bad example.
- The key could be in changing the American stance of individualism to collectivism. We are doing this for our children and grandchildren. the future is what we are working for. not the present.

- No
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- Engage in more community nature events and help people recycle and care for mother earth.
- Again, encourage telework as much as possible. This has immediate impact on the environment.
- Encourage incentivize ride sharing by commuters.
- How will the Utility department pay for all the great programs that will be proposed?
- The county has no fast chargers for EVs. There could be co-benefits of increased tourism with this addition.
- The requirement that thousands of people commute here every day from the valley, Santa Fe, and as far as Albuquerque is unfathomable to me. What a waste of fuel and time!
- I heard it mentioned that we need to consider making things accessible to everyone. I think education, resources and engagement need to be evenly spread across all communities and groups.
- LA does not, generally speaking, encourage innovative business (or business in general) and our populace is not necessarily that interested in doing the work or buying goods that would be more expensive. I think that offering incentives for doing the right thing would go a long way in this community. Also, highlighting businesses and individuals that are doing a great job, offering awards or monetary prizes, etc.
- Be the change you want to see and walk everywhere you need to go. Until then get off the Soap box.
- None
- Issue...smaller cars are less safe. Older people should be driving bigger cars (I do not mean a truck), just not a compact car.
- Needs to be a forward thinking small business oriented town. Today it is all driven by LANL monopolies on leasing buildings. No one else can pay those prices. Incentives for small businesses need to be a priority
- Better bike lanes!! Get the Lab to support biking throughout its complex.
- In addition to the use of renewable energy sources, I would also like to see the county demonstrate green building ideas, like green roofs, the use of passive solar, and onsite water reuse. I would like to see the county adopt these measures, make them open to the public and help the public to adopt them on their own properties.
- I would be happy to make significant home investments and lifestyle changes, but it is hard to know what exactly to do and how to get it done. I wish the County could provide not only general education, but also helping residents form specific action plans, perhaps in partnership with local businesses. For example, I have spent *many* hours researching heat-pump-based HVAC, xeriscaping, and wildfire hardening for my home, but there are too many confusing options and information gaps. On the other hand, all it took to get my household totally into composting was a tumbler and simple brochure from PEEC/Ecostation.
- I want to say "all of the above" to item #11, except for the "educating" part: those that care already know, the rest don't care. Also, I don't know the relative gains of the various options, so I can't pick three in any educated way. Some numbers of estimated impacts of the various options would help.
- WFH days
- I think we need to not be bent by public consensus and go into fad green energy things someone and so forth and focus on hard science and what it's provided out there to make the most sound

choices. We have the town with the most PhD.s per capita in the world. We have more smarts in this town the most. If we actually can collaborate and put our minds together to properly get the right infrastructure in I can totally have a green Utopia.

- People enjoy driving their own car for flexibility to be able to stop at the store or leave if their kid or family has an emergency if they don't live in Los Alamos. People are not willing to carpool because it is a burden.
- parking lots for cars, and requiring to use public transportation in town and to lab work sites, or walking , bikes.
- Please refer to answer on #8.
- Re: Transportation changes. Until Atomic City Transit is able to be more frequent or to deliver people to Trinity & Central without detouring to LANL (doubling and in some case tripling the length of a commute!), then we cannot consider it as a normal option. Cycling is so scary in this town, with large vehicles driving too close and ALL vehicles not being held to the speed maximums. And walking along many sections of otherwise-busy parts of town is very unappealing. No one enjoys walking along Trinity to walk between Starbucks and the Pond, it's loud, stinky, scary, and far too narrow/too close to fast traffic. This town is SMALL, most people should be able to walk from one side to the other. The many useless square miles of parking lot and roadways around this town could be better converted away from being such large heat sinks. And daily commutes could be more flexible, calmer and safer if there were fewer single occupancy vehicles. Climate help plus sanity help all at once.
- None
- Yes. Please describe: A) Where the minerals for electric vehicle batteries are going to come from. B) Where the wastes from said production processes are going. C) Where the electrical potential to charge these batteries is going to come from. D) Where the materials to convert some other source of energy to electricity to charge these batteries is going to come from. E) Where the waste from this process is going to go, and how it will be processed. F) How will batteries in far northern (and southern) latitudes be charged. G) What surface will roads have to support EV. Where will the components of said road be sourced. H) Where will the wastes from said roads be processed. I) What will be the source of lubricants for EV, given they must provide all air, land and sea based transportation. J) Will the Green acolytes ever admit they don't have a fucking clue as to deal with the real-world issues associated with their elitist, utopian wet dreams. K) Do the Green acolytes understand the truism, "Their reach exceeded their grasp".
- Set goals, build review into all process and actions, monitor and measure, conduct at least annual review for effectiveness and modification as necessary.
- No comment! The community should be involved in this effort or it will never work without support.
- Purchase nuclear generated electric power
- No
- No
- Get the youth involved in planting more trees. Trees remove GigaTons of CO2 naturally
- Do a cost benefit analysis. See Cato regulation magazine for this. Continue the Nuscale nuclear project. As far as emissions goes try to reduce wood burning stove by making natural gas cheaper or getting enough reliable electrical power for heating. Wind mills are not the answer, too intermittent and they kill eagles. Silent Spring made a big deal about the loss of Bald Eagles by environmental, Now it will be OK to Kill them as long as it done with a wind mill.

Remember fossil fuels saved the whales, so we need more of it, not wind mills in the oceans killing them!

- We need to do a lot and much of it faster, so need to explore a wide range of strategies to see which can gain momentum.
- ...
- County should let homeowners decide to go with xeriscape/natural environment/Bee & Pollinator friendly Yards instead of handing out violations constantly.
- my home needs protection from intense sunlight, but i'm concerned that planting trees would increase the risk to my home in a wildfire
- county and state government should assess consequences of their actions regarding climate change
- Stop catastrophizing climate change. Stop pushing an electrification agenda. Focus on securing citizens' access to affordable, reliable energy.
- No.
- Open a Bible, go take a science class that describes what the air we breath is made up of and how carbon dioxide supports life on this planet.
- You didn't mention nuclear in your alternative energy sources.
- A bike route for commuters between white rock and Los Alamos will be extremely beneficial to the community
- More honest discussions on exactly how much climate change is a part of natural phenomena and what human activities can and do contribute to achieving any real assistance in controlling our contributions to earths natural evolution. We do not have enough factual knowledge at this point.
- I added nuclear power.
- LAC and its partners have no intention of giving accurate education to residence. Firthermore they do not put the choice to the individual residence but rather focus on an all or nothing approach. Smaller more cost effective approaches could be taken but LAC won't listen.
- In order to be serious about Climate Action, a plan needs to be derived and communicated. There should be concrete steps to effectively actuate the plan, with measurable outcomes. The plan needs to include motivators to get people to participate and those factors need to be well communicated to residents and workers. For example, on top of federal incentives, there should be county incentives for residents to change their energy and water usage. There ought to be incentives to install solar and the maximum limit of 10kw ought to be increased to 15kw or 20kw. As part of that, the county ought to work with residents that are interested in installing solar. The county should work to reduce the cost of projects by pooling serious purchasers into an individual work contract to reduce the cost of installation. I installed a 10kw system on my house. I paid for it in February 2023 and was not completed until August 2023. If we had better collective representation with businesses, we would get lower rates and projects would be completed faster. As for water usage, the county should be recycling residential water and feeding it back into the system. It is costly to start, but would save a lot of cost and headaches in the future. The county also should consider cisterns outside of just water towers. At the very least, find well qualified consultants and pay for a realistic cost estimate for such projects. I would also consider the idea of a water usage tier pricing system. That would assist in reducing usage. I would also consider instituting all future county vehicle purchases be for electric vehicles, unless otherwise not available. And with that, creating appropriate charging infrastructure county-wide. There should be level 3chargers in Los Alamos and White Rock (yes,

some will be installed in White Rock shortly). There should also be more level 2 chargers throughout the county and ensure that all government buildings where people work have a few of them, whether they are free, like at the municipal building, or pay to use. LANL has those chargers that are powered only by battery and the power comes from solar. They are a bit slow, but they are self-contained, which offers drivers 100% renewable energy and are highly effective when people visit places in town. I would also consider incentives for any new construction to install any kind of level 2 charging when they build or rehabilitate buildings or pavement. Imagine if the parking lot at Smith's had either level 2 or level 3 charging. That would encourage people to use it, especially those in apartments. There are many, many more strategies that focus on improving financial well being of residents and workers.

- No.
- The worst thing the county can do is to simply regulate without solving problems behind it: EVs are good in general. But in national discussion, it mostly focuses big cities but ignore states like New Mexico: large, rural, and low population density. If the county is to push for EV, it needs a different language to persuade people that EVs are a viable option in New Mexico: Could I have confidence to go to Denver for a doctor visit? Could I go to Costco for shopping and come back without charging? Could I bring my kid(s) for a state competition in a remote town? Secondly, if the county is going to push for building efficiency and solar panels, the county needs to address issues of high contractor cost, of which the county suffers from for itself. For example, there are very limited number of high-efficiency heat pump or solar panel providers and their price is significantly higher than national average. It's not that the residents are not willing to do it, but the price is prohibitive. (I have done both, albeit reluctantly). Lastly, if the county is pushing to "right-size" the vehicle, then there should be convenient and cheap way when a larger size vehicle is needed. A pickup is almost necessary for a home owner given the high contractor cost, but there is no cheap and convenient way to rent one when I need a truck. Unfortunately, I cannot "right-size" my vehicle: I need to buy one for a once-in-a-month DIY need.
- Demand pricing on electricity to drive demand towards time of lower loads.
- Start with changes that will not have to be redone a few years down the road and pay for themselves in the long run.
- increasing recycling and reducing water use will do absolutely nothing about climate change.
- The county should focus on zoning and new public buildings (schools particularly) To eliminate the need for transport. For example the new middle school should be in White Rock, not the townsite. Schools should be reopened or built so that students are within the one mile limit that does not require busing, Schools should pay an out of district emission fee for every out of district student. The county should incentivize, via tax credits, on property bills, those who have achieved a specified insulation value and double pane windows , businesses that provide remote work for employees (eliminating transportation), and those who have added solar systems with battery backup. The county should waive permit fees for modifications that reduce energy use, increase population density (eg single family to duplex or adding an additional living unit), or other ideas that can eliminate or reduce transportation.
- Make a local curriculum in schools specific to Los Alamos County's approach to addressing climate change.
- A lot of these strategies are extremely expensive. Poor home owners will not be able to afford them.
- I'm really glad I'm the one filling in this survey, and not somebody reading them and trying to figure out what to do next!

- We have laws and regulations in place, lets enforce them for building codes and land use. But with the recent influx of construction it seems that the rules are out the window.
- Beef production and consumption is not an environmental problem if done properly (small local grass fed or forage fed farms) and is even good for the planet. Plant based foods are not as healthy for humans as forage fed beef is. A transition to plant based foods will not help the environment.
- Focus on protecting the community from immediate threats (already occurring) rather than long-term (~30-50 years) GHG reduction. Water vapor is responsible for 90% of the green house effect.
- This is a waste of money
- I recently read an article that the los alamos water situation should be more than sufficient for the next 10 decades or so
- Understanding you will not release your devotion to solving climate change, I would challenge the county to commit equally, dollar for dollar, FTE for FTE, to these climate change goals and programs to help and provide for the wellness of Los alamos county residents.
- Don't be mislead by political hype, climate change is not an issue. Listen to the real scientists
- get high schoolers involved
- distributed rooftop solar on residential, commercial, and government buildings with distributed storage
- What an amazing list! We also need broadband...
- Encouraging families to use sustainable gardening methods by offering incentives toward families who garden, and creating a common garden exchange.
- Making the economic sense of the transition in the long-term.
- We have access to DOE resources and should leverage these connections to lead in this area. I moved from Northwest Arkansas where the Walton foundation focused on biking development but most importantly used this to BUILD TEMPLATE MASTER DOCUMENTS THAT COULD BE USED IN OTHER LOCATIONS. The connections to DOE could be useful in pursuing grants and other funding to develop MASTER PLANS THAT COULD BE USED AS DEVELOPMENT TEMPLATES IN OTHER LOCATIONS.
- Education. I don't think most people know what the true, non-subsidized cost of the various forms of clean energy is. Battery replacement, infrastructure changes, real-estate purchases or leases for energy providing equipment, etc.
- reduce fanaticism on the topic of global warming
- Nuclear energy.
- Schools and businesses operate a little longer for 4 days a week instead of 5.this would save emissions and money.
- We need to be able to have residential solar panels connected to the grid like other states have
- Evaluate cost vs benefit for any action. Focus efforts where the most effect can be achieved for the lowest cost. Avoid cute virtue signaling activities. Beware of the potential for harm by reducing energy availability and affordability locally and worldwide.
- Frankly, you just need to try to resurrect a decent economy in town.
- None

- Recruit and train HVAC tech's / plumbers to recommend and install heat pumps to residential and commercial customers; figure out way to expedite more rooftop solar, net metering, and bi-directional power.
- I think starting is halfway toward any of the goals. Just do something, don't make it too big, get some success and then build.
- The parks and trails system needs to be expanded and made more accessible. Bike routes need to be created safely away from commuter car traffic especially near the Diamond/Trinity/Canyon area.
- You need to find a way to make this important for everyone now.
- A more hands off approach concerning the citizenry and a greater approach in dealing with the government entities affecting the progress of true forest management and proper land usage. Focus on moving the majority of LANL operations to a more amenable site as well as downsizing the total employment numbers.
- promotion of nuclear energy.
- I would like to see the community be educated by the actions of the larger entities in town - not just the county buildings and people. This will serve two purposes: one, educating the community - two, having a bigger impact on the problem than single households can do alone.
- The county should spend a significant budget on social media toward community participation for planting native flora.
- Real forest management. Stop painting logos on intersections. Stop running businesses out of town. Stop wasting money in general.
- Our community continues to ask for support for and recruitment of small businesses to support community needs. Feedback continues to state that this is not happening. The county needs to explore how they can address residents needs rather than continuing to move forward with and spending money on their own pet projects not seen by residents as a priority.
- I think enhancing the "programs" we already have (eco station, green space preservation, etc. are good and useful and it is always wise to make buildings energy efficient and not be wasteful. However most alternative energy sources come with their own set of problems and waste (and scepter maybe nuclear) and I believe we need more time and research before sinking funding in that area.
- Focus on water and waste.
- Don't do anything
- Natural gas is basically clean energy and should be considered strongly as part of a diversified energy plan. Diversification is strength!
- Common sense - conserve water, adopt nuclear avoid nonsense policies such as banning gas appliances. Avoid banning gas furnaces. Heat pumps are not sufficient in cold weather (I have 3 of them).
- Back off the taxpayer and focus on more urgent needs in this dying town.
- No
- Back off of this nonsense is the only acceptable strategy. Quit it!
- Messaging like "reducing your carbon footprint" has the unfortunate framing of concentrating on reduction rather than elimination of carbon. You cannot reduce your footprint to nothing. You need some place to stand, etc. I just want to point out that this messaging can be counterproductive. I would use the phrase "reduce your carbon pollution" instead of "reduce your carbon footprint" for that reason.

- What's the plan on obtaining funding to accomplish these lofty goals?
- No
- Free programs for people of all ages that give hands-on opportunities to see how powerful these changes can be.
- The county needs to address open space zoning issues
- This is one of the most educated populaces in the country. Stop trying to educate people. If they're not already educated, then they don't wish to be. Take another approach. Bears are an example. People know better than to put unsecured trash out. They just don't care.
- Thoroughly thought out, cost-effective science based & tested alternatives for electrical generation is mandatory. The cost of raw materials, the longevity of systems, the byproducts etc can be worse than what is being replaced. The same goes for EVs.
- Education will be key to make the community aware of these initiatives and the importance of them.
- No
- Increased bus routes to include weekend and later evening routes to better accommodate all schedules.
- Recognize that most newcomers to LA are not aware and behaving responsibly about water use, trash collection (harming wildlife and posing increased safety hazards), and the importance of such things.
- .
- Don't destroy us.
- None.
- When a home goes in the market, there should be required energy efficiency standards met or committed to by the buyer for it to be sold. Rain water should be collected and used for non-potable needs throughout the county.
- There needs to be a "do nothing further than we currently are option". This needs to be really thought through. Especially as the electric grid will not sustain EV charging and space heating in the winter once you take the natural gas away. The grid update alone will be unaffordable as our current grid is hardly reliable enough as it stands
- Nuclear energy is sustainable and should be considered/mention as an option. This is Los Alamos after all....
- Composting is a great idea. We need to engineer real solutions to handle plastic waste. Unfortunately, much of our plastic waste ends up in the ocean and waterways despite recycling programs.
- Nope
- Stop wasting our taxes
- Too many to list here. Things like, where does electric power come from?
- Concrete metrics with off ramps, If we do X, in 5 years we will have seen y increase or decrease. If not, stop funding it and move to something else. Don't tell me my plastic straw is going to kill a turtle. You bury our trash in Los Lunas, how the hell does it get to the ocean! It doesn't. Stop trying to stay up with the cause de jour. Use some darn common sense.
- Can we designate a few weekends a year for people to leave free things at the end of their driveways to encourage reuse instead of throwing things away?
- Significantly incentivize energy efficiency improvements to older homes.

- No.
- Remember that middle income families also cannot afford to implement many of the options out there. Between the cost of living, supporting a family, education costs, and more, making changes to a home that are not absolutely necessary are going to be way down the list of priorities. Kind of like buying a car when you don't need to.
- Encourage stores to offer more bin type goods so people don't create so much waste. Paper waste is fine, it's reusable and we can grow more trees and it decomposes quickly.

Question 14: What are some things you or your household/business HAVE DONE or would be WILLING TO DO to support climate action? (Select all that apply)

Other (please specify)

- I save water in the house from running water to get it hot for dishwasher and shower and use it to water outdoor and indoor plants
- None of the above
- talk with people who don't agree with me
- We are very environmentally conscious and understand what everyone can do.
- I do many bbn odd these things already because i chose to do so, but NOT FOR THE VCLIMATE CHANGE HOAX
- I do many of these things, but not for the purpose of the climate
- None. Climate action is a fraud.
- I wont commit to any specific action, as I take these as time and budget allow.
- Don't skew our personal diet choices - that is un- American and not based on our traditional regional methods of farming and ranching for ourselves. This shows the disconnect with global hype and that of our individual region! Promote small farms and organic meats, not bio lab synthetic bs!
- Recycle plastics, paper, cardboard, glass and metal
- We do all we can to conserve water, recognizing that household use is a small fraction of industrial use.
- Installed weather efficient windows use shades to keep out sun/cold
- Town is an ideal size for E-bike use (consider bike share program)
- Fisn , poultry, plant foods are Not necessarily environmentally friendly.
- Already purchased EV
- You pay for it and i don't. sign me up. I get the same out put as i do now and its cheaper I'm all for it. Make me foot a bigger bill and or pay to make you happy, then its a hard pass.
- growing our own food and beef
- Develop local sources of electricity.
- None
- N/A
- I'd have solar panels but my HOA doesn't allow for it since they maintain the building roof.
- Perhaps move away from this socialist enclave.
- We are renters, so we are limited to what we can do.

- I would like to make my place of lodging more energy efficient but am a renter & at mercy of landlord. (The won't sell unit to me at this time,)
- Planting trees on property help cool the yards and therefore, the houses. They keep property values up and clean the air.
- We have no dishwasher, clothes dryer, television or air conditioner.
- Learn techniques to minimize water use in the home.
- Replace old windows. Replace gas furnaces with heat pumps . Replace old toilets with low water use ones. Etc
- Others I'd be willing to do, but can't as I rent a home.
- Telework! It has been shown that during the Covid lockdown, the impact on the air quality was immediate and noticeable.
- Compost
- Limit our water and electric usage
- I do not own my home here so I am unable to add some of above home improvement that I would otherwise consider
- I participate, as much as possible, in all community efforts toward a more sustainable future: seed library, food pantry, bee city, etc.
- Talking to friends, neighbors and the community about climate change solutions! Voting for local, state and national candidates who act on climate change. Shifting retirement investments away from fossil fuels and into businesses supporting sustainability. Charitable donations. Flying less.
- None other and we don't need the government to tell us what to do
- Stop
- Use a 3 gallon bucket to get hot water for shower. You 3 gallon bucket in kitchen sine to cath all water from washing vegetables, etc. Use that water to water indoor and outdoor plants
- Install an induction oven that uses electricity.
- recycle though use of thrift stores. we do not drive off hill unless necessary, usually Medical needs. I cook most all meals .
- Okay to be honest I would love to do all these some of them I already am but a listings like renovating your house or installing through units require lot more money and I am a millennial who am very thankful unfortunate for this job but I am not getting paid near my worth and I believe that the county also gives money to those are employing to help better themselves and push forward the beliefs and facets the county wishes to show will, Will be a stronger front going forward. We are in a unique situation thusly we need a closer and more accurate understanding of the salaries here and what we are paying our people. I can't say that these are hard times here we are a very lucrative county we can easily pay our employees what they are worth.
- I would plant more trees if there was a tax incentive for it. I would also use the smart watering feature of my sprinkler system if the county didn't force the even/odd watering schedule. This would use less water overall.
- (Eating more fish and poultry is not great for the environment when looking into the overall environmental impact fyi)
- los alamos recycle program
- Recycle everything. Waste nothing. Cheer the death of every politician.
- Driving less is not an option in this State or County due to the distance required to work and access goods and services

- I do a lot of these thing already. Lower your carbon footprint by not having a dog
- to a large degree, we have already taken these actions.
- as an ex-vegan, i will never support a plant-based diet again. it is harmful to humans.
- Recycle
- I drive less because the price of gas!
- Vote democrats out.
- Il have had a solar home for over 20 years, it has nothing to do with climate change.
- Much I already do, however county restrictions have made it expensive or impossible to do more. County needs to focus on empowering it's citizens instead of making money off of the changes purposed.
- Edible landscape.
- Many of the items listed above really have next to no impact on the problem and hence I have left them unchecked. Some are simply incompatible with my house or are too costly to implement. The items I have adopted are largely ones that save money.
- We built a true passive solar home here in 1986, and it is functioning beautifully.
- Many of these options require a a ton of \$\$\$\$ and local tradespeople to perform the work. Have I mentioned enough how expensive the proposed changes are and how implementing them and requiring residents to fall in line will price out the poor?
- I never do stuff, so I barely have an impact on the world.
- Line dry laundry. Go vegan. Eliminate air travel.
- eat more locally produced foods especially beef
- I just want less chemicals and microplastics in my drinking water
- None of the above
- We do several of the unchecked items just for reasons of economy and sustainability, independent of concerns about climate change.
- None of the above
- Be educated on this topic; donate to org's that support climate action programs, and be an advocate for positive change.
- We already did it or are doing most of the above.
- Focus on all life efficiencies using proper heating and cooling methods as well as usage of reusable items instead of one and done when possible.
- I feel as if you are trying to destroy our American dream we have worked so hard for, and want us to live as a 3rd world country.
- Recycle
- I will not practice your religion.
- I believe many residents already have solar panels, have reduced single use items, buy second hand materials, use sustainable yard products because we live in a high desert environment and have been doing so for years.
- Not my concern
- Nothing
- I already do so many of these.
- We do not believe in human caused climate change and therefore will continue to live as we do.

- Growing a percentage of our households food at home. To help reduce carbon footprint of our food.
- I'd be willing to do a lot of these things, but I can't afford them. I've been a vegetarian for over 30 years. I can afford that.
- None
- .
- You all are nuts. The climate is always changing. Can't wait for the next ICE AGE propaganda we have seen before.
- We have already done the things selected because it made sense to us as a family. Choice is an important element in these decisions.
- none.
- Use libraries and community sharing programs rather than buying items
- Eat more beef and pork
- Come up with surveys for public policy formulation that isn't so obviously biased! For instance, you make people choose at least two of your choices above even if they don't agree with them. Very dishonest of you.
- Hybrid vehicle that isn't plug-in. Why is plug-in better? Wouldn't I have to hire an electrician to add a plug? Who can afford that?

Question 16: Email? (Open response)

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Question 17: Name? (Open response)

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Question 18: What is your zip code? (Open response)

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Question 22: What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be)

Other (please specify)

- 0
- American
- Mexican
- Other
- None of your business.
- None of your business
- H
- minority
- Human
- Northern NM Hispanic

- Race is an artificial construct that I will not respond to
- Human
- hispanic
- American
- what ever i feel like i want to be today.
- Obviously white cause this county can't help but price minorities out with ridiculous regulations like climate action plans.
- German-Irish American
- Latin American (Hispanic)
- My family cam over on the Mayflower, but I don't associate with that side of the family.
- European
- Hi
- mixed race
- If African American is considered a race (i.e., Elon Musk), then I would be considered an American.
- Non-disclosure
- I identify as an Apache Attack Helicopter
- I identify in a different way
- mixed, including Latinx
- Native American
- American
- human
- Biracial
- Newer Native American

Question 25: Which best describes the building you live in?

Other (please specify)

- Multigenerational home
- None of your business
- Senior condo (Oppenheimer Place)

Question 26: Do you rent or own the place where you live?

Neither (please specify)

- staying with parents
- None of your business
- home is owned by mother-in-law. We are caretakers
- This is my fathers home.
- My partner owns the house that we live in.

- I own the mobile home but rent the space it's located on.
- I own my home, but rent the property
- Live with parents

Question 27: Do you work or volunteer for an organization in any of the following sectors? (Select all that apply)

Other (please specify)

- admin support
- None of your business
- Los Alamos Dog Obedience Club
- Science
- Local sports groups for our kids
- Natural science of behavior (behaviorology [not any part or kind of psychology])
- Life science
- Kiwanis
- Acequia management
- Entertainment / NM Film
- Performing arts
- Wildlife Conservation
- Volunteer in a Thrift Shop
- national security
- Corrections
- Performing Arts
- Public service
- Emergency Management
- LA county PRB
- Los Alamos Public Library Systems
- Government - Public Safety
- Govt and Utilities
- Master Gardeners Assoc. (MNSU Ext. Office)
- retired
- Climate Reality, Seed Library
- Natural resource management
- the most valuable sector: Youth Programs
- Rather not
- LANL
- Health care access and advocacy
- Advocacy for voting rights, democracy, women's rights
- care provider for family member

- Retired, too old to volunteer anymore.
- Work at County, volunteer at gardening, animal shelter.
- Dog training
- Government
- related ie Senior Center
- Lab
- Retired
- I am retired
- Economic development
- Kiwanis community service
- Music groups
- Retired from lab; try to keep current on a range of issues
- National Park Service
- Defense
- Public policy development
- xx
- Dog rescue
- international conservation science
- Museum
- Focus on real solutions and not hyperbola or government induced propaganda and agenda's.
Seek true knowledge from those with real wisdom and knowledge and not just those that derive their livleyhood from the government. d
- Credit Union Board
- Healthcare
- Local Government
- Environmental Remediation
- Webpage for nonprofit
- Arts and Culture