

Topic: Police Services

This document contains public input on police services. The public input was collected through open-ended questions in the Toronto Core Service Review Public Consultation Feedback Form. Information about the consultation as well as other data sets and results is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/torontoservicereview/results.htm>.

Because of the large volume of comments received from 13,000 participants, multiple keyword searches were used to identify the information for this document. The comments below are in the order in which they were received, are listed by the question on the Feedback Form that they were responding to, and show the full response to the question which may include input on other topics.

Responses:

- [To begin, what do you think are the most important issues facing our city in 2011? Please list up to three issues.](#)
- [Are there any other important city-wide issues you think the City of Toronto should consider?](#)
- [Do you have any other comments on how the City should fund services?](#)
- [Is there anything else you would like City Council to consider when making decisions about services in the future?](#)

To begin, what do you think are the most important issues facing our city in 2011? Please list up to three issues.

	Police - Important issues
1.	Cutting costs on off-duty cops pay, not subsidized camp programs
2.	Paid Duty Toronto Police
3.	High cost of Police services and rich contract awarded
4.	Toronto Police salaries
5.	Loss of trust in police
6.	safety
7.	Safety
8.	Crime
9.	crime
10.	crime on the ttc
11.	Police budgets
12.	You can cut a major part from the budget by cutting from the police budget the Toronto police now make too much money and are getting out of control they need a haircut
13.	Cost of Police Services

	Police - Important issues
14.	ballooning policing costs
15.	NOT To GIVE THE POLICE A RAISE !!!!!
16.	Paying millions extra for cops to guard pot holes
17.	police budget
18.	security
19.	crime
20.	By-law violations require community. service, to replace some City staff (garbage, parks, street cleaning)
21.	crime
22.	excessive police budget-spending out of control on police services
23.	Police
24.	police
25.	High crime
26.	bicyclist safety
27.	need more police foot patrol at night in our area
28.	Safety
29.	safety
30.	Addressing police abuses during G20
31.	Security (more police)
32.	Police incompetence & overpay
33.	Too much wastage on police budget
34.	Crime
35.	Wasting money on Pay Duty Police
36.	police, and fire making too much money
37.	crime
38.	policing of communities and traffic. Too much time writing ticket from squad cars and not enough time spent fostering safe communities
39.	controlling police budget
40.	Over paid Police officers
41.	aggressive police authority and wages
42.	Gang violence
43.	police wages
44.	Safety
45.	Policing costs downloaded to city from Provincial/Federal Gov
46.	police relations with public
47.	Crime
48.	Crime
49.	Police (too many officers used to harass citizens with tickets and bullying tactics, not enough focus on crime reduction)
50.	policing
51.	Safety on the streets

	Police - Important issues
52.	The need to keep police from abusing their power
53.	loss of revenue when parking by-law offenders build up huge sums from parking infractions & are permitted to negotiate "deals" by which they pay only a small portion. This happens in my neighbourhood and allows a local business to monopolize parking by using on street spaces as part of their business premises.
54.	police budget
55.	excess of police services
56.	police
57.	Cutting expenditures, including the police service budget and sanitation services
58.	mismanagement of TTC and similar city run organizations, not to mention use of paid duty cops
59.	Oversized Police Force
60.	Off duty pay for police
61.	Crime
62.	Improving police accountability
63.	Police - overfunding
64.	Police
65.	increase in police budget
66.	police budget
67.	police budget
68.	Police salary increase
69.	crime
70.	Police
71.	Assault on organized labour
72.	Crime
73.	Student housing -- safety
74.	water security
75.	overpaid police
76.	Toronto Police Budget
77.	police budget
78.	Police & Fire Budgets
79.	Toronto Police
80.	Gangs, violence
81.	Privatize Police
82.	How the City caved to the Police and will pay for the new contract and continued "paid-duty" work
83.	Police Violence
84.	Police Service highest paid officers in the world
85.	Police Service Paid Duties - they are over-qualified and over-paid for the jobs they perform
86.	Safety

	Police - Important issues
87.	police budget
88.	wasteful spending, e.g.: police bonuses, consulting fees to analyze budget
89.	Crime
90.	policing costs are too high
91.	Hire more Police now
92.	Safety
93.	Police services
94.	Over time costs for police
95.	Policing
96.	health and safety of neighbourhoods
97.	Reducing the Police budget
98.	pay increases to City staff (including Police) - no increases if there's a deficit
99.	Police Budget
100.	drugs
101.	intimidation by and abuse of police authority
102.	Loss of public trust in police force after G20
103.	Restraining the police
104.	crime
105.	gravy train, i.e. police overtime!
106.	police
107.	Safety and Security
108.	police wage increases
109.	Inappropriate pay hikes to police
110.	Crime
111.	hold line on police, fire and ttc costs
112.	crime
113.	fire and police services
114.	crime
115.	Not enough community policing
116.	Violence
117.	Police Salaries
118.	police costs
119.	Safety
120.	Community Development/ Safety
121.	Crime and Safety
122.	security
123.	Toronto Police Services
124.	police power is kept in check
125.	lack of cops walking the beat
126.	crime
127.	Crime

	Police - Important issues
128.	Police Budget
129.	G20 Public Inquiry
130.	Policing costs
131.	safety
132.	Repealing David Miller's ban on gun clubs
133.	Crime
134.	fire, ambulance and police services
135.	Favouritism to high price wage agreements with the Police
136.	crime
137.	Cost of policing
138.	Crime
139.	a police department that is out of control both in terms of how much they cost and how they seem to have forgotten that their mandate is to serve and protect us, not to harass and intimidate us
140.	increased police training and accountability - reduction in prejudice based methods and strong arming, reduction in abuse and oppression of minority groups, etc.
141.	Police unaccountability and violence
142.	Safety
143.	Police: lack of accountability and the unreasonable amount of authority they were given at G20
144.	Hiring freeze on Police Officers
145.	cycle safety
146.	Crime
147.	crime
148.	lax oversight of police
149.	Community safety
150.	Increased incidents of police abuses of power and rights violations
151.	reducing police force and their budget
152.	High cost of police
153.	Police violence
154.	Pay for police is too high and there are too many
155.	Crime
156.	Poor allocation of resources (e.g., too much money spent on police, the largest budget item)
157.	crime
158.	Police conduct
159.	Crime
160.	Crime
161.	policing and the G20
162.	Crime
163.	A Toronto police officer's comment that women should avoid dressing like "sluts" to

	Police - Important issues
	avoid being raped
164.	Police Budget
165.	Taking money from the real gravy train (police) and putting it into daycare, parks and recreation, affordable housing and green issues
166.	Crime
167.	g20 fallout
168.	reducing policing costs
169.	Emergency and Police Services
170.	Cops and their greed
171.	Safety
172.	law enforcement
173.	Justice for those who were detained and treated badly during the G20.
174.	safety
175.	health safety and welfare of citizens
176.	Police Ethics and accountability
177.	Police & Emergency services
178.	Drugs and their attendant problems
179.	safety
180.	Crime
181.	reducing waste - like police paid duty service
182.	violence against women
183.	Infrastructure - Fixing our Roads for Safety
184.	safety
185.	Crime
186.	public safety
187.	Safety
188.	policing
189.	better security and safety
190.	crime
191.	Safety
192.	Services for Youth - i.e. Parks & Recreation vs. Policing
193.	Lack of police accountability
194.	Safety
195.	Policing
196.	over policing
197.	Safety
198.	Safety
199.	Police wages
200.	Crime
201.	Crime
202.	Safety

	Police - Important issues
203.	crime
204.	Policing
205.	overpaid police
206.	Crime
207.	Crime
208.	Health and safety
209.	police budget too expensive
210.	safety
211.	Security
212.	Over-policing
213.	Rising crime and use of arms
214.	crime
215.	Safety
216.	police making too much money
217.	Bringing the police under control
218.	policing
219.	Crime and Disorder
220.	Large police budget
221.	high cost of police services
222.	violence
223.	crime
224.	over paid police
225.	Excessive Police - Crime is down, not as many needed
226.	Lack of scrutiny of the Policing Budget increase
227.	the need for social programs in high risk areas to prevent crime before it occurs by providing healthier social alternatives for young people
228.	Safety and access for cyclists, improving our roads
229.	Crime levels & public safety
230.	crime
231.	Excessive police costs.
232.	POLICE
233.	Police
234.	police service
235.	Police Accountability
236.	POLICE
237.	Police
238.	safety
239.	crime
240.	Crime
241.	Unaccountable and abusive police force
242.	Respecting our rights: Holding the police accountable for the disregard of human

	Police - Important issues
	rights during the G20 protests
243.	The ongoing waste of public funds by the Toronto police
244.	policing
245.	transportation & road safety (re cyclist and pedestrians)
246.	Youth violence
247.	overstuffed police budget
248.	Police
249.	Police
250.	Need for increase of Police
251.	Controlling costs of the police services
252.	Excessive Pay Increases for Police
253.	Police overfunding
254.	Nonsensical approaches to what is the gravy train (police wage increase?!)
255.	allowing cannabis use as a municipal by law
256.	Controlling the police budget
257.	Value for \$ on civic employees - police, licensing, etc.
258.	Crime level
259.	Reduce spending especially wrt unionized pay/benefit packages (that includes police too)
260.	crime
261.	increase Police, Fire services
262.	Safety
263.	Safety
264.	Rising Policing Costs
265.	Crime
266.	Police/TTC budget
267.	Police Accountability
268.	Safety
269.	violence with guns
270.	CRIME
271.	Police Budget Much Too High!
272.	high cost of policing events and construction
273.	reining in the Police
274.	Overbloated wages (police, TTC, city government, etc.)
275.	cost of policing
276.	Police mishandling of G20 protests
277.	public safety
278.	Rationalizing policing, focusing on community programs, victim support, crime prevention rather than cracking down on nonviolent crime
279.	public safety
280.	Safety and quality of life

	Police - Important issues
281.	safety and security for citizens
282.	Crime
283.	energy security for GTA
284.	Police (since the G8 it feels like the police are working against the public good)
285.	police accountability
286.	G8/G20 Review
287.	Inadequate Community Policing
288.	public safety
289.	Police Budget
290.	High cost of policing
291.	safety
292.	Toronto police
293.	Policing in the York University Village
294.	personal and community safety
295.	Police budgets
296.	crime
297.	Crime
298.	police overtime costs
299.	Policing
300.	Policing
301.	cutting back on police budget
302.	The push for more policing when crime is on the decline and the city is facing a budget shortfall
303.	safety and security
304.	increased support for victims of sexual violence and abuse
305.	Health, Safety and Quality of Life for all Torontonians
306.	Police abuse of power
307.	Unaccountable Police Force
308.	improve 911
309.	Crime
310.	crime
311.	policing issues
312.	Police
313.	Policing
314.	Safety - fire, police, ambulance, safety education
315.	Education - schools, public safety, accessibility to education
316.	safety and security for all
317.	Violence
318.	Overspending of Police Services
319.	Crime: which may be related to the city having a disproportionate share of the provinces welfare recipients and/or underground subcultures.

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320.	Immigration &/or diversity = millions of \$\$\$ spent to support programs, festivals, education (ESL), and police the growing, highly educated (?), mosaic of this unemployed and/or underemployed section of this population.
321.	Community Safety
322.	safety
323.	youth crime
324.	Police Services
325.	Overspending on law enforcement
326.	Increased funding for warfare and crime punishment
327.	Using police budget more wisely
328.	Increasing public safety
329.	neighbourhood safety
330.	out of control police force
331.	Toronto Police Services
332.	Police working the streets for the right reasons(forget racial profiling)
333.	Police services
334.	Youth violence
335.	Policing
336.	police services
337.	out of control police budget
338.	crime
339.	police
340.	need improved bike access/safety downtown and everywhere else
341.	The Police Budget
342.	Safety
343.	crime
344.	income benefits and security
345.	police force deficit
346.	safety and security
347.	Policing
348.	crime
349.	Violence
350.	Policing
351.	police/safety
352.	police services
353.	gun violence
354.	public safety
355.	G20
356.	G20
357.	G20
358.	Police (too expensive/many officers)

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359.	crime
360.	crime
361.	Public safety
362.	police and emergency services
363.	Police Accountability
364.	Police
365.	Crime
366.	Failure to follow through with an inquest into G20 spending of tax money which could have been used to fund public services.
367.	POLICE SERVICES
368.	Police Services
369.	Police unaccountability
370.	policing
371.	Crime
372.	Crime
373.	crime (violence amount youths)
374.	Community safety
375.	Crime
376.	Maintaining good police services
377.	Gun violence
378.	police
379.	policing
380.	Regaining the trust of the Toronto Police after the G20 debacle.
381.	G20 repercussion
382.	Crime
383.	Public Safety
384.	policing
385.	911 calls
386.	Police control of drug dealing
387.	Police Services
388.	crime
389.	rape crime on men and women
390.	over funded/ bloated police services budgets
391.	crime
392.	Toronto Police Services
393.	police
394.	public safety
395.	Toronto Police Service
396.	Police services
397.	safety programs
398.	Crime

	Police - Important issues
399.	Police
400.	High Crime Rates in low income areas
401.	Crime
402.	crime
403.	Police Accountability
404.	The police is extremely inefficient, rude, and unprofessional
405.	Less police force
406.	Gun violence.
407.	quality of the city as setting for the individual, esp. (multiple aspects for each) safety, opportunity, education and culture
408.	policing
409.	public safety
410.	safety
411.	safety
412.	lack of accountability for the G20 disaster
413.	Crime
414.	Security
415.	crime
416.	crime
417.	Ensure public safety (emergency services)
418.	Police
419.	overpaid and too many police constables
420.	cost of policing
421.	Labour negotiations city unions, including the Toronto Police Service
422.	policing
423.	Police are too expensive and out of control
424.	Safety from crime
425.	drugs
426.	police
427.	safety
428.	Safety of road for all types of vehicles
429.	Violence
430.	Police
431.	Violence
432.	Police misconduct
433.	Gang activity
434.	Police
435.	Community health and safety
436.	better trained police, but slightly less hires, more communication with citizens
437.	The way the police are just given money and power in hopes it will stop crime
438.	crime and addressing the needs of at risk youth

	Police - Important issues
439.	Police budget is 2X more than TTC. Cops only serve there own kind
440.	crime, immigration
441.	Police
442.	reducing the size of the police force
443.	Policing
444.	Safety - Security
445.	Safety and housing
446.	Safety and security
447.	policing costs
448.	Criminal gang operations
449.	Police - community relations (particularly including perceived police sense of entitlement - address through recruiting mechanisms)
450.	Police Dept.
451.	repeal the immigration law for landed immigrants, they should be allowed to remain in Canada because they took the time to come here legally
452.	Police
453.	Police abusing their power
454.	public safety and security
455.	safety
456.	Police
457.	Abuse of police authority over the youth (especially minority groups
458.	safety in housing
459.	Police issues / actions the police take
460.	Safety
461.	Sky rocketing police costs
462.	Training for police for mannerism
463.	safety
464.	safety, crime free
465.	safety
466.	Police Services
467.	Safety
468.	Gun violence
469.	Safety
470.	Reduce violence
471.	Community safety issue
472.	health and safety
473.	safety
474.	youth and violence
475.	Crime
476.	police budget
477.	police corruption

	Police - Important issues
478.	Better by-law enforcement against dogs and their owners
479.	Police cost too much for what they do
480.	Ongoing police corruption issues lack of trust in police
481.	crime
482.	Cut down Toronto Police budget and spendings
483.	drugs and guns
484.	Crime
485.	overpaid police
486.	safety
487.	Public safety
488.	police
489.	police budget
490.	police corruption
491.	Safety and Security of Torontonians
492.	police budget
493.	Security and Education
494.	Law Enforcement
495.	Safety and security
496.	effective civilian control of policing
497.	3. Important services: Every service is important. I read the list of services and could only find one that I felt needed some cuts, police. Most importantly, we need to attend to climate change in every way possible, including discouraging car use. Transit is extremely important. Restore the original 'Transit City Plan'. We don't need subways, we need more kilometers of accessible, fast, transit that services all areas of the city, especially the pockets of less affluent people, and that we can afford. The Transit City Plan was completely funded. . Do not raise fees for recreation, health , etc programs. Make sure you can subsidize programs for poor people. Stop trying to privatize services – in almost every city where they have been privatized it has not been as successful as city-run services and has often cost more. Public Housing is crucial and more housing should be built every year. Instead of selling off housing that needs repair we should look for clever ways of using private sector to help make the repairs. It is short sighted to sell off things the city owns. Short term gain, often long-term loss.
498.	Supporting community policing
499.	security
500.	Safety
501.	Reduce Inflated policing costs
502.	toronto police services salaries should rise at the same rate as all city workers
503.	police services accountability - we need a truly independent review process
504.	Community Policing
505.	safety
506.	bad cops

	Police - Important issues
507.	crime prevention
508.	the police budget
509.	Guns and Gang Violence
510.	safety and security
511.	need to re-educate the police
512.	Safety
513.	Violence
514.	Lack of police accountability
515.	Policing
516.	Crime
517.	work force
518.	Hire more people to patrol city parks
519.	No discipline to cut services less in demand, esp. police
520.	Policing
521.	Police budget too high
522.	Services for women and families especially violence against women, childcare and recreational services
523.	policing
524.	policing
525.	DECREASING ESSENTIAL SERVICES (e.g. Police)
526.	Police budget too high
527.	Guns and Gang Violence
528.	Drugs
529.	Tatackle excessive \$commitment to police services as crime drops
530.	Police
531.	Policing
532.	Crime in selected neighbourhoods
533.	Lack of police accountability
534.	Unethical police
535.	programs for women and families i.e. childcare, recreation and violence prevention
536.	Too many police while crime rates are dropping
537.	Energy Security
538.	Police abuse of power and wage hikes
539.	Disproportionate spend on Police
540.	crime
541.	Ballooning Police Budget
542.	Police not being held accountable
543.	safety
544.	drugs
545.	crime
546.	Violence & Crime

	Police - Important issues
547.	Police Budget
548.	proportion of funding to police services
549.	crime
550.	crime
551.	policing
552.	police
553.	overpayment of police
554.	the loss of personal responsibility, and the increase in policing.
555.	gang violence
556.	drugs
557.	Police Services
558.	Crime
559.	cut police budget
560.	safety
561.	Public safety
562.	Police impropriety
563.	priorities out of whack--Police union gets a big raise, but garbage is privatized to save money
564.	crime
565.	Crime issues
566.	police unaccountability
567.	protection of women and children against violence
568.	policing
569.	Public Safety
570.	Out of control police budget
571.	Crime
572.	Too much wasted money on unnecessary police services
573.	control of the police
574.	Violence
575.	Lack of good jobs (fulltime jobs that offer decent benefits and security)
576.	police control (G20 atrocities)
577.	Reduce Police Budget, we are not a police state
578.	Police
579.	police budgeting
580.	Crime
581.	Crime
582.	safety
583.	Public Safety
584.	Police Impunity
585.	Ballooning police budget
586.	Providing security and opportunity for all residents of the city

	Police - Important issues
587.	Provide the necessary services of security, safety and protection of its citizens
588.	police service
589.	Police behaviour
590.	Public Safety
591.	crime
592.	Policing costs
593.	cleaning up municipal housing so tenants can live in safety and respect
594.	Crime/Violence
595.	crime rate
596.	crime
597.	crime
598.	public safety services (fire, police, ems)
599.	11% salary increase for police officers
600.	security
601.	Fairness in policing
602.	water quality and safety
603.	community safety
604.	Police
605.	public safety/security
606.	Public Safety
607.	Budget for Police/Fire Dept.
608.	Electronic Security
609.	excessive police spending
610.	Negotiating the Multicultural Community (Police, Housing, Schools...)
611.	Police budget
612.	not decreasing funding to libraries and the police force
613.	responsible Police services
614.	Crime/safety
615.	policing
616.	I think that it is essential to increase funding for out-of-school programs for children and youth so that we can take a preventative strategy. By funding social-recreation programs, the city will be able to minimize/more accurately balance their budget. Ex. take some of the 900 million in in Police Services and board, and support.
617.	Crime
618.	increase in crime
619.	crime
620.	Gun violence
621.	Policing
622.	Equity issues and human rights (including racial profiling by police)
623.	POLICE SERVICES
624.	increasing police officers in the city

	Police - Important issues
625.	Reducing police budget, increasing library budget
626.	the cost of police services
627.	street crime
628.	Policing
629.	No one seems in control of the police force
630.	Policing cost
631.	Lack of accountability of police
632.	high crime
633.	Public safety
634.	policing
635.	Overpaid police
636.	There should be a residency requirement for police. They should actually live in the community they serve. many police currently have no vested interest in maintaining a quality force that actually serves the citizens of Toronto.
637.	Policing run amok -- re: G20 -- Unaccountability of the police to the citizens of Toronto.
638.	too much money spent on policing
639.	Crime
640.	crime or crime prevention
641.	cutting police salaries
642.	I am really concerned about the huge cost of policing: Policemen are extremely well paid by any standard, and I see a lot of people hanging around construction sites but they never respond when I call with an issue. We have lost control of this union.
643.	police budget
644.	Crime
645.	Crime
646.	lack of By-law enforcement
647.	Police Services
648.	citizen safety
649.	public safety
650.	policing
651.	safety
652.	crime
653.	Safety of Citizens
654.	Public Safety
655.	Crime
656.	Public safety
657.	Public Safety
658.	Crime is a concern
659.	safety - more police patrols as break-ins increase in neighbourhoods
660.	Crime

	Police - Important issues
661.	police services
662.	Control Policing costs
663.	crime & public safety
664.	safety
665.	police/G20 reconciliation
666.	Police
667.	police services
668.	Police
669.	public safety
670.	crime
671.	crime
672.	Safety
673.	safety
674.	Safety of our citizens
675.	police pay deal opens floodgates
676.	crime
677.	core services to remain (Police, fire EMS)
678.	public safety
679.	Crime
680.	safety for the citizens
681.	public safety
682.	policing our city
683.	NOT CUTTING FIRE, POLICE AND EMS
684.	public safety
685.	Police Services
686.	Public Transit and Road Safety
687.	Safety
688.	Safety (Fire , police, etc.)
689.	policing costs in a time of declining crime
690.	public safety
691.	poverty and crime
692.	crime
693.	public security
694.	Its insane to be thinking of laying of cops and firefighters
695.	taxpayer safety
696.	Police mismanagement
697.	police department
698.	Crime
699.	law enforcement
700.	police
701.	Safety of residents and employees

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702.	safety
703.	crime
704.	public safety
705.	fire safety
706.	crime rate
707.	population security
708.	Crime and gang activity
709.	Excess of bylaws, policing and fines
710.	public health and safety (food, buildings, streets, etc)
711.	The Police Budget
712.	Excessive spending on police services
713.	Cutbacks to threaten public/worker safety
714.	City Cleanliness and Safety
715.	Police Services
716.	Drug and violent crime in/from public housing
717.	cost of policing
718.	Police
719.	Detect fraud from welfare / low income housing / using money received for drugs
720.	Crime
721.	Lack of By-Law enforcement
722.	Weak / Useless By-Law content
723.	Safety (Police, Fire and EMS)
724.	safety of people , protection of property
725.	ttc, police, roads. budgets
726.	High salaries and policing costs
727.	crime
728.	Policing Services
729.	policing
730.	Police Force - overpaid & too many of them
731.	Crime
732.	Public Safety
733.	Cuts to fire, police and ems
734.	Fire and Police Services Staffing
735.	Safety
736.	Reduce The police budget by 10%
737.	police cost
738.	crime
739.	Safety/Crime
740.	safety
741.	Police
742.	police presence

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743.	crime
744.	Crime
745.	Safety
746.	Safety & Security - Crime reduction
747.	police
748.	crimes and gang crimes
749.	Excessive police budget with poor police performance
750.	Safety
751.	over serviced and unaccountable police
752.	Policing
753.	Police Cuts
754.	crime reduction
755.	Budget cuts to essential services (Police, Fire)
756.	Abuse of police power
757.	crime
758.	Need to curb policing spending and power
759.	police services
760.	Crime
761.	Preservation of public safety services - police, fire, ambulance
762.	over policing (over paid not accountable)
763.	Public safety
764.	Safety in public housing
765.	policing
766.	safety
767.	crime
768.	Crime
769.	STREET AND HOUSING SAFETY
770.	Police Services
771.	Lack of accountability of police in G20 fiasco, resulting in lack of confidence of public
772.	Public Safety
773.	The G20 summit accountability of leaders including police officers.
774.	safety
775.	crime
776.	Safety
777.	Out of control police and budget
778.	Public safety
779.	Public safety
780.	Violence and gun issue
781.	Police, Fire, EMS, Public Health
782.	health and safety
783.	Public Safety Funding

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784.	Poverty/Safety
785.	police
786.	Accountability and transparency regarding police action during the G20 during 2010
787.	Excessive police spending
788.	Lack of police accountability for behaviour
789.	safety living
790.	crime
791.	unaccountable ubiquitous police
792.	Policing and safety (including road)
793.	Police Service Priorities
794.	G20 investigation
795.	Crime, Lawlessness
796.	support of fire dept and police
797.	Crime
798.	Crime
799.	Establishing a Zoning By-law
800.	Accountability of Police Force
801.	road/sidewalk accessibility and safety
802.	Police Accountability
803.	TOO MANY POLICE, LACK OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY
804.	police department
805.	Forcing service cuts through budget reductions as compensation for the removal of assets like the Vehicle Registration Fee, and the 11.5% pay raise to Police
806.	Police accountability
807.	Lack of fire safety knowledge in the general public
808.	Citizen safety
809.	Reigning in spending on police services/paid duty and applying that savings to municipal deficit.
810.	Actions of the police during the G20 Summit
811.	Increase taxes in necessary to do so; cut backs should occur in Police Services
812.	Overspending on Police
813.	City Safety
814.	Crime
815.	security and environmental problems
816.	policing
817.	budget for policing too high
818.	Ensuring those in authority (for example, Police) do not abuse the power they have (increase training with dealing the those most in need with compassion)
819.	police
820.	budget cuts to fire and police services
821.	high cost of police

	Police - Important issues
822.	citizen safety
823.	crime
824.	Lack of police accountability
825.	Public Safety
826.	Service and staff cuts to Police, Fire and EMS
827.	Police
828.	Need more police
829.	adequate number of Police services
830.	Crime
831.	EMS, police fire services
832.	gangs and gun related crimes
833.	Safety
834.	Police protection
835.	Policing
836.	No cuts or layoffs for the police
837.	Safety and security
838.	Public safety
839.	Traffic Enforcement (lack of)
840.	Policing
841.	Police, EMS
842.	police overspending
843.	preventative services to reduce crime
844.	Over policing and over enforcement
845.	crime
846.	Safety
847.	Community Outreach & safety
848.	Crime
849.	crime
850.	public safety
851.	Crime
852.	Safety
853.	Police brutality and horrible sense of judgement
854.	safe streets and homes: prevent crime, not just punish
855.	Police Services
856.	safety
857.	security
858.	Crime Prevention
859.	Road Safety
860.	crime
861.	Managing police services properly
862.	Violence

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863.	Crime
864.	Violence
865.	police cut backs
866.	uncontrolled spending on public servants, especially the police
867.	Protecting Fire and Library and Safety Services
868.	violence
869.	police budget
870.	Raises for cops and handouts to big business
871.	Crime
872.	taxpayer safety
873.	Crime
874.	CRIME
875.	Safety
876.	don't privatize ambulance services and 911 dispatchers
877.	High Police Salaries and their overall budget
878.	Insecurity and violence in the city
879.	Waste by Police and Fire Dept. and private contractors to the City.
880.	The Police are an Occupying Force and in fear of the public
881.	crime
882.	Useless Parking Ticket Department
883.	crime is lower, cut back police service
884.	safety on the streets/rehabilitation
885.	Violence
886.	police
887.	Policing
888.	police accountability
889.	need to DECREASE police budget
890.	over spending on law enforcement
891.	Police abuse
892.	Crime
893.	adequate funding for core programs such as EMS, Fire, Police, Public Health, Public Transit, Public Libraries, waste disposal
894.	safety
895.	Police Services
896.	Enforcement - police, MLS & other services
897.	Policing Standards
898.	Police abuses during G8/G20
899.	Public Safety
900.	Overall safety
901.	Over policing
902.	crime

	Police - Important issues
903.	Police budget is out of control and costing the city too much money only to see them paying too much attention in bad policing i.e. it takes two trained officer for minor offences. The police department should be accountable to the city on where they spend their money and be accountable in their overtime. We should see to that we do not become a police state.
904.	bloated police budget
905.	safety + health services - hospitals, doctors, rapport with police
906.	No police oversight
907.	TTC (expensive fare, safety issue - some drivers start the engine and are not aware that some passengers have not settled or sat down safely, etc.)
908.	Crime
909.	training for police & others to work with marginalised groups
910.	Policing
911.	drugs
912.	Reform of police governance/expenses
913.	safety and security
914.	ensuring health and safety of citizens
915.	reducing police power
916.	bloated police budget
917.	Policing
918.	inquiry into G20 spending and abuse of funds

Are there any other important city-wide issues you think the City of Toronto should consider?

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	Police – Other Important Issues
1.	Providing and maintaining services to marginalized communities, including gay/lesbian/trans communities; controls on ever-expanding police budget; finding solutions other than privatization for services like garbage, community housing, etc.
2.	Don't sell off assets (enwave, Toronto community Housing, land, etc...) to cover future budget shortfalls. Go after actual 'gravy' like the Toronto Police budget, get them to make cuts and stop handing them wads of cash year after year (crime is down and budgets up for 20+ yrs). TTC service and efficiencies (they waste so much money its not funny), I'm tired of this more \$ for less service concept.. / /

	Police – Other Important Issues
3.	we need to eliminate all paid duty for police and limit overtime 3) we need to do away with police retention bonuses 4) we need to establish Toronto residency requirements for cops and other city workers. No more collecting a 6-figure salary in Toronto and living in Ajax 5) we need to roll back TTC fares 6) impose an eye-sore tax on property owners who do not maintain their buildings (e.g. 90% of the buildings on Yonge street) 7) go after the Federal government for all the money Toronto spends housing and looking after refugees that the feds let into Canada
4.	level of crime in the community
5.	It is my belief that the City of Toronto should close down their Voyageur Canoe and Canoe department at Sunnyside Beach. This is a total waste of money that can be accommodated by the private sector at a much lower cost to the City of Toronto. / / We should not use police officers to watch over construction sites. With high unemployment in the city the job could go to more needy individuals. / / The city should create make work programs for people who need welfare and are capable of working. I have a friend who has been looking for a job for over one year and would love to work behind a garbage truck rather than collect welfare. / / The city should get completely out of the social housing business. Buildings older than 25 years old should reserve a percentage of their apartments for those who qualify for social assisted housing. The government should pay the landlord directly and provide the landlord with special rights to make sure the apartments are being maintained properly. The money raised by selling off all our social housing units could pay down our deficit. By implementing this program would not have a concentration of needy in any one building creating an environment where gangs will not thrive. / / The city of Toronto should combine school recreation facilities with city recreation facilities in order to improve these facilities without duplication. / / The city should work with the province to encourage the use of slow moving electric vehicles. This will encourage the development of this future technology right here in the city. / / The city should encourage the use of solar residential water heaters. / / The city should do a five year hiring freeze not replacing retiring workers. Less government is better government. / / The city should use software internet applications for all communication with the public. Done properly this can reduce the need for much staffing and improve service. / / The city should review the need for each and every department. The city should shrink the departments unless the need is crucial. If the need is medium to minor then come up with a private solution and close the department. / / The city should privatize as much as possible. Even if the cost is the same the long term pension expense support damage will be avoided.
6.	the police budget needs to be addressed--much lower and fire department

	Police – Other Important Issues
7.	Cut the police budget to save money, it is probably the largest next to the TTC so it will have the biggest impact. We have too many police as it is; they are standing on every corner downtown and costing the city millions in unneeded expenditures. This money would be much better spent on infrastructure repairs, that way you have results and get something for your money / The police are there in minutes when seconds count so they are overrated as far as I am concerned. They arrive after the knifing to pick up the bodies; people would be better served defending themselves. /
8.	Essential service status for Toronto EMS - like Toronto Police and Toronto Fire
9.	While public safety is a concern, I do not think that increasing the police force necessarily contributes to a decrease in crime or an increase in the public's sense of security. We have seen the Toronto Police force abuse their powers while the whole world was watching. How do they conduct themselves when nobody is watching? Police and excessive force and racial profiling are all very real problems within police forces everywhere, and Toronto shouldn't kid itself that it's exceptional.
10.	The city needs to improve the TTC, reduce the number of cars on our roadways in order to make our streets safer and our air cleaner. Improving the TTC and taking steps such as increasing safety for people who ride bikes or walk, create incentives for people in the city not to need a car. Also, improving the environment should be a top priority for the city. A better environment will have trickle down effect in improving resident's overall health and well being.
11.	referendum re licensing bikes, keeping the gun registry
12.	Subway expansion is very important. Police officer pay duties - too expensive. And, it seems that even with the election over, Mr Ford and his brother continue to campaign. I voted for Mr Ford, but do not appreciate being called a member of Ford Nation - I am a citizen of the city of Toronto and I take that very seriously.
13.	Reduce the cost of policing for example extra paid duty . It is outrageous that the police are paid \$65 to direct traffic in a construction area and special events. The extra paid duties must be controlled.
14.	reduce spending on police services
15.	Bike lane on Bloor Street. / Continuing with respectful growth of waterfront according to the existing plan. / Ensuring a football stadium is not placed anywhere near the waterfront. / Continuing the community based policing model. Including preventive measures such as police on bikes in laneways. / Community centres and activities for at risk youth. Including cheap user fees. / Pursuing road tolls as a way to curb congestion and raise revenue for the city.
16.	The city needs to properly fund the Parks and Recreation Welcome Policy so all low income children and youth have access to recreation programs. We will pay the price in crime later if we do not look after them now.
17.	excessive policing; callousness toward the poor; homelessness; need for rent-geared-to-income housing (a massive need, yet one which can be met)

	Police – Other Important Issues
18.	Why are the police getting an 11% rise when the rest of us have had hours cut and lost jobs. This is crazy! How is this going to save me the tax payer money? Where is the money going to come from? Are you going to cut other important programs? Doesn't this go against everything Ford promised?
19.	The major cost within the city budget is labour costs. Unless leadership is willing to take this item on, cutting a program here and there is just window dressing and will have limited long term impact. I believe we need to cut our city work force by 10% right across the board over a 3-5 year time frame. Institute a hiring freeze for a period of time and let attrition cut the ranks. Corporate Canada has had to adjust over the last 5-7 years and do more with less, now it is time for taxpayers to expect the same from our government employees. Obviously if a key position departs the city ranks and there is no qualified internal candidate then you must be able to hire from the outside world.
20.	Security of employment and proper valuation of experience in the City's workforce
21.	Police are currently overpaid and underworked. We should reduce the size of the police force, and get them out of their cars. / / We need to encourage drivers to obey such basic rules as signalling turns and stopping for pedestrian cross-walks.
22.	Separate Culture and Sport. One is a commercial enterprise, the other is culture. You have loaded the dice by putting them in the same category, and only our Federal Tax law lumps them together. Everyone else can see through this.
23.	the G20. Work to return public confidence in the Police force, and redefine their mandate as "to serve and protect THE PUBLIC" instead of the government.
24.	jobs for disabled (deaf); tax increase for the rich; claw back on police, and fire s salary.
25.	I feel that the value system has degenerated a lot. / Young and old putting up their feet on the seats in the subway is daily occurrence and no one speaks out. It does not have to be done in a nasty way, e.g. "Do you do that at home too?" But with reasoning: "Look, people get their clothes dirty." Respectful communication seems to have gone out the window. / The value that good things take time has deteriorated. Assessment by a good doctor may take several visits. To get the Internet working takes some training and ownership to help and so on. Moving forward a little slower but with more thought might not be a bad idea and pay off at less expense. / I believe when there are jobs, a sense of cohesion and inclusiveness, safety takes mostly care of itself, e.g. when police is called, the picture that is presented is not always correct. / What does more harm? a person talking to him/herself in the community or a young generation littering out of the car, in the subway? How much money could be saved by not having to clean up? But by cleaning up after them, we "enforce" littering behaviour. By the way, that person was committed. The business community at Runnymede/Bloor decided so.

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26.	We need to reduce the amount of government and workers in the public sector. There is no need for government to be as large as it is and as controlling. Salaries of police officers should not have been increased just because the OPP got an increase. We are already way over budget and need to cut back. Taxes also need to be taken into consideration. Why do we get taxed like crazy, and then have to pay extra for garbage. Cut politicians salaries, axe the pensions (who in the private sector gets taken care of like that...please), and you will save millions.
27.	Making the police accountable for the G20 debacle.
28.	Updating the laws regarding to Animal abuse and neglect, as well as making it a crime to keep exotic animals, keep animals in a circus or unregulated zoo, etc., would be a step forward. Bill 132 (the "Pit-Bull Ban") is a waste of tax payers money, it's ineffective, and wrongly punishing law abiding citizens and their beloved pets! Calgary's model for educating the public and making owners responsible is a great one....Punish bad behaviour case-by-case, not some dogs and some owners based solely on profiling - which is often faulty at best. Remove BSL from Ontario's agenda!
29.	Effective immediately the wages of all police should be cut 10% annually for the next four years. / Police performing extra duties should be paid at cross guard hourly rates. / Politicians who have promised to lower taxes without service cuts should have to pay for the reductions personally or stop lying.
30.	Please do not privatize garbage and other public works. / I do not understand why the city is moving forward with the pay increase to police, yet threatening to cut other services. There are other services and systems in this city that need municipal support. I am quite concerned that the increasing gap between rich and poor will be managed by the city as a security risk and will turn into a war on the poor.
31.	Stop wasting time and money on garbage collection privatization if it won't actually save money and simply advances a right wing agenda. Ending paid duty for police officers will save everyone money -- not just the city -- as these costs are passed off to end users at the end of the day. We are already over-policed as it is. More user fees and less tax-supported programs is also a good idea for a city struggling with its budget.
32.	Current lack of Auditor General's input to outsourcing, and Fleet sale. Trap of Police, Fire and Ambulance getting rubberstamped contracts and the conflict taken with other unions in the city for political or personal reasons. Addressing Chief Blair's issues of Federal/Provincial Downloading on Municipal Police forces.

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33.	<p>though it may not seem important I find it offensive that so much of our tax dollars are being spent on the special interest group of dog owners. Public park lands have been diminished and they really stink. At the end of the day, dog owners continue to allow their dogs to defecate in gardens (other people's) and the increase in the number of dogs in the city is alarming. / /I have found the police to be intimidating and patronizing. I've no reason to trust them. I have called them on several occasions and have been left feeling assaulted by their aggressive and mean disposition. I've been a home owner for over ten years and I don't feel that I can rely on the police. / / Over the years I have participated on the BA and have had reason to call her office. Not once have I been contacted by her or her office nor were any of the concerns brought to her attention by the BA been responded to. There have been other candidates who've tried to run against her. When I spoke with them they explained to me that the cost of running an election campaign is huge. Why is it so costly for a citizen to run for public office in Toronto? / / When I first moved to Toronto in the late 90's it was a fun, clean, and somewhat safe city, now it's become a boring dirty city. If there were another large city in Ontario (the same of bigger than Toronto) I would move in a minute. / / As for the current Mayor, well so far I'm pleasantly surprised. As a gay man living with multiple disabilities, I was anxious about Mr. Ford becoming the mayor. However, since he has taken office I have found city hall to be much more accessible and responsive</p>
34.	<p>Giving the police department a raise set a bad example. All city departments should be sharing the burden to achieve the end result of balancing the budget. No exceptions.</p>
35.	<p>The savings due to contracting out or the privatization of services will depend on the quality of the analysis/negotiations conducted by city staff. This has not started out in a way that builds confidence. stop protecting the police - the crime rte is falling, the police budget continues to rise. Addressing this cost is essential.</p>
36.	<p>crime</p>

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37.	<p>*Politicians must keep in mind that the City administration/bureaucracy are hired & maintained based on their expertise in their field. It may take years to fully understand a particular area. It is fair to question, even criticize but if one does not heed their expert advice on particular situations whether they be engineering issues or social policy, or tries to coerce a decision, that is not good governance. Learning to look at all sides is. Respect for the public service must be earned but it also must be given. The public sector are taxpayers, too. The City has a responsibility to have a well-paid, well-trained work force. What's put in comes back to the City. / / **Civic engagement must be encouraged to invite and allow the public to feel comfortable in participating in their City. Public institutions like libraries and other community spaces must be maintained to allow continuous discussion and learning. / / There must be fiscal responsibility but heed the expression "penny-wise, pound foolish". E.g. programmes like the downspout disconnection may cost the City a fair sum but not completing the programme this year may mean huge costs when major watermain break down and extensive damage must be repaired. And to renege a commitment to a third of the population because they were at the end of a list is unscrupulous and unfair. / / ***Transportation planning is a huge issue. Destroying plans that took years to put together at great cost is NOT smart nor fiscally prudent. Refusing funding from other levels of government is not fiscally prudent. And not using powers given through the City of Toronto Act to increase revenue is no reason to CUT SERVICES. It makes us a laughingstock - why would any level of government fund any project when we have curtailed an existing tax which cost the taxpayer/citizen \$5 a month -- and, instead want to raise fees on a whole raft of other services. / / ****Urban design and architecture, public space, creative and cultural events as well as sports and other physical activities must not be downplayed. These are all very important to the fabric of our City. / /</p>
38.	<p>Permanent City financing through three mechanisms: property taxes; fees for service; and income tax as appropriate. / Eliminating the possibility of using garbage strikes as a strategic weapon relative to contract negotiations with the City's indoor and outdoor workers.(Note; This does NOT mean an absolute anti union stance; rather a rebalancing of the monopoly power of public sector unions. / Reigning in the cost of policing /</p>
39.	<p>Fix the roads and reduce congestion and stop spending on stupid things like extra-duty for cops standing around like idiots in a construction site. Makes it look like they work for the people who are paying for the duty rather than serving the people of Toronto.</p>
40.	<p>Police raises and "Duty Pay" are gravy! / Bike are vehicles and belong in a health city. / Transit City was paid for and would have served many more people for less money unlike the current transit dreams.</p>
41.	<p>Reducing the size of the police force. Perhaps privatizing the entire force.</p>

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42.	To reduce costs the city needs to think about problems holistically for example crime prevention (i.e. my personal safety) is much more important than policing after the fact (vengeance). Another example is public transit (reducing cars on the road) would speed fire and ems responses and reduce the cost of those services.. Youth recreation and after school tutoring programs with low fees would reduce gang activity and graffiti. Investing in suburban services like light rail, community centres and libraries would raise property values there and help level residential taxes across the city. This would reduce the burden on the central city taxpayers and my elderly neighbours.
43.	Inquiry in to the G20
44.	I am not happy that we are using the police to monitor construction sites. Why was that approved? I find it hard to understand the need to cut and not cut something so obvious like that. I think we should privatise garbage collection in my area as well - we are in Leaside. I think if you save any amount of money that is great because the main issue is the private collectors will not go on strike!
45.	I do not agree that garbage services should be privatized - nor any other key city roles / I do not agree with the sale of city property (including land) to balance the operating budget / The police budget needs to be reigned in - we're spending way too much money on police for the amount of crime that occurs
46.	TTC-members salaries need to be looked into and should also be transparent. Schedules are ridiculous ,in my area in peak and other times ,I find many times mostly part of empty vehicles on the road (Lawrence east from midland-morning-side.) / Police budget is ridiculous compared to other dangerous jobs. Auxiliary police (volunteers) could do some of the required jobs, how-ever I noted that as I am told present officers and the union object to this ,as it would curtail them of making the extra salaries.
47.	Our public transit is in shambles and the new mayor and his team have abandoned a plan (Transit City) that – on top of bringing accessible transit to ever corner of the city – was years in the making. This dumb move has set our public transit plan back decades. Instead of building streetcars to service the entire city, we are now building one short subway extension in the suburbs from one mall to another mall while Old Toronto (where 2.5 million people live) are gets nothing. On top of this, it's costing the city MORE to do this and it will take decades to finish. It's a dumb move. / / On top of this, the new team in city hall has a major hard on for private enterprise. Privatizing garbage pickup west of Yonge is such a pointless move. We're just going to switch out \$28 an hour employees for \$27 an hour employees until their first collective bargaining session and the price will be virtually identical to the current cost of garbage pickup...on top of this, there is less accountability because they answer to shareholders as opposed to citizens. It's short-sighted, obviously political move meant to woo the ignorant right. / / There has also been talk of selling off Toronto's waterfront property (the best land in Toronto and perhaps the entire country) because 'private enterprise can develop it for us' Yeah, that's a great idea.

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	<p>will buy it and put a goddamn mall up or some other developer and they will put up more ugly green glass and concrete condo towers, obliterating any chance at Toronto turning into a absolutely beautiful city. We need to keep the waterfront in our own hands, not the hands of some greedy corporation. / / Also, one councillor has floated the idea of turning the Toronto island into a Red Light District. Toronto Island is a family community with a kids park, and a vast swathe of green space. It's beautiful, I and I would have to guess most of the rest of the city (even those who would not share my political views) think this is a terrible idea. It's deplorable. / Recently, our 'stop the gravy train' mayor by proxy supported paying cops \$65 an hour to stand and watch roadwork being done. This costs the city \$5.2 million a year. This same mayor, who promised no service cuts, has cut services (transit specifically) in his first five months on the job. Being a cop in Toronto is an easy beat. There is barely any crime...I don't support paying them \$65 an hour to do nothing. I think all public employees should be paid comparable wages, with bonuses for dangerous work (infrastructure, roads, building maintenance...firefighters and police WHEN THEY ARE WALKING THE STREET AT MIDNIGHT ON A FRIDAY AT QUEEN AND SHERBOURNE, not when they are watching a pothole be filled). / / I also don't give a shit about the city's debt. The entire world is in debt...most people have garner negative net worth every year of their lives. I'm still in debt, 10 years after graduating from school. I don't understand why yokels from the suburbs have such a huge issue with the city incurring some debts to A: pay the people who work for them a good wage so they can spend the money in their community supporting small business and B: take on extraordinary public works projects to make this city a better place to live. It's because of this dim view on spending and the majority's dull wit, dull imagination and inability to wait to see results (i.e.: the instant gratification generation that grew up post 1950) that we get stuck in these messes. I don't think spending a lot of money on a worthy project is a bad thing...I don't think the answer is to sell everything to private companies so they can have their way with us without consultation. I hate that most of Toronto is so dumb. / / There's more, but my voice will not likely be heard.</p>
48.	The budget for Police Service is extremely huge, should be under control. / There are many money that should not be issue to welfare recipients.
49.	The two single biggest line items in the City's budget are Police Services and the TTC. The TTC has already been scaled back - Police Services should be next.
50.	We must feed and house the children of this city. There are too many poor children who's needs are sadly not even being barely met. It's an international disgrace. Feed the children, then maybe you can shovel money onto the police so they can ride their Harley's. I'm tired of the police getting whatever they want
51.	TTC issues, continuing with Transit City, holding police accountable for their actions, having a mayor that listens to the people, regular funding to festivals and parades (Pride).

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52.	Plasmafication of waste and a public non-invasive chemical testing facility with raman spectrometers / ticket printers which gives anyone information on the chemical constituencies of any .substance put under a scanner.
53.	police salaries
54.	upgrade schools, fix roads before starting new ones, have companies pay for police services or use a security company, / a need for getting rid of dandelions and weeds allergies are killing me, get prisoners to clean up Toronto, and road sides. no bail for criminals. Have a Toronto day and get companies to fund it through advertisement or have them give free food samples, go outside the box to get things done a lot of Torontonians would gladly donate their time and effort to get Toronto back to being the number 1 city we should be.
55.	We need to keep funding our key events like Toronto Pride, Carabana, TIFF, etc. They don't cost a lot of money, but they make our city unique and special. I'd much rather see 50 police officers get laid off than to lose a major event. Do we really need a police officer at every construction site? What a waste of tax money!
56.	Paid duty work for police officers who stand around and act like pylons is outrageous. Private security guards could do this work when a pylon is insufficient. Doug Ford should be ashamed of saying that he supports this outrageous waste of tax payer's money. I'm an engineer who makes 65k/year after 10 years of work in a Toronto hospital; cops should not make 100k/year as starting salary. It's disgusting.
57.	We need more police presence on the streets. I strongly disagree with any cutbacks to hiring more police. We need more police, rather than getting by with the numbers on the street. Additionally, cancellation of the drain grant. Alas I have 2 huge City trees causing havoc with my drain pipes. I had to get this work done without any help from the City as the grants were cut. I should not be responsible for these charges. Cut the trees down if you cannot afford to pay to resolve issues with sewage backing up into private residences. I did not plant them.
58.	A study should be done on the effectiveness of the recycling program. How much blue bin waste ends up in solid waste. / I am not sure how independent the internal auditor is. There should be an audit similar to the Federal Government. / There is far too much obsession about taxes. They should be increased yearly as necessary. / Go ahead with one standard municipal Bye-law. Developers should not have everything their own way.
59.	Stop providing social assistance to people who refuse to help themselves. Help them to a point and that it is. / Keep investing in infrastructure and Transit. Reduce the Police Budget. Every time I call with a noise complaint I rarely get assistance. And this is with a 900 Million dollar budget, why?
60.	True accountability for Police
61.	Stop the Police Gravy train of \$75/hour extra work.
62.	Salary increases. Police are paid very well as are other City employees. If we can't cover a deficit then salaries should have been frozen. Get rid of duplication. Institute accountability.

	Police – Other Important Issues
63.	Get rid of the requirement to have police officers around road construction sites
64.	Encouraging TTC use and alternative forms of transportation such as cycling, will reduce traffic and pollution, improve health and reduce wear and tear on streets. / / As well, I am angry and disillusioned about the lack of accountability of our police force in the following areas: / - assaults on peaceful demonstrators at G20 2010 / - failure of officers to wear identification while wearing masks and carrying guns / / / Finally, I would like to put in a word about the importance of encouraging city employees to communicate and work WITH the communities they serve, rather than fostering antagonism and conflict. I am thinking here of city employees who are responsive to citizen committees such as those that operate resources in our parks. They are the difference between an apathetic, helpless, unengaged population and one that is involved and takes pride in their community.
65.	Culture in all its forms is vitally important in a large city. Workers in cultural sectors earn less and generate more value than in any other sector. We should act aggressively to encourage culture in the City of Toronto. It is what makes a city a good place to live and a great place to visit. Libraries, parks, festivals of all kinds, imaginative art projects (yes, including graffiti art!) should get as much support as possible. Further, an atmosphere of fear and suspicion kills all joy and initiative, and promotes nothing except negativity for the city. We don't need more police. We need more libraries, more theatre groups, more festivals like Nuit Blanche, more street art --- more fun stuff! Oh -- and we need to stop taxing the bejeesus out of small business -- it's the other sector that produces way more than it costs.
66.	I do not believe in the privatization of any of our services. We've seen it before province - wide : privatization leads to extra money in corporations pockets, not in the hands of the people who do the work (which it should -- as they, in turn, spend to keep our economy going). People deserve good jobs with benefits and decent pay. They, in turn, contribute to keep a city thriving. By keeping services public we ensure the necessary checks and balances are kept in place. We also need to look at the safety of cycling for residents. I'm a 50 year old who wants to be able to cycle around my own city safely -- yet we seem to have a culture of thinking we're targets and nuisances. When I ride my bike, I'm contributing to a cleaner Toronto, and I end up visiting merchants and events in the city that I never would if I had to drive and try to find parking.
67.	Budget shortfalls are everywhere; this is a product of our economic times. But Toronto has too long been cutting back on programs and initiatives that would be most utilized by those that feel the hurt of economic times most. I for one am happy to accept an adjustment in taxes if it means that we can keep affordable community services available for those that need it. I am not, however, happy to justify the loss of community services in lieu of a 10% pay raise for police officers, especially considering I will not see any raise this year due to 'hard times'.
68.	Overpaid abusive police
69.	Reduce Police force and cut wages. Increase Parks budget.

	Police – Other Important Issues
70.	Policing - overspending and human rights abuses
71.	Image of the City of Toronto should be of a World class City and in doing so we should have a cleaner and safer City, in comparison to large cities in the USA our crime statistics don't compare but if we are not careful our numbers will be on the rise and be very comparable to the USA cities. Get the homeless help and off the streets and not visible, drug dealers and users should be accountable for their cost and burden to society. Crime is the cancer of the city and will drive good law abiding TAX payers away as well as tourists' and their dollars. Image is important lead by example.
72.	more subways, Subway to the Airport, clean the Subway stations, Less police officers, Eliminate tokens with a refillable card, eliminate all token vendors, new buses
73.	Some of the sliders conflated two different things. For example culture and sport. Someone who cares about the ballet (as I do) might put the slider at 100% and someone reading the results could use my support to justify building a sports arena. Same thing with fair and affordable taxes. I think fair taxes are higher than most people would hope to pay. This slider will also tell you nothing as people who both want higher taxes to cover services, and those who want to pay as little tax as possible will both push this slider to the right. What does safety and security mean? Is this a question on police spending? Of course people want to feel safe, everyone would put this slider high (I put it lower explicitly because it's not a clear question) which means it won't tell you anything.
74.	Lack of accountability of police behaviour during G20
75.	Loss of industry to the 905. Toronto has retail stores, professional services and hubs of Law and Banking. But corporate offices and industrial sectors seem to be choosing the 905 instead of Toronto itself.
76.	The questions asked in the survey seemed so broad as to be meaningless. Anyway, other issues: 1. End homelessness as much as possible. People should be able to have enough to eat every day and a place to stay without the need to beg and sleep on the street. 2. Instead of the police unaccountability, lawlessness, violence and dishonesty we saw on display on the G20 weekend Toronto needs accountable policing respecting people's rights and with police officers doing their job (like serving and protecting peaceful citizens and stopping vandals, unlike on the G20 weekend). I don't think this is going to happen under Ford and it did not happen under Miller either. 3. No gravy train for the police. 4. Creating more housing that is affordable for ordinary people and for poor people.
77.	Increase funding or ensure there is no cuts to existing social services funding and ensuring the needs of the most vulnerable populations are met (e.g. people living with HIV, people with substance use issues, street and homeless populations) / Follow through with the original Transit City Plan. / Build more affordable public housing and greatly improve on services and operation of the TCHC. / Revitalize the waterfront. / Ensure the police force have an accountable process when their members abuse their powers.

	Police – Other Important Issues
78.	<p>1. Council structure: The current ward based system prevents Councillors from making decisions that are in the interest of the whole City. Some Councillors should be district based or elected at large. / 2. The high wages and benefits of the Unions create high costs and inefficiencies. / 3. City needs to negotiate additional funding from the Federal and Provincial Governments to support provincially downloaded services and Transit. / 4. City services are extended to cover the demands of small and vocal interest groups at a high cost. / 5. The City runs too many services that do not fit into a typical North American municipal service portfolio. These should be closed, transferred to other levels of Government or privatized. / 6. The core services of a Municipality: Water, Transportation, Garbage, Sewers, Parks, Recreation Facilities, Fire, Police, EMS suffer from diverting funds to non core services. / 7. User Fees: Services that benefit all should be funded by Property Taxes. Services that benefit a few, and are finite and exclusive should be funded by User Fees. / 8. City's borrowing levels are too high. There are too many facilities and City continues to borrow and build more while they are unable to look after existing ones. Multi service large sites are more efficient to operate. Fire halls, libraries, child care centres, recreation facilities can all be housed in the same compound. This would be more efficient than having a stand alone building at every street corner. / 9. City is using high priced Consultants for IT Projects. Because these are paid by Capital and funded by debt, they go unnoticed. Other levels of Government creates temporary positions at the same salary level for IT project staff. /</p>
79.	<p>Creating livable cities. Avoiding the sale of public assets to meet short term goals. Creating a civic culture where plans are not constantly development and undermined during periods of political transition - such as Transit City and Waterfront Toronto. Mayor should be made available to the media and public to discuss his long term vision for the city - more regularly. Lead city planner should speak directly with council rather than through the city manager. Creating new sources of tax revenue to maintain current levels of service such as a vehicle registration tax or congestion charges. Controlling civic salaries - including the police force.</p>
80.	<p>Cut the budget to the Toronto Police, and also rethink what kind of policing we want in our streets? Not like the G20 type of policing, but more community watch policing. For suggestions on how we can save taxpayers' dollars implement the following suggestions to stop the continual cycle of waste, bloated budgets, and Toronto Police Officers getting massive overtime pay. Ways to do this: First, stop the scam of getting 4 hours pay for showing up for a court traffic ticket. Secondly, stop assigning so many Police Officers to peaceful demonstrations. Thirdly, redesign the work scheduling system for Toronto Police so that they don't have an automatic built-in system of overtime. The current scheduling system results in gross inefficiencies, long hours and days followed by many days off shift - this is just plain wrong.</p>
81.	accountability of city services: fire police ttc garbage
82.	poor performance of police in G20

	Police – Other Important Issues
83.	Transportation infrastructure for people without cars. Whether by increasing transit service, or making roads safer for cyclists, or ensuring pedestrian access, the City needs to show Torontonians that we don't need to have a car to travel around the city safely and effectively. I think the recent TTC service cuts after peak hours and on weekends will ghettoize certain neighbourhoods where residents don't have other transportation options to access other parts of the city. Car ownership is too expensive and promotes too many unhealthy behaviours to be the ticket for safe and convenient travel throughout the city.
84.	With all do respect to the police and the work they do, now is not the time to be giving them a hefty raise. As a city we need to figuring out where to cut before we start spending.
85.	In light of the steady yearly decrease in crime and widely reported misuse of funds by the Toronto Police Service, and after the massive flood of federal funding during the G20, it is time to end this costly, politically motivated 'tough on crime' nonsense, and drastically cut police funding. We are told that cannot afford to keep our libraries open or improve transit access to poor areas like Jane and Finch, or keep the 'special diet' program for welfare recipients to eat properly, but we see the already overpaid police with thousands of officers now on the sunshine list, who can now respond to the social ills that are created when these regressive cuts to social spending occur.
86.	I believe the police budget has become out of control. Studies show that police do not stop or prevent crime. Healthy communities and citizens do. The excessive use of police is just a reflection of disparity within Toronto. I think the overtime they make doing 'paid duty' is disgusting. It is quasi police work at outrageous rates and is a questionable service at best. Give the work to an unemployed person and provide them a hand up out of social service dependence.
87.	We should not even consider the privatization of our public services such as garbage collection. We need to have quality, accountable and affordable public services. Looking at past research it has been proven that the contracting out of public services does not achieve any of those things. We should also move to increase the number of unionized jobs that we have, in order to support workers and maintain, if not increase the middle class. It is impossible to have a decent life in Toronto without a decent income. Not to mention the health and safety issues that arise out of dangerous, low paying abuse of privatized workers. I would be willing to pay more in taxes if it could ensure that we support our most vulnerable--the elderly and youth.
88.	Ongoing sexual harassment and violence against women
89.	A reduction in racially and socially oppressive measure used by police officers and their superiors.

	Police – Other Important Issues
90.	Privatization of services / Increase developer fees / Reduce land transfer tax for residences and condos / Eliminate multitude of old city halls / Reduce size of police force / Reduce paid policing that city pays for / Quickly introduce TTC automated fare system to eliminate toll collectors / Eliminate Saturday, Sunday & holiday busses on scarily used routes in residential areas. Also stop service on these routes earlier in the evening.
91.	Citizen engagement - the various citizen led groups (e.g. Pedestrian Committee, Task Force to Bring Back the Don, etc) were extremely cost effective and efficient methods of engaging citizens with important issues. These groups SHOULD NOT be disbanded.
92.	The current administration is poised to "slash and burn" services except for police and the like and continue the shifting of the tax burden from businesses to residences. This must stop.
93.	I think the way the options in the previous question were presented is problematic. All of the things listed are priorities, and we shouldn't be asked to weigh one against another. Also, it's not whether or not these things are important, but what to do about them. If I say "safety and security" is important, that doesn't mean I want increased police control. In fact, that would make the city less safe and secure as evidenced by certain U.S. cities with huge police presence. Also, putting "culture and sports" together is hugely problematic. Sports can be funded privately, while culture and art require government support but are essential to maintaining a local identity that makes our city unique. While jobs and the economy are important, it's by building our unique identity that the economy can grow.
94.	I think that taxes should be around the environment, for example: people with cars should be paying more taxes. The city should not be wasting money on destroying programs that were already on the way like it happened with the TTC. It also should not privatize services like waste collection while paying even more to police. Privatizing services is not the way to go, making our services more efficient is! / It would be helpful to get a list of what services the city is offering, how much is spent on each one of them and which one is the city planning to axe. / Having affordable housing will solve many problems - also, since co-ops in the city are coming to an end of their agreement, people who were living there on Rent Geared to Income are going to be looking for solutions. /
95.	The over-representation of the Toronto Police in the city, and the overspending of the Toronto Police in the budget.
96.	The city should reduce the payroll of the Toronto Police Services - we are over-policed as it is. The city should have a steady stream of income from the federal government - the city provides more day-to-day services than the Federal government does, after all. The mayor should listen to the poor, instead of the "taxpayers" - that's just a handy way to ignore those people who cannot afford representation.

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97.	I found the questions in the previous screen to be strangely biased. Who determines whether or not taxes are "fair" - what is fairness in this context? What kind of "safety and security" are we talking about, and for whom? I want to be safe and secure, but I don't want to pay for more police on the streets because I don't think they make the city safer or more secure. These questions don't actually gain useful information that I can see, they look like they are designed with an agenda in mind ("Look, people rate "safety and security" high, we can now justify more cops!") rather than trying to get people to define what a safe and secure city might look like to them.
98.	The fact that the Toronto Police Services have been given an 11% increase for their current contract is shameful. The law and order agenda of Rob Ford is not everyone's agenda. To have a police officer make \$65 an hour while maintaining potholes at city construction sites needs to be looked at. The fact that the Rob Ford has made a commitment to look at all city services (and , by the way, how much is the review costing?) and yet has been blatant about the increase to the Law and Order agenda is not good optics. / We have people who are homeless, going to food banks and struggling to get by. That should be the priority of the city of toronto.
99.	higher income people keep getting raises while moderate, working class people are struggling and/or drowning. People are not making ends meet. They have less time for families. / As Europe does family centre approach (vacation time) brings much better work force. mandatory higher vacation to people, more stats for people. etc.. \ /
100.	1.Garbage collection contracts must be open to private companies for bidding, and the OVERALL COSTS should be the #1 criteria for awarding the contract - the present public system is way too costly and the service is really very poor (I would give it a 2 out of 10) / 2. Cost of policing is also way too high - All police departmental costs need a thorough review by qualified non-police personnel with the police being important participants but not the controlling element. Recommendations to reduce costs should be adopted. / 3. We pay way too much for the Homeless and things just seem to get worse (not better) the more money we spend - accountability needs to be implemented here.
101.	Save money by stopping the senseless harassment of dog owners with well behaved dogs. Allow well behaved dogs to run off-leash in all parks by setting aside 1/3 of each park for dogs. (1/3 of all homes have dogs). Focus by-law enforcement on problem dogs only and reassign by-law enforcement elsewhere as needed.
102.	Attracting tourists including not ticketing their cars, not closing roads for races.
103.	Poverty reduction, cultural outlets and meeting the needs of the vulnerable are, ultimately, the way to build a great city. Crime will rise if we do not meet the needs of the vulnerable. Abandoning the arts will mean that the world will no longer see the city as a vibrant cultural hub.
104.	fixing our roads. and implementing some sort of law with bike riders on the road

	Police – Other Important Issues
105.	In this era of austerity, social cutbacks are my biggest concern in Toronto. Community organizations like OCAP, fighting for the "special diet", specifically, as well as housing and the need for shelter space are not being listened to by local government. These issues are so important! Our lives are becoming ever more policed, including police being allowed access to shelters to deport at-risk migrant women. Our tax dollars are taken from what could be REAL improvements to transit, infrastructure, and the lives of people in this city; instead, in the next five years (with the PanAm games) I foresee another G20 on our hands--communities under attack, a ballooning police budget, tax dollars mismanaged and we, the people that live here, footing the bill while big business profits.
106.	Bedbugs ! / Gang/ gun crimes ! /
107.	Accountability for the G20 - both police accountability and financial accountability.
108.	I think these issues are important, but that not all of them need be addressed by the city. I think especially of culture in this connection. In addition we are given no way to say whether something important is currently being met. For example safety is important, and I do not think we need to do more. Most critically we are given no way to say that outsourcing is not a solution at all, but would be a disaster. It's very upsetting that such a backward step is proposed.
109.	City health and safety by-laws should be enforced across the City so that every resident has equal access to government protection. I don't currently see this happening in lower rent apartment buildings, with respect to property cleanliness or enforcement of the noise and anti-idling bylaws. / Also, I want to be explicit that I believe water, wastewater, hydro and transportation issues are important... but that I believe the BEST way to improve transportation flow in the City is to give people better non-car options. I am a car owner & user, but I would use it less if there were stronger alternatives. Better parking at GO and TTC stations with more reliable service would make driving less appealing for many.
110.	subsidize childcare, reduce crime, improve roads and laneways, bring down the deficit
111.	I'm concerned about turning over the TCHC to a private body that is supposed to look after the well-being of residents who are vulnerable to so many issues: poverty, bedbugs, intruders, violence in the neighbourhood.
112.	Education - you didn't mention this at all. We have schools closing libraries due to budget cuts and this means more illiterate children and nowhere for them to go to get the extra learning they so desperately need. No libraries = illiteracy = bored students = vandalism. Spend the money here rather than a police state or on some misguided graffiti policy.

	Police – Other Important Issues
113.	Privatization is not more efficient. Corporations generate just as much waste and inefficiency as public institutions can. A public service does not have to generate a profit so by it's very nature it is more economical. The issue is management of the service. Why are the garbage collection workers being victimized while the police get a raise? This is favouritism combined with mean spirited and vindictive management. It's not fair.
114.	1) Traffic reduction: reducing the number of cars and heavy vehicles on the road to improve air quality and safety. 2) Mixed-use neighbourhoods to create healthy, safe communities. 3) Child care.
115.	Littering! Littering affects everyone, and tourism as well. If we gave a \$20 ticket to everyone who ever flicked a cigarette butt on the ground, we'd have more than enough money to solve the budget problem. Plus the city would be cleaner, we would spend less on picking up trash from the ground, and perhaps even some people would stop smoking, which benefits everyone as well.
116.	grid lock, police and government accountability, need for non partisan decision making, corporate greed and political corruption and dishonesty
117.	<p>/ 1) Subways!! It is completely short-sighted to think that any other form of an above-ground mass rail transit will be an optimal long-term investment for our city. There is no way around it, it's common knowledge, we need more subways downtown - get rid of the ARCHAIC street cars that a) require millions to upkeep the tracks b) have streetcar drivers constantly getting out of their streetcars to fix the tracks manually (are we in the 19th century here?) while cars sit idle in the streets c) effect driver commutes to be one of the LONGEST in North America d) Contribute to billions of dollars in job/productivity loss for our city- see Professor Richard Florida's / / 2)Implementation Technologies for Subway Additions & Downtown Relief – I know street cars are commonly understood as 'horrible to implement' but that is just not the case with modern technologies used all over Europe. Do us all a favour and use some LONG-TERM investment, planning, and foresight that has eluded this city - there are technologies used in Vienna, Austria that minimizes the impact of subway implementation (only taking up a couple meters of road space at a time doing it in sections) - we need an East/West one, King St. or Queen St. to start. I wouldn't let an ounce of Transit City and that 'political' contract near our city. Let's make an unbiased, optimal, long-term decision for our infrastructure. I would even go so far as to plan to bury the above ground Go-Train tracks that take up valuable real estate. Think of what we could do with all that land!! And, as far as subway's environmentally friendliness....reference Singapore's subway transit, MRT. / / 3) Garbage - Toronto used to be known as a 'clean city' but when garbage is piled in the middle of our sidewalks 2 to 3 times per week, and I'm walking by rat infested garbage piles (and I'm not just referring to China Town), there is an issue. We are not a 3rd world nation here. This is a lazy, lowest-denominator approach to garbage pick-up. If our people want to be proud of their city, it won't kill everyone to put in a little effort. Idea:</p>

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118.	the out-of-whack salaries, benefits and pension paid to civil servants out of the pockets of the taxpayer is repulsive and unacceptable. The wage increase you just awarded to the 4000 or so managers, and the police was unwarranted and unfair to the taxpayer. The public sector payroll is CHOKING us. The City of Toronto NEEDS to slash salaries, benefits and pensions as they are far too generous and out of reach for the private sector. The bloated payroll needs to be trimmed drastically. The City of Toronto is too top-heavy. Too many managers and not enough front-line workers.
119.	I think we need more traffic cops to catch as many of the stupid drivers as they can, so many times I see cars speeding in and out of traffic, running red lights, turning when they shouldn't be, cause they just don't care about rules of the road.
120.	keeping city employees working ,giving them a living wage / off -duty police payments / cleanliness of our parks /
121.	Although the city has taken measures to deter consumption, what I would love to see are carpool lanes on all major streets. This would force people to change their lifestyle and their consumption
122.	Don't be bullied into cutting funding for Pride and don't pretend that you can choose to not have police there. / Stop pushing privatization. Well paid experts in the city's civil service are an asset not a liability.
123.	Toronto Police Services needs to provide accountability for its real time officers petrol's, so communities can consult with them enhanced petrol potential for areas experiencing a peak in crime or rape. The present system does not work (waiting for a designated officer to gather data to inquiries), the service needs to use the internet to show coverage so taxpayer communities know where they need to speak up.
124.	Please do not take away the services we already enjoy especially the Public Libraries, safe roads and transportation, adequate policing and emergency services.
125.	The greed of cops
126.	Implementing Transit City. Maintaining publicly funded garbage collection. Cutting the wages of city police, the mayor, and other bureaucrats and putting that money into affordable housing and services for the poor. Raising the taxes of everyone whose yearly income is over \$100,000.
127.	Water- protecting our lake and ensuring safe environmental practices of all industries. Ensuring the highest quality and safety for our drinking water. Protecting our green space and embracing new solar, wind and electric technologies to make our city more sustainable.
128.	The city needs to deal with basic human rights that have been, and are being, violated by city police and government.
129.	Housing for at-risk citizens, services for youth, affordable regulated day care spaces, road repair and maintenance, property taxes for downtown, and services provided from them, transit, crime, transparency of government, support of small business, architecture and preserving of heritage buildings and areas

	Police – Other Important Issues
130.	I'd like to see disclosure on how much pension and disability funds city employees (workers, councillors, mayor, police, fire etc.) receive. If the public is expected to make do with cuts to city services, the public deserves to know where its tax dollars are going.
131.	Increase the investment on educating the underserved population and their children, so that next generation can stand on their feet and shoulder the responsibility of taking care of growing number of elderly. PLEASE STOP EXPANDING POLICE FORCE which is nothing but burden. INVEST IN CHILDREN who is future of Canada and Future of Toronto. Invest In AFFORDABLE HOUSING, INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGES so that people can lead a meaningful life.
132.	consistency in search for waste - I think it's wrong to allow the police a 3% raise and then 11% over 4 years and not put them to the same rigorous investigation that other city departments and divisions are going through -
133.	Toronto should support programs for young low-income fathers who are trying to find employment. By helping young men secure sufficient employment (i.e., a job that pays enough for him to support his family), the city can improve long-term health and social well-being since children in these households will not be exposed to disadvantaged conditions for a prolonged period of time. The more children are exposed to disadvantaged conditions (crime, hunger, inadequate housing), the poorer will be their health outcomes.
134.	The police divisions seem very stretched and the response time for a police to intervene is 1 - 3 hours. This makes citizens feel like security is an issue and they are on their own.
135.	Crime
136.	Finding out more why our Police acted illegally during the G20
137.	reduction of police force and budget - we don't need all these cops, and the payroll that comes with it.;
138.	assistance for at-risk parents. Without good parenting now, the next generation has no hope. Help those people be good parents and you will have a generation of smart, hard working people with good jobs. This will lower crime and increase the cities ability to solve problems.
139.	*note* re: safety and security from previous fields: I do not wish to see extensive money poured into police services. Ensuring adequate housing, recreational programming and city infrastructure, along with improved community services/social workers/community centres/ supports in schools etc... will address many problems in ways that the police are unable to.

	Police – Other Important Issues
140.	The Mayor's transit plan seems to achieve less than Transit City, but at a greater cost. / / Privatization of services may or may not work.. The threat however, is sure to cause problems - i.e. the strike already being planned. / / A balanced budget in one year (or one term) at the expense of monstrous problems in the future is not something I support. / / I am all for ending the unions. This is bloody brilliant. Giving the police a raise means that EVERY other union will expect and get the same.. including the TTC, who as an essential service now get the benefit of arbitration. If all unions are bad, why make concessions to the police union?
141.	Don't privatize city services. Stop user fees. Tax Bay street. Cops out of schools. Open up a city-wide low interest credit union that will compete with and replace banks. Mandate unions in workplaces of more than 8 employees.
142.	Formal cuts to council and mayoral salaries consistent with the current economy; more by-laws aimed at protecting tenants from unscrupulous landlords; increased and easier access to police records and more transparency in Toronto Police; increased use of online resources in delivering information and soliciting public opinion
143.	Education. The survey is too broad to give specific concerns. We should have more educational resources, not sport. Arts and education are important. Force libraries to be more accessible to people to use as study and not the party rooms they are now. It's ridiculous, you go to a library and all I see is teens running around loud and troublesome. The librarian sits there and doesn't do anything to make the environment better. Also, there is a decrease in real books. Librarians are not upholding the tradition of books. They throw out books for laptop and kids playground space! Please force them to keep the libraries as learning, studying places for people who care about their future. / We should also not be cutting the arts. It helps with brain development. Toronto pumps out creative people that are recognized all over the world. We shouldn't stop this prize in the name of "lower taxes".
144.	Stop with the parking tickets - somebody will launch a civil suit against this city eventually if you let the Toronto Police Service continue to rape Torontonians / / Embrace the concept of rail transportation. Its embarrassing how hard it is to take a train somewhere from Toronto. Be it Barrie or New York, the schedule/available routes are terrible / / No more garbage or TTC strikes /
145.	Public Transportation, Safe Bike Access, Activities for Youth (primarily as crime prevention)
146.	The underlying problems of our transit system; the underlying problems that allowed the G20 debacle to take place in our city.
147.	Social infrastructure: increased free access to community centres, libraries, parks, food programs, community gardens, etc. / Reducing spending on policing; it's totally out of control /

	Police – Other Important Issues
148.	A review of the amalgamation of the City of Toronto. It is becoming apparent that the needs & wants of people in Etobicoke & Scarborough differ from those that live in the old city areas. Amalgamation is a failure & it's time to address it. / / The Waterfront - LEAVE IT ALONE ROB FORD!! DO NOT SELL IT OFF!! The areas that have been developed in recent years are fantastic. / / Break the Police Union; it's the ultimate gravy train & it sucks up \$1 BILLION a year! Enough! Crime is down, Toronto is a SAFE city no thanks to the donut eating, ticket giving cops that are bleeding the city dry.
149.	Reduce police funding significantly
150.	Stop being afraid of reeling in Firefighter and Polices wages. The \$65/hour we pay to "guard" a manhole is ridiculous and only helps the (non-Toronto resident) cop build a new addition to his house
151.	Keep our swimming pools free / Do not cut Parks and Recreation budget as this is one of the cheapest ways to provide access to a liveable city / Encourage and support neighbourhood groups, especially those involved in park/street activities / Do not cut TTC bus service - I am already hearing about people who have to leave activities early (7:30 pm) in order to catch the last bus home! / Do not privatize essential services - such efforts have been a disaster in many other jurisdictions and times / Clean up and beautify our main streets - good for tourism! / Provide public washroom facilities throughout downtown core; where not feasible, do what Niagara Falls does and negotiate with private stores/restaurants / More drinking fountains and city benches - the population is getting older! / Quit using residential streets as a cash cow - residents should not have the stress of rotating cars to either side every two weeks with a city enforcement officer licking his chops at 9:05 am. on the day of. This is not respectful of citizens, and many times is actually unsafe, given the numbers of small children left alone while parent moves the car! Put these officers to better use on the main streets at rush hour! / Instead of police issuing tickets to homeless people begging outside of stores, who will never have the means to pay the fine and instead clog the courts and increase court costs, have police report these people instead to social agencies and make these agencies accountable in following up on these leads and providing suitable housing and assistance.
152.	Yes, stop privatization of public services. If you want to privatize any public services, I suggest you privatize the police services since it costs the city the most. By privatizing the police service, we as a city will save 25% of the cost of our city budget. / / We need to start maintain our water and air safe from pollution, We need to create more community centres and activities for all walks of life so people can have a place to go to socialize and learn. Public libraries are so important so as Parks and Recreation Facilities. These are important component to make our city environment healthy and lower crime rate.
153.	yes: security of the people of the city of Toronto: need to introduce new measures that will insure the security of the people of the city of Toronto including some for elementary , high school AND UNIVERSITY students.

	Police – Other Important Issues
154.	Accountability of the Police department needs to be improved. After their disgraceful behaviour during the G20 summit they lost the trust of many people in my community.
155.	- police impunity / - ethical violations in the election process / - ensuring that all citizens, rather than simply the wealthy, are able to participate in government (this means adequate office budgets, publicly funded food during council meetings -- you
156.	maintain city services such as snow removal, salting - health and safety. Roads and sidewalks need to be clear for people - enforcement of residents clearing sidewalks should be better. Many older people in particular fall each year on ice. Also the city should maintain proper snow removal including the second plow that removes banks of snow left at the end of driveways.
157.	The previous page asks of "fair and affordable taxes" without defining what fair and affordable mean. Hence, this is a question designed to skew the results, not a question about whether we want tax revenue to cover expenses, therefore it introduces a hidden bias in the results. It's results are, therefore, completely meaningless. Likewise, convolving sport and culture introduces inappropriate bias. Indeed, any of the 'doubled' sliders will produce meaningless results, open to the wildest of interpretations by both administrators and, in particular, politicians. Hence, I'd like a city that can create an unbiased survey that can produce unbiased results. / / Adherence to construction and noise laws would be a good start. Living downtown over the past fifteen years has been quite unpleasant due to noise and other construction violations (by way of comparison, the fifteen years before that were very pleasant). The city standards department was eviscerated several years ago (for example, the disbanding of the Noise department), and what remains has absolutely no effective means of policing developers, be it viewed in terms of timeliness or durability. / / At the very least, make the City of Toronto building development guidelines law, so that developers can no longer argue that "I want what he got" in terms of variances (thereby rendering the City's intents useless), rather than the city requiring that developers justify each and every variance against the city standards. The past decade and a half in Ward 27 have made a complete mockery of the City's ability to shape its own future, leaving that in the hands of developers, who have created a poor patchwork of buildings and public spaces.
158.	Using abandoned industrial buildings for mixed-income housing units. / Disparities in income - see David Hulchaski's 'Three Cities Within Toronto' Report. / Reduced crime rates while, paradoxically, police get an increase in funding as other city services face cuts. / Business lobbyists using straitened circumstances of households and misinformation about public sector workers salaries to gain support for cuts to taxes and public spending, leading to increased costs for households as public services are cut and downward pressure on wages—an ongoing downward vicious cycle in the standard of living.

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159.	Ford's inconsistencies in his policy to cut the fat from government spending. Why spend more on cops, and take away libraries? Why give money to football or baseball when the only people interested are players, or wanna be players?
160.	road safety, child care
161.	Yes. The City should stop paying police officers to stand around and do nothing at construction sites. The city needs to clean up the parks and boost parks and recreation programs. We also need a responsible biking infrastructure. Too many areas of this city (especially north of Bloor) are too dangerous for biking as there are no bike lanes whatsoever. My wife's job recently moved to Don Mill and Eglinton and she will no longer be able to bike to work because it's too dangerous. The location is close enough to bike (only about 7 KM) but it's simply too dangerous for her. Meanwhile there are three lanes of car traffic on Don Mills. That's irresponsible and unfair.
162.	Expend TTC, make it more affordable. / Reduce child care fee. / More affordable housing and recreational programs. / Reduce police funding
163.	safety and security
164.	public transportation / bike accessibility and safety / less car in the downtown core
165.	Transparency and accountability in policing. Support for bicycles and other alternative vehicles. Putting real needs ahead of the political ideologies and demands from the wealthy minority. Improving the tenor of debate at city hall and enriching local democracy. Ensuring that leaders -- especially the mayor -- are well informed on the issues, and are open to being challenged on their perspectives and decisions.
166.	Safety, a lot of bad cops, horrible transportation
167.	Green transportation - light rail or street car transit. Provide better roadways for cyclist. Affordable Youth Friendly spaces. Accountable policing. A better environment friendly plan.
168.	More accountable police force. The response to the G20 was a real black eye for the city.
169.	Police powers and abuse of them (i.e. G20 summit detainees and arrests) / Commuter tolls and contributions to the maintenance of our roads etc. (i.e. we are paying for damage to our roads caused (in large part) by those commuting downtown from other parts of the GTA
170.	Crime. Gun Control. Construction of buildings (i.e. condos) effecting current building residence in an extremely negative and unhealthy manner. Water Pollution. Wildlife Protection and Preservation. Feral Cats need better care and preventative measures taken. The TTC streetcar drivers need to be more polite. Fixing Casa Loma. Revamping the Waterfront.

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171.	Increased services to marginalized/at risk/poverty stricken / Acknowledgement of already underserved areas for such services as mental health, addictions, harm reduction, autism etc / Importance of "pay now or pay later" with regard to early intervention/prevention services / Recognizing the importance of affordable child care for all-if the goal is increased employment opportunities / Understanding that if we cut back on services that address the complex needs of those who are at risk/marginalized/poverty stricken, it will only INCREASE the way we spend on others (law enforcement, hospitals, jails, CAS, etc) which does not really meet the needs of our city. / Importance of offering affordable access to health, wellness, fitness programs.
172.	1) Review/audit Toronto Hydro and Toronto Hydro Energy Services (THES) companies. I question the need for two hydro companies supplying services to Toronto. There is a duplication of effort maintaining the two companies. Either consolidate the two companies to reduce overhead and expenses or sell one of the companies. / 2) Why are we paying a hydro surcharge to Bullfrog power when Toronto Hydro owns a state of the art green natural gas power plant. The Bullfrog Power contract makes no sense. / 3) Hybrid buses are extremely expensive with questionable savings of diesel and/or emissions. Stop this expensive purchase until some more cost effective/cost savings/emissions savings technology is available. / 4) Review the Imperial Parking Canada Corporation contract. Their hourly parking charges and ticket charges are significantly higher than Green P parking. Maybe Green P rates should be increased to be in line with Imperial Parking. Maybe Imperial Parking should be sharing more of their revenue with the city. Maybe another parking meter competitor should be introduced into the city. / 5) I agree with the privatization of garbage services. / 6) Consider privatizing Toronto Park services, lawn cutting, tree planting, tree trimming, etc. / 7) Consider privatizing more of the TTC maintenance and construction. It is ridiculous how long it takes TTC staff to do streetcar track replacement or bus/streetcar station maintenance/upgrades. / 8) Stop all new Hydro FIT projects (wind & solar). The contracts of these projects will be renegotiated by the province (OPG) in the coming years as a cost cutting measure. These projects are outrageously costly for the province to keep subsidizing. The new contract rates will result in no economic payback of the invested capital. / 9) Stop the installation of Hydro Smart meters. This is an outrageously expensive project trying to tell people to change a very inelastic service. There is no cost saving for the consumer or the hydro company, just more cost. The big winner here is the Smart Meter companies.
173.	more buses, less police, fix the growing number of potholes everywhere, support cultural things so we can feel proud of our city, quit worrying about taxes - we all need to chip in, be good to the needy, don't sell off our assets, keep the private sector out of government as much as possible - they really are much less effective overall ...

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174.	Please do not abandon planned LRT system, more efficient for more people than any single new subway; / please force MetroLinks to use electric trains, not diesels (even granted that diesel technology improves) for links beyond GTA; / consider abandoning GTA concept and go back to four or five linked cities (currently what's good for suburbs is bad for centre); / please stop campaign against graffiti, irrelevant to real city problems, a waste of time and often an invasion of property rights; / in questions you lumped together culture and sports -- my response would really be "culture very important, sports unimportant".
175.	cutting the bloated police force.
176.	I heard that the city of Toronto is considering eliminating funding for the Hassle Free Clinics. This is unacceptable, there are countless residents in both the heterosexual and LGBT communities who rely on those services for their health. Eliminating the Hassle Free clinic will result in spread of disease as the uninformed will not seek alternate, non-anonymous sources of testing. Ultimately this is worse for society. / / Toronto also needs to clean up the crime in the Jane & Finch area and work on improving the Sherbourne & Bloor down to Sherbourne & Dundas area which is always full of prostitutes on crack cocaine, thugs, etc. / / More attention should also be paid to the TTC, additional funding for the TTC to prevent the ongoing price hikes and strikes - service continuity is essential in the lives of most working (and thus tax-paying) Torontonians. The quality of the service also needs to increase. Long wait times, subways closing early, dirty stations, rush hour insanity due to limited subway cars and schedule, etc.
177.	Don't cut library services at all. Cut the police budget.
178.	Police out of control and not accountable.
179.	The irresponsibility of cutting things like vehicle registration taxes as a means by which to create a fiscal crisis so as to then cut-back on key city services. The fact that staff people and advisers to the City are not barred from working in private sector organizations that could benefit from things like privatization (like the staff person who prepared the report on garbage privatization). The degree to which this survey is itself framed - what are "fair and affordable taxes"? To me these are taxes that support a great wealth of City services, to Rob Ford they are regressive taxes paid in support of policing. To call this a consultative process is misleading and repugnant.
180.	Transportation infrastructure and state of repair. Roads and streets have deteriorated from severe neglect. Street lights are not coordinated properly. TTC ticket sellers are redundant and should be supplemented by automated machine sellers. Pot hole crews are bloated. Paid duty police are overpaid for construction supervision. Salaries and wages are too high compared to the private sector.
181.	Labour costs are too high - both salaries and benefits. The city has trouble providing adequate services because it is saddled with such high costs. This includes police salaries, although this is a province-wide problem. The fair wage policy also needs to be scrapped to allow outside contractors to pay market wages, not the union wage.

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182.	Civic leaders including Freddy Gardiner, Crombie, Mel Lastman were successful to some degree because they had a vision and they articulated that vision to the residents of Toronto. I have no idea what the vision is -- are the city workers trying to strangle the city with road closures, marathons, cyclathons to frustrate everyone with cars trying to get to work? look after their families? / Does it make sense that industrial buildings are vacant and that re-zoning is not permissible? unless it provides employment i.e. office? Is that in the city's best interests? I don't think so. Every bureaucrat at the City seems to have their own view, we pander to every interest group, pander to the police, pander to TTC workers, garbage workers, the guy behind the counter at the municipal licensing office, parking office? Nothing in this City is a positive message.
183.	Safety of kids / Police presence to keep criminals behind bars/off the street, not as much for panhandling violations or minor offenses
184.	Getting back the community by-law officers and enforcing bylaws. It was easier to go to the local office than to now have to call 311 which doesn't always seem aware of the issues we were able to address when contacting city personnel.
185.	Toronto is over-policed, and the police budget should be cut back to the maximum allowed by law.
186.	Improve transit; cut the police budget.
187.	Firing public workers and replacing with private contracts is setting a dangerous precedent. The right to collective bargaining to ensure health, safety, fairness, working conditions and a livable wage should NOT be sold to the cheapest bidder.
188.	To clarify, I don't view it particularly within the purview of city government to focus on job creation. Issues like safety and security seem over-emphasized in City politics. All issues are obviously important but the ones that appear neglected have heightened importance to me.
189.	Keep up the current Waterfront regeneration work. Lobby the federal and provincial governments for sustained, PERMANENT sources of revenue!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Stop giving the Police such ridiculously high yearly wage increases (8.5%!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!).
190.	All of these issues are important. But we need to ask how it is that these issues will be dealt with. For instance, Safety and Security is obviously important, but we live in one of the safest cities large cities in the world, so an increase in police budgets wouldn't make sense here. Or, jobs and the economy. They are also important, but the issue is where those jobs come from (public jobs, or privatized jobs.)
191.	I find that the habits of many drivers in the city are terrible: drivers speed, run red lights, use personal electronic devices, etc. Meanwhile, the police are nowhere to be seen. When there is a minor event, frequently 5 police cruisers congregate. Why are so many police cruisers necessary for a minor event? Instead the police cruisers should be distributed more evenly to monitor the terrible drivers.

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192.	/ Protecting the development of the communities and neighbourhoods. we need to continue to create diverse neighbourhoods from a social economic stand point and accessibility to diverse amenities. These neighbourhoods and communities cannot be dependent on the car but have again diverse access from transit, cycling, walking. This will create jobs, support local business, lesson congestion, increase community involvement and therefore lesson crime. People will develop a sense of pride and protection over their neighbourhood.
193.	Road construction delays and lack of coordination regarding work on multiple streets. It should not be so difficult to navigate through the city. / Need to licence and control cyclists for safety. They need to drive lawfully.
194.	Issues of population density; quality of drinking water; staff overtime including for police; fire and ambulance services; excessive management in emergency services and job drift (emergency services moving away from basic roles and responsibilities).
195.	I'm 65 years old. From what I can see out my windows every day, bikes make sense and cars don't. Cyclists know their route and the neighbourhoods they traverse (that includes cops-on-bikes -- a welcome sight because they inevitably observe and interact with people). But people in cars just can't WAIT to get somewhere else. Call me a cycling advocate who couldn't ride a bike to save my life. The more encouragement Toronto gives to cycling, the better -- in my view. / / I'm also distressed by the extent to which advertising has taken over my city: billboards, adverts on sidewalks, the clutter of ads on the TTC (which render vehicles ugly and unrecognizable, and which make the subway entirely confusing). Yes, I understand that there's money to be made through commercials. But I think Toronto ought to be better than that. It certainly was, in the past. / / I think Toronto ought to have way, way more affordable housing -- public housing!. In my neighbourhood, modest homes get snatched up by "investors" who turn places average people can afford into trophy homes. AND there's a, to me, terrifying trend to house growing families in high-rises and condos (it's what folks can afford). No high-rise or condo on this planet can match a real neighbourhood for bring up kids. Public housing makes economic sense, too: ask Swedes or Germans or Danes. / / supporting pride. I attend the events because they're a hoot and a holler, and fun, and funny. / / / /
196.	Coordinating city planning and development with public transportation planning. There is a lack of coordination between the two arms where required densities for subway development is often missing. Also better cooperation and planning with GO Transit can supplement need for high speed crosstown or regional rail service -- rather than have TTC building all the subways. Another idea is to enable and encourage online payment of fines or fees. Why are users charged a fee if they pay a parking ticket online when it is more efficient and should be cheaper than having someone go to city hall personally? There should be a discount equivalent or close to the cost of staffing an office in order to encourage any automated payments.

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197.	An end to illegal businesses dealing in alcohol, drugs and prostitution especially in residential neighbourhoods. If these types issues are occurring out of private dwellings there must be a way for the City to enforce an end to them. Using an excuse such as privacy laws should not apply to issues that effect negatively the quality of life for law abiding citizens.
198.	Garbage collection / Police and Emergency Services
199.	There are many many other important city-wide issues that must be considered such as planning for growing neighbourhoods as well as supports for high risk neighbourhoods, adequate housing for homeless persons, animal services, community policing, community health, and so on.
200.	maintain our police force no question here about its importance, keep our libraries and public swimming pools, but look at staffing issues..are they over staffed?
201.	police department's support of abusive rape culture, victim blaming
202.	I do not think an 11% increase to the police budget is justified and that money should go into other services that DIRECTLY affect citizens and families such as transit, community centers and activities.
203.	Consider de-amalgamation - the biggest mistake thanks to Mike Harris whose legacy lives on. Consider some thoughtful debate and consultation on issues in the City and not the steamrolling I feel is happening when the Mayor's response to everything, "I was elected on this platform". You were not. Consider ticketing cars that park in no parking zones, cars that are blocking traffic because they had to run in to a store for a second. Consider ticketing cars, CITY VEHICLES, transport trucks who park in the bicycle lanes because it is better to cause gridlock than to miss picking up something at RABA. BETTER TRANSIT FEWER CARS. Consider taxing cars with only one occupant that come into Toronto during rush-hour. Consider light rail and not subways. The subways are late, always crowded (10 deep on platforms during rush-hour). Consider better recycling in highrises. And BETTER recycling in the Towers at King and Bay.
204.	I no longer believe the Toronto Police Service is accountable for its actions. I also worry that waterfront (re)development will be done to benefit property developers, rather than citizens.
205.	Toronto Police are over paid. Paid duty should be scrapped and a different system should be used. City of Toronto should also scrap the 18 day a year sick plan that Toronto Police and Fire get and have them using the same sick plan that the City forced local 79 and 416 saving the City several millions of dollars in future sick time payouts.
206.	waste management / lowering taxes / ensuring recreation facilities are available for our vulnerable youth / safety and security
207.	We should stop hiring off-duty police officers at \$65/hour to stand around construction sites.
208.	more police monitoring of bad drivers and cyclers

	Police – Other Important Issues
209.	The TTC is falling apart. Numerous mechanical failures. Surly, overpaid staff. Skyrocketing ticket prices.
210.	reduce police power / increase funding to Live Green Toronto / increase participatory government (e.g. well advertised regular townhalls, referenda) / improve quality of social housing stock and maintain or increase number of units
211.	Poverty, discrimination against equity seeking groups and policing. The story of three cities has to change and the city appears currently to be going in all the wrong directions. The city must meet the basic needs of the people who live here, especially people who are most vulnerable in our communities.
212.	Accountability for arrests and police following the G 20 meeting in 2010 / - A cap on rent prices / - Keep plans for Transit city and extend light rail transit. Do not cut bus routes to low-income neighbourhoods. / - No closure of the Urban Stu
213.	I believe it is in the cities best interest to invest in the Arts. Toronto is a great city in terms of small commercial galleries but if toronto would to invest in creating more large museums and gallery spaces like the ROM and AGO it would be mutually beneficial to many citizens of the city. / The success of large cities I believe is crucially dependant on their investment in arts and culture. New York and Paris are not such great tourist destinations because of their size or good metro systems (although very important) they are successful because these are great tourist attractions. Museums and galleries are large institutions that bring people into the city and the ROM and AGO are not enough to pull people to Toronto, people in general (and I am speaking as an well educated artist) DO NOT COME TO TORONTO TO SEE THE AGO- HOWEVER people DO GO TO NEW YORK for the MET, MOMA, GUGGENHEIM, THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND: / Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust / The Skyscraper Museum / Museum of American Finance / Bodies...The Exhibition / Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum / The Cloisters Museum and Gardens / Jewish Children's Museum / The Museum of Sex / Whitney Museum of American Art / Museum of the City of New York / New Museum / New York Hall of Science / Bronx Museum of the Arts / Brooklyn Children's Museum / New York Transit Museum / Noble Maritime Collection / Queens Museum of Art / Brooklyn Historical Society / Brooklyn Museum / Historic Richmond Town / Staten Island Children's Museum / Dyckman Farmhouse Museum / The Hispanic Society of America / El Museo del Barrio / The Malcolm X & Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial, Educational and Cultural Center / The New York City Police Museum / The Paley Center for Media / The Studio Museum in Harlem / Van Cortlandt House Museum / Weeksville Heritage Center / .. to name a few. / / Not only would this attract tourism, it would embrace a more social culture and provide JOBS. / Security guard jobs, clerk jobs, restaurant jobs, hotel jobs, transportation jobs, service jobs along with jobs for professional artists and artist/aspiring curator jobs for people like myself. /

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214.	Pressure the provincial government to resume paying the costs for police duties at court houses that was previously downloaded on municipalities. / Plan on cooperating with MetroLinks and all the surrounding regions and municipalities to ensure a GTA wide and beyond transit system will be built and up and running in the next 10-15 years. It is an embarrassment and a disgrace that it doesn't already exist.
215.	improve police accountability & service, gentleman rather than thug / preserve heritage / clean, beautiful pedestrian friendly public spaces, (including streets)
216.	environment, jobs and education for special needs kids, senior homes, violence and travel
217.	Public services should be provided by the city, not outsourced to private contractors. / Inappropriate and illegitimate use of force by the police as well as investigations into such misconduct needs to be taken seriously.
218.	Increased SAFETY within neighbourhoods. / Prostitution allocated to commercial areas only. / More support and funding for education and schools. / More Immigrant work programs. / More Doctors and Nurses. / /
219.	Safety on the streets and on the TTC
220.	Policing
221.	Toronto is a safe city and we want to keep it that way. Having said that this does not mean that Toronto Police Services should have a limitless budget. The number of officers is but one approach. Vastly reducing over time should be looked at carefully. also, some of the education items in schools ,etc perhaps could be handled by retired officers or other trained volunteers.
222.	I believe the city should focus on making the municipal government more trustworthy through interaction with the people of the government. You should be more hands on and in the streets finding out what will make the PEOPLE, feel better living in OUR city because after all YOU represent US. There must be cheaper ttc costs, more effective police officiating and more after-school programs. Instead of just shelling out dollars, perhaps we should focus on the efficiency, train cops better and give them the tools to be better officers, rather than churning out more officers per year. The same also goes for non-profit, youth benefiting programs.
223.	Consider having programs like pathways to education which could help against youth violence and gangs
224.	Crime Prevention
225.	citizen safety
226.	Policing / City Hall Red Tape / The amalgamation that took place under the conservatives

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227.	The City needs to get the Toronto Police Service budget under control. Year after year the policing budget soars unchecked. There is probably much waste here, but for political reasons most politicians will not address this huge item in the city budget. As it is now, it feels like the tail (TPS) wags the dog (the City). We need to work up the courage to audit this service carefully. It is costing too much, and many feel the quality of the service is low. The paid duty officer situation needs to be addressed. There is no reason to have fully trained and armed officers directing traffic around construction sites.
228.	EMS POLICE FIRE
229.	CRIME PREVENTION AND STREET SAFETY
230.	WE ARE OVER-GOVERNED. SMALLER BUREAUCRACY, FEWER HARASSING BYLAWS (THINK OF CHASING DOGWALKERS, OR HIRING STUDENTS TO PEEK IN WINDOWS LOOKING FOR INDOOR CATS), FOCUS ON THE BASICS OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. SAFETY, CLEAN WATER, ROADS. IMPLEMENT AN INTERNET-BASED SYSTEM SO TAXPAYERS CAN VOTE ON ANY ISSUE THAT AFFECTS THEM
231.	Child Care / TTC / Too many police services/money going towards police
232.	Don't cut police services
233.	there are many issues ahead, however, priorities are needed. What is needed is a council that is proactive.....reactive costs too much. Economy, police, environment, then homeless and restructuring of attitudes.
234.	Public Safety
235.	Safety of the residents should be given importance. Strict legislation to prevent violence and crime in the city.
236.	addressing gun violence, deporting people who committed gun related crimes "back home"
237.	Too many police .

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238.	<p>enforcement of bylaws as they currently stand if they need to be changed then change them do not put citizens at risk / / refugees are not an expense of the city, they do not permit the refugee status therefore they should not be responsible for the cost this cost should be born at the federal level / / conflicts of interest should be removed from the zoning department (zoning should be done per the rules and not administered on a favouritism basis) / / safety of pedestrians, cyclist, and assisted devices individuals should be of concern, encroachment by commercial interests are putting people at risk (examples are umbrellas at fruit stands, florists sprawling all over the sidewalk, public space is public space not for co-opting / / delivery of services to the indigent should be enhanced, a city with a population the size of Toronto and very reliant on contained spaces during the winter are at risk for airborne illness (TB costs millions) / / water infrastructure has been deteriorating for years, water is a service that should not be privatized (no 3P) / / we do not need a NFL team here, we have a football team, the city cannot afford to participate they did that with the Rogers centre and they city paid multi millions of dollars and Rogers got it at a bargain, / / we do need to do a great job with the Pan Am Games - competitions of this nature are much more economically viable / / Arts and Culture have a positive impact on the bottom line of the city (look at a packed bar listening to a great band) / / WE ARE A COLLECTION OF CITIZENS, do not marginalize anyone by the reference to just TAXPAYERS / / do not give non citizens the right to vote at the municipal level</p>
239.	<p>Violence in the pre-identified areas, We have pockets of less fortunate that are only continuing to become more actively violent year after year. Also, the lack of services for those that are vulnerable. there needs to be more City funding to care for the mentally challenged, homeless, elderly and children facing abuse.</p>
240.	<p>Every issue on the page before this. / No issues should be left out. The gap the City is dealing with in the budget is not because of these services. / Fords agenda to stop the vehicle registration tax was a huge mistake. That was one of the few revenues the city had. Without revenue through raising taxes or other permits like vehicle registration tax, then the city will clearly not meet it's budget. The people who are about to loose out on services are the city's most vulnerable people or people involved in community improvement through arts, environmental action, etc. / / I walk by several police officers a day who are monitoring traffic. It's ok for the Ford's to sign off on \$5 million a year for police at constructions sites, but we couldn't have held onto 40+ TTC bus routes for the public benefit. Don't take away the things we need and spend money on things that aren't necessary to waste taxpayers \$. How can you get rid of FREE community input on various issues but will spend \$ on things that no one asked for!</p>
241.	Newcomer Services / Violence Against Women Shelters
242.	Immigration support and help for those with special needs and disabilities. / / Also, more police on the streets of toronto to make residents feel safe

	Police – Other Important Issues
243.	Police - and the way in which they treat the public, assuming guilt first - our police force is extremely important and the police in the past were seen as "support" for the community - unfortunately, it has changed. I agree with a tough stance on crime, but hearing stories from family and close family friends, involving the young police in particular, it seriously concerns me as to the direction that it is going. (I am a well educated person, who has cousins, and an uncle in a police force, and therefore, see myself as a "regular" citizen - and I still am feeling quite a shift from the past.) / / Having a business that works intensely with students, I am very concerned about the lack of jobs for our young adults. Even very strong students who are graduating from universities cannot find jobs - MANY of them. I would like to see more support to small companies to help to hire these people. /
244.	HOMELESSNESS WORK PLACE CRIME ID THEFT AND HOME SECURITY FOOD AND EATING AND DETOX UNIT FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE / MEN IN DROP IN THAT BEAT AND ABUSE WOMEN AND OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOUR IN INNER CITY DROP IN
245.	the Toronto Police Services has a budget larger than Education, this is preposterous in a City like Toronto country like Canada
246.	Toronto Fire Services staffing cut backs can not happen due to a number of reasons, including insurance issues. Toronto Police Services should not be cut as they are proving a safe and secure city. If anything I feel there are far too many city Councillors representing different areas of Toronto, this is costing tax payers large amounts of money.
247.	Please do good for all, not specific group of people and I do not mean race. Make accessible our resources for all and especially those who can not speak for their behalf. Make every Ontarian or Canadian to have a place call home and have safety and security. If our gross income is not increased, then stop raising taxes. I know without taxes, we can not manage social programs and infrastructure but make sure we do not sure and the make sure the three government levels share the cost with us.
248.	maintenance of city parks; these are the heart of neighbourhoods, a stress reliever, a friend maker, a fitness instructor and most importantly the safety valve of a crowded and often aggressive city lifestyle. Kids, families and everyone love to skate, swim, picnic, enjoy a bonfire, wonder at nature and more and more...
249.	gang control and gun eradication accompanied by stronger consequences and accountability
250.	Upgrading transit systems, installing more close-circuit video cameras to prevent crime

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251.	1) Privatizing garbage collection or any City services should be handled with caution. The companies that bid to offer these services are "businesses" they want to make money. Therefore it may look good at first to privatize but before long they too will be asking for more money from the citizens to cover their operating costs. Hwy 407 is a good example of a bad deal. / City jobs have always been desired and attract people that really want to be there and do the job. However perhaps the city should be a little more competitive when it comes to salaries. They city job should pay slightly more to keep interest up but not over the top. / 2)Amalgamate EMS and Fire Services therefore reducing duplicated job positions and having one budget. This move would benefit the citizens by providing a much better service in response times for that essential care. Right now EMS holds back on dispatching calls because it is not done automatically therefore when Fire is required they show up later when in fact they were actually closer in distance to the call. / 3) Police officers should be patrolling our streets and not devoting their time or training to these "special interest groups". Volunteers should be doing this stuff or civilians not uniformed cops. This would put the cops back where they are needed thereby reducing the number of new hires.
252.	Don't fund/host/invite any more WASTEFUL/INCONVENIENT/DIVISIVE/UNWANTED events, such as the 2010 G20!!! This was a Tremendously FOOLISH Expenditure, and the BIGGEST cause of OUR CURRENT financial CRUNCH!!! The whole thing could have been done by teleconferencing for a FRACTION of the COST!!! Let these MILLIONAIRE PRIMADONNAS pay for their OWN vacations!!!
253.	Youth Crime and alternative cognitive (art = imagination, which = empathy) exercises, stimulation and reintegration, The Cities many Festivals and farmers markets
254.	The City must listen to public plea, poverty is rampant, prime commodities are so high, too much cuts on Health care and welfare of our own people who work so hard for the benefits of this nation was thrown away, the richer become more rich and the poor become more poor, the crime is high due to issues that never heard..
255.	healthy and clean air, water, land. / affordable housing, / low tax / policing (paying too much) /
256.	pedestrian and bicycle friendly infrastructure needs major improvement; the TTC needs major help: specifically more right of way lanes for buses, light rail corridors in the suburbs and the eastern water front; play grounds need help, especially in poorer neighbourhoods; economically vulnerable groups needs help with the children, not police to harass them.
257.	Cut the Police budget - it is grossly disproportionate to other services. / Improved Transit for all of the city - not just one region / Arts and Culture are extremely important to the success of this city. Approve the \$25/capita increase that you already voted for. It's a drop in the bucket.

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258.	Violence such as robberies and assaults. Harassment is also a big issue especially to women, because the police has not performed its task of protecting them. Every time I had someone harassing me police took hours to show up and never protected me the way they should (they simply gave "warnings" to the men harassing me), even though I have suffered an assault months ago. / The transit system is also not efficient in terms of communication. One example is the 29 Dufferin bus: many people get off at King street to take the street car and sometimes that stop is not in use and people must get off at Queen St to catch the King Street cars. However, we do not know about stops not being in use and only find it out once we get off at King and then need to take the bus back to Queen. That happened when I had a job interview, and luckily I left home 30 minutes earlier than necessary. There must be clear and efficient communication within TTC employees and transit units (buses, street cars, subway) and the public. The driver could have advised us periodically "Those who need to take the street car on king, please get off at queen". Simple, and efficient.
259.	Reductions to essential services staffing is out of the question. Public safety will be compromised for the sake of short term monetary savings.
260.	We need to address why the police take up such a huge % of the budget while crime is falling. / Advocating for funding from Province & Federal Governments.
261.	Contract out policing to lowest bidder or reduce % of budget that goes to policing.
262.	Simply getting tougher on crime does not stop it. More focus on creating jobs and programs for young people.
263.	Affordable, equitable and diverse city services, based not just on respect for tax payers but on dignity, safety, inclusion. / Review police services spending, as it seems that investment to this service is way out of hand as it utilizes 25% of total city funding.
264.	city police allowed to do anything - cops are above the law: if anyone complains, police retaliates against everyone. City never admits fault when they are wrong - coverups, lies, thefts, etc. Gang problems: gangs are not arrested, permit to do vandalism, robberies, threats
265.	reducing the size of the police force
266.	Administrative overhead of key service (police, fire, emergency MS) / Overlapping services already provided by other levels of government / City of Toronto should not be a landlord-privatize TCHC provision of housing
267.	remove costly programs such as public or affordable housing - transfer to Provincial or Fed / remove provincial courts, city run jails, to Provincial or Feds / Remove TTC - amalgamate it with Provincial GO System / Sell-off Metro Zoo Land, CNE Land, Toronto Parking Authority property / re-organize essential services such as police, fire, ems and health dept, amalgamate EMS with health / Amalgamate permits and licensing of food, bars, and massage parlours under health dept
268.	not legalize drugs

	Police – Other Important Issues
269.	Consider keeping an eye on how the police, police our youth and makes sure that they are serving and protecting fairly and without corruption. Consider not contracting out public jobs or facilities or services.
270.	Do not privatize social housing. / Cut the police budget - the crime rate has been dropping for the last 10 years. / Do not privatize garbage pick-up / City Councillors should work for all citizens of Toronto
271.	1. Funding programs for our youth to keep them out of jail / 2. Building more community centres and less jails / 3. Working on positive policing of youth / 5. Public health care / 5. No contracting out our public services /
272.	To take appropriate and necessary actions whenever needed in relation to maintenance of garbage disposal, ensure clean and safety environment.
273.	Firstly, Mayor Ford's policies are short sighted in every possible manner. The city faces a \$900 million 2011 budget gap , so cancelling the vehicle registration tax although it was good politics was very short sighted. With over 70% of the city's budget for EMS, Police, health services, fire, TTC. The city needed to expand its tax base to support these services. Secondly, cancelling the LRT plan was again short sighted , the LRT plan was affordable, prudent and fiscally responsible. It would have served less dense neighbourhoods in the outer suburbs in a great manner and would have connected several neighbourhoods to the city's core. The mayor again acting in his short sighted way, decided to cancel these projects. Thankfully the Eglinton line is still being built and going ahead. Also building the Sheppard line with private funds, that is very very funny. Who and how is this going to be paid for? Will it be paid by our tax dollars? by ridership fares, by selling land to developers at a discount? / / We are getting a lot less for these subways and they will be underutilized then we would have gotten if we kept the same LRT plan from the previous administration. Also, musings on bringing a football team to the city, please focus on the real issues at hand. Are you saying that buffalo, Cleveland, new Orleans are great cities because they have a football team - what spend a few hundred taxpayer dollars to have a team play fourteen games a year. / / defending the monies spent on having police offices at construction and sporting events. These services can and should be provided by lower cost services / / Libraries, privatization of essential services, maintaining support for priority neighbourhoods

	Police – Other Important Issues
274.	Supporting programs and services that assist those seeking employment, helping these people to improve their skills in attaining improved employment, and offering training or access to training that would allow people to improve their opportunities when searching for employment. / / Supporting programs and services that help people achieve basic skills in English, such as reading, writing, computer skills, so as to improve their quality of life and improve the fabric of the community. Success in these areas can mean a person can achieve their GED and thereby access gainful employment, let alone building self-esteem. / / Supporting programs and services that support those who wish to volunteer in an organization. Volunteering assists in enhancing one's sense of self-esteem, and contribution to a person's development in various social and life skills. / / Supporting programs and services that support the transgender community in building life skills. These programs could continue to assist in addressing the barriers that trans folks face in regards to employment, housing, discrimination, etc. / / Supporting programs and services that encourage those who need skills upgrading or refreshing, after having been out of the work force for a time. Training and skills development in certain areas can be a step towards obtaining or maintaining employment. Such programs can also be a bridge to post-secondary education by partnering with local colleges and universities in skills and application development.
275.	Supporting children and youth effectively builds stronger and safer communities. Putting money into policing over social programs means you've preparing to deal with the outcome of not helping your city raise accountable and responsible citizens.
276.	accountability of the elected officials they are not above the law
277.	Police accountability to lower income communities, promotion of cultural diversity in the city, Job creation, overhauling the SIU so that an impartial board judges cases, waterfront development, addressing racism in schools and advertising
278.	„revenue services, police, etc...
279.	Availability & quality of services, including daycare, parks and recreation - we need to keep investing. / WE need more investment in active transport (cycling & walking) / We don't need privatization - we should have a good stable public service - if we can afford 11% for police, we can pay garbage collectors - it works well in my neighbourhood, so please don't "fix" it
280.	The excessively high cost of unionized employees (especially police and fire services) as a result of dispute arbitration.

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281.	1) Many large corporations owe millions in back taxes, yet to date no-one has had the guts to threaten them w/ jail time if these are not paid. If collected, there would be plenty of money in this city. 2) Union wages account for 50% of Toronto's budget. We need to privatize more services. 3) Licensing cyclists would also bring money as well as ensuring they obey the rules of the road. 4) When cyclists and pedestrians go against the lights, proceed when drivers have an advanced green or jay-walk/ride, they should be given tickets as they present a large danger to themselves and drivers 4) More enforcement for drivers who use cell phones as I see many who still do 5) More police presence is needed 6) Judges must give out stronger sentences as I've seen many police turn a blind eye to crime as they know the judges treat the justice system as a revolving door 7) TTC must curtail those who don't pay, must never again build a new subway without having stores as they bring revenue and should move to 24 hour, 7 day service 8) Use smaller buses on less busy routes as they will save money 9) Re-open the Planetarium as it would generate income, create jobs and ensure future generations stay interested in science .
282.	Re-examine with the Province the Police Budget process. 25% of the city budget, 11% raise with no vote by the whole Council is absolutely absurd. / Continue with the revitalization of the Waterfront as planned. / Increase number of Day Care spaces
283.	Sheppard subway start now and only to Downsview. underground trams along Eglinton, Finch, Don Mills, Don Mills subway to Scarborough Town be trams underground. / \$100,000 councillor salaries + benefits + office staff of 5? paid too high for very little esp. North York. / Health and safety of streets, China town filth / too many recesses or time off for councillors photo ops do not count. / sewers and water system years ago neglected. / restore night court for traffic summons / that the City will get any more transfer money - no one has taken Provincial or Municipal government seriously. / if that happens more transfer from Ottawa to Ont. to Toronto we'll know something was or now is in the works. June 4th
284.	Transportation, police services (more community policing never hurts), and police accountability (especially given the wall of silence post G20 summit), partisanship and gotcha politics, openness to media questions - especially tough ones.
285.	Addressing the animosity between bicyclists and drivers that has been built-in to the city's roadways by poor planning and a lack of foresight. I am for separating the flows of bicycle and automobile traffic where possible--keeping them separate is the surest way to ensure safety, efficiency and cordiality. The City needs to show that it respects both parties equally and is willing to seek a compromise that does not privilege one over the other for the sake of political gain.
286.	noticed the use of drugs in the apartments and so on.

	Police – Other Important Issues
287.	Immigrant women are the most vulnerable people in Canada . They came to Canada and they became the victims of their challenges. Rent is higher , very hard to find the job they merit , they do not have any chance to leave their children in day care whenever they will needed unlike other Canadian women , and because of that immigrant women stay home to take care their kids without any chance for them to be succeeded . This isolation of immigrant women , brings violence from their husbands , depression and of course if this mother is not mentally healthy you will not have healthy Canadian born children educated from a mother who is in depression and not socialized. Canadian government should not cut the funds for services who are helping women and especially immigrant women . Facing racism, classism and sexism as immigrant women without any help and without considering her culture where she has been grow up , is like dying slowly and more and more women will face depression and health issues . Please give them the opportunity to have free day care for their children, so immigrant women could be free from being isolated at home and move on in Canadian life. They need to work, they need to study , they need to be happy and socialized , they need to feel alive , not isolated. Isolation brings mental illness to any kind of human being . Thank you.
288.	1. climate change is the most important issue facing everyone on earth today. We must do what we can to reduce greenhouse gasses. There is much the city can do. 2. Poverty and the gap between the wealthy and the poor, which has negative effects on almost all areas of life, even increasing the infant mortality rate. 3. Stop union-bashing. Unions have been a major positive influence on society. 4. Poverty - we need to eliminate poverty and homelessness (it is just a political decision at all levels of government).Issues around policing from the G20 and other incidents where there has been weak or no civilian review or accountability. The gutting of transit city by Mayor Ford. I hope that an agenda of tax cuts does not get used to gut important services or sell city assets.
289.	Continue to offer affordable community programming, recreation programming that builds communities and encourages healthy behaviours. Communities that have activities to do and participate in have less crime and other social issues than communities that don't. I also think that front-line City staff should be recognized for the work that they do and should be respected as members of the community of the City of Toronto. Many staff not only work for the City, but also live and participate in City programming. By minimizing staff (i.e.: "Gravy Train" comments, etc.) and not valuing their contributions, the City is hurting their community. Homeless sheltering, more social services to help poor and people with disabilities find decent paying jobs and decent places to live
290.	Cleanliness. / Garbage promotes a climate of incivility and crime
291.	We need to invest in our ravines. Working in diverse ways to restore these vital green spaces will have enormous benefits to our social and economic fabric, in addition to environmental benefits. I see cultural benefits as a result of achieving, or at least striving towards, these three areas of concern. Youth crime

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292.	Cycling and public transportation should taken more seriously. The financial and environmental cost of gridlock are high. The city needs to invest heavily in cycling and public transportation infrastructure. Equality and inclusion of minorities. The huge waiting list on Toronto Community Housing is a huge issue since many individuals are trying to flee from unthinkable violence and negative circumstances, but cannot do so since the wait list is so long.
293.	COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. Community centres throught the city which provide after school programs to kids have not had the resources needed. In order to fight crime in the City, our government should be putting resources into preventative measures instead of reactive solutions which have never been successful. Kids, especially those in high risk neighbourhoods need a safe place to go and programs which help build their skills and self esteem. Obviously, Harper is out of touch with this city and it's problems.
294.	Long term environmental solutions. Long sighted solutions to meet city short falls not just short sighted privatization of everything in sight. Funding for programs for disadvantaged communities that deal with problems before they happen rather than extra funding for police to deal with problems after the fact.
295.	I am one of the over 50% of Toronto's population that has immigrated to Canada and specifically selected Toronto as the place where I want to grow my career and raise a family. I want our leaders to have as much of a vision for, and commitment to our city, as I do. I am concerned that residential taxes are too low to properly support a growing city. Our infrastructure is old, and our transit is poor. Our residential taxes are some of the lowest in the world, yet our city services, including transit, police, culture and social services, are expected to meet ever increasing demand without additional support. Yes, these are expensive to maintain, but they are an investment towards a safe and prosperous future. I for one would be happy to pay more for them.
296.	Building a safe, comprehensive bike network (incl. finishing the West Junction path to Union Station). More subways and light rail (bring back the vehicle tax, find private partnerships to sponsor new subway and modernize the TTC by getting rid of ticket takers and have all fares paid electronically).
297.	The fact that public services in our City are necessary and vital ways and means to provide safety, security and to meet the needs of all residents and person who live, work and play in the City of Toronto. Transit needs to be a number one priority. Making car users pay for the services they receive and the congestion and environmental costs of their driving is essential. There also needs to be more attention paid to both the rights and the obligations of citizenship (not taxpayership, not car-driver-ship, citizenship). Transparent government with a regard for established, detailed facts and civility is essential. A \$1000 fine should be instituted for every instance of a public official using a term such as "lefty pinko," which degrades the discourse immeasurably, with more than ten fines resulting in forced resignation.

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298.	Cleaning up the corner of Dundas and Sherbourne. Prostitute are freely pulling tricks and crack dealers are freely dealing crack and the city and police service don't seem to care at all.
299.	cutting the police budget, it's unnecessary and they're unaccountable and belligerent
300.	Increase safety and accessibility for bikes and pedestrian movement. Service delivery and modernization of the TTC. Bring credibility and accountability back to City Hall, enough with corruption. A different attitude from municipal leaders--it's not aan us or them fight, we are in this together. Let's strive for balance.
301.	The city needs to hold the federal government accountable for their promised g20 compensation packages for local business.
302.	As a ratepayer, I believe in paying my fair share of taxes towards providing important city services to the citizenry. I am distressed that behind-the-scenes management personnel continue to direct the reduction of frontline public services and staff members with which citizens have the most direct contact. Consider Toronto Public Library as a city board that recently began steps to close the Urban Affairs Library that became an important service point to local residents. Toronto Public Library has reduced frontline library staff with the closest contact to ratepayers by 10% since 1998, while the number of library management personnel making more than \$100,000 per annum increased from 6 in 1999 to over 50 management personnel out of a total of 93. Why have management personnel ranks bloated to manage fewer frontline staff. I hope that Mayor Ford and his team will ask that question of the Toronto Public Library Board members. Why do library management personnel force a greater degree of automation upon ratepayers who value the personal contact with frontline library staff members? Library management personnel are concerned about library borrowing statistics rather than looking at themselves for true fiscal efficiencies. Let us have fair attrition and retirements in library management personnel ranks. Why did library management personnel fill a vacant managerial position in Scarborough following a retirement? Where is the efficiency in that move? / / I would like to briefly comment on Toronto Police Service. I support the incredible work done by policemen and policewomen across our City of Toronto. They deserve their salaries. However, I think that off-duty paid duty is a cash cow that ratepayers should not have to pay for. Please end the paid duty gravy!
303.	1) Providing all budget information to citizens in a user-friendly manner -- this has not done in the case of the Core Service Review. / 2) Provide all financial information electronically, on signage and in media. E.g. all road construction project signage must include price for labour, materials, police, etc. / 3) cities must invest. / 4) Enable staff to be bold and build trust with citizens instead of hiding behind desks. / 5) Unhappy staff who only work for city because of pension should be "helped out" through a severance package so they can work at their true calling -- only they know what that is. / / /

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304.	Providing good services at value for money is important. The City needs to look at developing efficiencies by reducing non-productive management positions in Toronto departments, agencies, boards and commissions. For example, look at why Toronto Public Library's managerial ranks earning over \$100,000 a year have swelled since amalgamation at the same time that unionized positions have been cut since amalgamation. Is that efficient or simply empire building? / / Toronto Police do a great job but end the paid duty for off-duty police officers. This is a waste of taxpayers money. / / The city should encourage citizens to buy City bonds at a respectable interest rate to fund future subway and rapid transit construction etc.
305.	independent civilian oversight of police Control architecture. Too many ugly cheap-built buildings in the city.
306.	keep the city clean, city is very filthy, litter everywhere. Transit infrastructure feeds into environment, affordable living, safety
307.	there is no mechanism within the city departments with which one can easily identify duplicate services. For example, Toronto Community Housing has leadership programmes for youth. In addition, there are similar programmes being offered by Youth and Employment Services, Toronto Public Health, Police, Fire, EMS, Libraries, Parks, Forestry, Recreation as well as others... no one has had the insight to ensure each of those programmes is well run, successful or even has any idea about what other options there are for youth. Nurses should not be running a youth leadership programmes when there are already dozens available!
308.	The City and the public should change their perceptions about the need to deliver perfect services to everyone, at all times. / / For example, yesterday a teenage skateboarder ran into the back of a car, (going downhill, on the road, out of control) and suffered minor injuries. To this minor collision, we sent 4 police cars, an ambulance, and a fire truck. All of them were there for about an hour. We only needed an ambulance (or paramedic) and one police car. / / I am sure that at one point in time we developed a protocol to send an abundance of services to address every possible need. While this is perfect government services, it is very expensive public services. / / While it is great that the City is asking its residents to prioritize services, we should also be examining our protocols for the delivery of services to determine if by providing perfect services only 99% of the time that we can see a substantial reduction in the costs of delivering these services.
309.	The ranking of the Importance of issues in the previous section does not identify how I think they are important, or if I think these priorities are being met. E.g. safety and security are important, but given the costs, we should cut the police force.
310.	Wasting taxpayer's money on police
311.	Library services-branch accessibility in view of Accessibility for Ontarians; periodicals ought to be more Canadian or international in origin rather than American -lots of pop culture stuff is now online; location, consolidating branches close to each other into the most modern branch. i.e. Yorkville closes and books go to Toronto
312.	Out of control police budget

	Police – Other Important Issues
313.	improve public health services, public libraries, public transit, emergency medical services, police services, increase affordable housing and recreational and community centres.
314.	-Reduce size of Administration and Reduce # of councillors to 10 / - Outsource policing to OPP or RCMP. No need for 3 Police Bureaucracies in one Province / - Social Assistance should be Federally Funded , however managed more diligently
315.	Toronto bares the cost for Canada and Ontario in regards to serving refugees and the poor. We are forced to cover the costs of homeless, mental health, and refugees for the rest of Canada. / / Social Services is broken and we are not helping people get off welfare and into good jobs. / / Toronto is becoming a minimum wage society. / / Over-policing is an issue - too many cops doing non-police work such as guarding construction sites.
316.	Cultural activities that are not aligned with Sports: visual arts, libraries, theatre, music and street festivals. Parking and transportation around the city continue to grow as problems. The city could use more police enforcement of parking violations and attention to abuse of parking passes such as handicapped parking fraud.
317.	Making sure public transit investment continues to grow. / Not sacrificing environment, arts and culture for "law and order" agenda
318.	More enforcement for people who allow their cars to idle. / A new bi-law that restricts throwing cigarette butts into the street and, consequently, into / our drinking water.
319.	Police presence in general needs to increase. / Public Transportation- T.T.C improvement,. From an environmental point, to get cars off the roads, buses and subways has to be more convenient, efficient. / Environment- Taxi cabs and Wheel-Trans vehicles should be Hybrid/hydro-electric. / Taxes- taxes go up but service rarely improves. / Snow removal- needs improvement / Atmosphere- liven up the city! plant flowers, water feature at city entrances "welcome to Toronto" should be beautiful not just a sign, place hanging baskets at street corners etc.
320.	Parking authority is out of control. This has nothing to do with parking and everything to do with legally looting people. If it were a service (govt is supposed to serve the people) then a friendly reminder of an infraction would be a service, not a ticket Of course it is rationalized, justified and explained away as adding finances to the city coffers. I'm my area the streets are worked by pairs of infraction officers practically running from car to car, at other times they stalk the sidestreets for cars parked on the wrong side of the street because you can only park half the month on one side and half the month on the other. I find them disgusting, doing the bidding of some big shot at city hall. In a city of this size there are only 4 locations you can take a ticket to dispute it, what a crock . Legalized theft, nothing but.
321.	support services for immigrants / anti-violence programs / health promotion efforts across all populations

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322.	Reduction in services while increasing taxes. / Over paying the police to the detriment of other social services. These services are often very effective in decreasing crime especially in disadvantaged areas.
323.	there should be aggressive policing towards dangerous drugs in the street in general and the gangs that control parts of the city to sell and distribute dangerous drugs.
324.	make city run effectively. I hate seeing decayed infrastructure or half-assed projects. Eliminate some things to save costs but do remaining things well. Go after the police budget - its the biggest and its out of control.
325.	recompense for the innocent victims of police brutality during the G20 summit
326.	There is a lot of wastage on paper and bulk mailing for garbage tags for example. make it accessible for those who need it, can access garbage tags at a local solid waste office. / / social services should issue a useable card that will enable them to access their monthly BFA'S via banking. too much paper wastage, not necessary. / / cut back on this mass production of fun guides offered by parks, forestry and recreation. more waste. the fun guide is accessible online! / / safety is a concern for all. no one will want to participate in anything if they don't feel safe outside their front yards. this needs to be explored carefully. / / earth day should be celebrated more than once a year. its up to all of us to take care of our environment and each other. cut back on light/power usage at nights after work hours. especially in Toronto's corporate environments...all these lights after hours is unnecessary. turn them off!!! / / Public Health- as much as safety is a concern for all, so is health. Lets examine all our public bathrooms in city facilities and ask yourself if you think we are doing all we can to prevent communicable diseases or germs to be spread via usage of taps, stalls, etc...most public restaurant bathrooms use sensory-type of taps, toilets and hand dryers and no doors..... / /
327.	Politically speaking, the city of Toronto needs to regain control of its police force. City Council finds itself unable to restrain the constant growth of the police budget, it being a politically unfavourable position How can the city, with a \$774M deficit and 5% cutbacks across the board, continue to support a 3% increase in the police budget, (plus a negotiated wage increase that will likely bump that to 5%)? /
328.	We need to remain an economically viable city with jobs, access to education, child care and safety nets available. In addition, we need also to address the need to support arts and culture and maintain a city that others wish to visit - to keep tourist dollars coming to it. To focus simply on keeping taxes low is short-sighted, and to lump 'fair' with 'low' taxes obscures the need on occasion to raise taxes while still being fair. In addition, I believe that we need to be good custodians of the treasures Toronto already has, such as the water front (it still needs work) and historical places such as High Park.

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329.	I wonder if the city is collecting business taxes from all the people who are running their own business from their residence. I suspect that there are a lot of people doing this who are not reporting it to the city. The city could be losing out on a lot of tax money from this source. Is the city doing anything to uncover these home-based businesses which have not been reported? If the public was told that these people should be paying business taxes, the city might get some neighbours reporting these people who are not paying their share of the taxes. / / Regarding the problem of graffiti, I suggest that the city investigate what Mayor Bloomberg of New York city did to deal with this problem successfully. I understand that one of the measures he took was to make it illegal to sell the type of spray paint used by graffiti artists to young people under a certain age which could have been 25 or 21 years. Please check this out. / / Regarding the littering problem, I suggest the city put up signs warning of heavy fines for littering and then have the police fine some people for this in order to discourage people from littering. Mississauga uses such signs and it is much cleaner and tidier city than Toronto.
330.	TTC prices- don't increase them. Increase police presence. Increase food banks. Remove 5c fee on bags.
331.	focus waterfront development or non-development there are too many agencies, staff and management trying to plan and develop waterfront far too many over paid employees on this portfolio / Must hold police at zero increase - far too over paid for the service they provide toronto is living beyond its means / the city pays about %10 more than its competitors
332.	Make corporations pay more taxes! / Why increase funding for police?
333.	We need a statement of overall policy on how our city should be run. What are our goals?.. / As Canada's 6th largest government, our overall goal should be to improve the social and environmental health of our city for future generations. / First of all, our government should be democratic, in other words major decisions should be made or approved by our elected council, not by appointed committees. Any changes to our electoral process should be made by public referendum to protect this structure. / Next, we need to protect the social health of our city for future generations. As the gap between rich and poor increases, this threatens the social health and security of our city and it becomes more costly and a less friendly place to live. Social programs and issues like wide public transport are critical to this health and security. / We need to protect the environmental health as well. Parks, clean air, efficient recreational services are critical to this. / Last, we need to avoid irreversible decisions that take resources out of public hands, such as the 407. The private sector may be an excellent means of delivering public services, but the overall control and ownership of these resources should remain in public hands. / /
334.	reduce ballooning police budget
335.	the right of residents to have input and some degree of control over development in their area / homeless people on the street / lack of street parking & overzealous parking enforcement / loss of trust in the police / psychotic bicyclists

	Police – Other Important Issues
336.	minimizing bureaucracy & incessant fees / streamline police, fire and ambulance
337.	The City of Toronto must scale back on police services in order to create funds that can be shifted to other necessary areas of the budget. There needs to be a greater focus on affordable housing initiatives. Long-term care facilities for seniors are horrific. The City of Toronto should consider safe injection sites like Insite in Vancouver. There needs to be more money placed in after school programs(arts and recreation) that educate youth about what opportunities are available to them(employment, education, counselling, training etc.).
338.	citizen control of the police
339.	Toronto's property taxes are amongst the lowest in the GTA. Given that we also have some of the oldest infrastructure, this seems unrealistic. I would rather pay more in property taxes - or through new revenue streams such as congestion pricing - to ensure that we can adequately maintain the city services we have. I want to live in a city that has a vision for the future and is committed to ensuring Toronto's place as one of the world's most liveable cities. This means we need to continue to invest in public transit and public spaces, environmental stewardship, arts and culture. We also need to find a way to rein in spending on police. Crime is at an all time low and yet we continue to increase the amount of the City budget spent on police without any clear rationale. Crime prevention is always a better choice - and we do that through innovative cultural, sports and educational programs.
340.	The relationship between the City and the numerous non-profit organizations who are often doing the programmatic work of the City for much lower costs. The difference in pay rates between the two groups of staff are marked, and thus inequity occurs. The non-profit staff are constantly being poached by the City managers. / / I also believe that the Police Services are recipients of too high a percentage of the City's budget. I frequently see 3 or 4 squad cars responding and staying at a very low level of danger scene.
341.	cost of public service, especially the police department. Our crime rate is going down but we hire more and more police officer and then add to their income by having them stand around constructions sites for 65 an hour. / We could fund many programs for young people at risk with those millions
342.	Violence. It's not simply a matter of "safety". The city is becoming more violent. Where are the community centre programs which might entice the impressionable away from the glory of the streets? It may be a losing battle, but we must remain steadfast against the vagaries of perceived pop culture ... and what it means once off the television, and acted out in the social arena.
343.	Settlement/integration services for new immigrants; shelters and support services for victims of 'domestic' violence

	Police – Other Important Issues
344.	Addressing the bed bug problem across the entire city, which will inevitably affect everyone as well as tourism in the city. / Keeping the TTC accessible for everyone. Keeping the fares as low as possible. Bringing back late evening bus services that were recently cut. The majority of TTC riders can't afford cars and care about the environment, taking away late evening buses is putting the safety of all TTC late evening bus riders at risk. As a woman, what am I to do if my bus stops running at 10:00 pm and I can't afford to take a cab home?
345.	<p>I don't know if this is the appropriate spot for making the following point as I don't yet know what is coming up in the survey. However, here goes. / I have an issue with Toronto Businesses poster on public property. In sections of our city, the street poles, garbage containers, phone and electrical boxes. It is a defacement of our city and just looks plain tacky and degrading. It cheapens the look of our various communities and thus encourages littler. Just like the mayor's initiative to rid the city of graffiti, this should be another initiative. Take a walk along the section of Church St, between Carlton street and Bloor St. , . The mess on the street poles doesn't stop there. It follows on other streets like Carlton and Wellesley. / / What really adds to my disgust at this mess on our streets is seeing city workers being paid to remove the posters, and then to see someone else come along and immediately put up more. What a waste of taxpayers money. I own 2 businesses. They are both in the hospitality field. I have never postered on public property. It just irks me to see my competition put posters all along the street for free, while I choose to pay for my ads in print publications or in the mail. I am now even using radio. To try and shame my competitors to stop poster, I put in the bottom of all my ads "KEEP TORONTO BEAUTIFUL- WE DO NOT POSTER ON PUBLIC PROPERTY". This did nothing. Some of the posters are offensive to some of our citizens (although I do not favour censorship, these other businesses should know better and respect that some sectors of our population, like children, should not be seeing some very graphic images. / / We need to charge all Toronto businesses that put up posters on public property. I propose a \$100 per poster. We use some of our existing bylaw enforcement officers to take a picture of each poster that denotes the location and date and time of the poster. They would then mark the poster as being already "caught. The fine would then be sent to the offending business to be paid like a traffic ticket. If they want to argue in court, then so be it just like a parking ticket. / / The benefit: Reduced pollution of our public streets, increased revenue via the appropriate fines, and a reduction in the number of city workers required to remove posters for our public property. I can't see any lose here. / / We would ignore signs from the general public such as garage sale, or lost kitten etc. /</p>

	Police – Other Important Issues
346.	I am concerned that far too many city employees -- city hall, police, fire, ttc and school board employees for that matter, -- all of whom are the back bone of the middle class, choose far too often (80% + in the case of police and fire) to live outside the city. By not living here, they behave differently when on the job. They necessarily don't have the "pride of ownership". This city is missing that and unless this city finds a way to get that segment of the population to live IN THE CITY, this city will slowly decline.
347.	I consider the provincial and federal to help the needs of the vulnerable. City of Toronto can't bear that entire burden. / / I consider the safety and security to be pretty good. Not major investment there needed; we don't need more cops hanging out on downhills trying to nab people who are doing 60 in a 50 while going downhill. That is completely unacceptable and not what they should be out on the street trying to do.
348.	Transit! Transit City should never have been scrapped, but now that it has been we should be at least committing resources to maintaining existing TTC routes instead of wasting money having police officers stand around at construction sites.
349.	keep city services affordable and accessible to low-income people. / we need more community centres open especially in low income neighbourhoods - not more police. Give people something constructive to do. / Privatization of services will not necessarily make them cheaper. The city will lose control of costs once they go to the private sector.
350.	There is a cultural divide between downtown dwellers and suburban residents, and I would like to see City Hall move towards a more conciliatory, multi-faceted approach to issues that affect different regions differently (i.e. transit, land-transfer taxes, rental and public housing issues, policing and education)
351.	Safety of pedestrians and cyclists from car accidents
352.	Supports for new immigrant families and individuals; violence against women; the shelter system (we need more funding and more beds); youth programming; more funding for programs like Pathways to Education; Affordable and wheelchair accessible TTC
353.	To have control over the crime in the City.
354.	There is too much wastage at all levels of government. I believe that even some employees may be taking undue advantage of their positions. With proper checks in place, including safeguards for whistle blowers, can reduce wastage and improve our City with much less resources (manpower and financial). We have to have people who are not afraid of losing their jobs and I think Mayor Ford is a man of principle and can make Toronto the best City in the world as far as honesty, security and affordability is concerned.

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355.	Focusing more intently on the idling laws. Though idling for over one minute is illegal, those who violate this are rarely fined. I have never once seen or heard of a person being fined for violating this law. A big offender is the buses with the ttc. They need to get better fuel so that, especially in winter, shutting off the engine during break isn't going to drastically effect the service of the bus after their break is completed.
356.	Transit in Toronto is far behind relative to world standards for a metropolitan area such as the GTA. Also the wage rate of civil workers such as police officer is too high, and takes up too large of a percentage of city expenditure. Lastly, disproportionate enforcement of crime largely targeting black males and other visible minorities is highly racist; especially during vehicular stops.
357.	Don't "privatize" just for the sake of privatizing something. It was a mistake that Margaret Thatcher made in England in the 1980s, where they gave away infrastructure. If you think a service should be privatized, then you should really consider if the City should provide this service at all. / / Separately, if the TTC, Toronto Police, and Toronto Fire are "essential", then why isn't Toronto EMS? If I have a heart attack during a city strike, I don't feel reassured that I will be able to take a streetcar to the hospital.
358.	Reducing the Costs of the Police Services by implementing efficiencies
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360.	Security audit of City computers connected to the internet.
361.	Upgrading school buildings/structures. Eliminate winter sidewalk snow removal. Create grace period for expired parking meters. School zone 40 km to be enforced ONLY during school days/times. Increase on road parking by-law from 3 hrs to 6 hrs.
362.	Do not cut back on the police. We want safe neighbourhoods. If there isn't a strong police presence, there will be a strong gang presence.
363.	Police services, needs a rethink, and remember, that they work for Us. The G20 so called security was a Global joke. But not so funny for innocent and lawful right to protest. Wake up Bill Blair and the G20 security planners. /
364.	Keeping citizens informed about issues that effect them. What is going on in their own neighbourhoods? Helping communities with lower income clean up, ways to decrease crime, what programmes are available for their children, their parents.
365.	Lack of Affordable housing is a big issue in our City. / Programs for youth and not just sports for boys. Healthy communities are built by healthy families, so addressing issues like domestic violence and services for girls is very important
366.	Police budget far too high
367.	Stop complaining about a lack of money at City Hall! If you are so short of cash why do you give your employees pay raises every year? Your work force should be taking pay and benefit cuts to help with the budget deficit. TTC ticket takers making six figures??? This should be a minimum wage job. It would be very easy to automate this function. You just gave the police a 12% pay raise. Get your own house in order first before you raise my taxes!!! Contract out various functions.

	Police – Other Important Issues
368.	Consider hiring more Toronto Police officers, I am concerned about the safety of our city. I wish Toronto had more cops to patrol at rick neighbourhoods.
369.	Updating the cities public transit system, a shared cost between the city, provincial and federal governments. An improvement of community relations between the public and Toronto Police Services. Pride week and events bring tax dollars to our city.
370.	Refugee & new immigrant costs (a tax issue) / Cost of police services
371.	the excessive cost of police services
372.	Looking at these issues from a holistic perspective rather than in silos. For example, having a less income disparity and opportunities for good jobs contributes to safety and security, just as much if not more than putting more cops on the beat. The city's response to environmental issues can simultaneously create good jobs. Which in turn contributes to safety and security. The premise that the variety of actions the city takes are separate and distinct misses the point. We need a more holistic vision that demonstrates a smart city council.
373.	We need to cut down on the policing budget. We need to stop short-sighted cutbacks that cost more in the long-run (i.e. delays to road repairs). Public transit needs a big investment. We can't turn our back on vulnerable people who have nowhere else to turn.
374.	City Council needs to address the big items in their operating budget instead of focusing on the minor ones. Eliminating dinner at council meetings is petty compared to something like the Police budget.
375.	The safety of streets and public transportation.
376.	Maintaining publicly-provided services, including garbage and recycling collection, within the public sector. / Controlling the cost of police services, especially wage levels. /
377.	health of city residents / education of residents to relieve or assist city infrastructure- water, gardening, safety, etc. / ensure the city is up to date on all urban possibilities / building community again to relieve or assist city infrastructure
378.	the city should go back to providing basic services such as water garbage police fire. Reduce the size of government and provide the basics let the private sector provide the rest
379.	police budget
380.	crime

	Police – Other Important Issues
381.	It's critical that we do not support and that we reverse the growing gap between the rich and the poor / marginalized through cutting and privatizing delivery of a wide range of affordable, accessible, quality services that the City currently offers. Related to this, it is also critical that new sources of revenue (e.g. increased taxes / user feed only on those most able to afford them) be sought and that real, fair efficiencies (e.g. cutting/reducing mushrooming Toronto Police budget) be found. All the current City services are absolutely essential and they are what made this City as great as it is. Cutting any of these services will mean a serious dent to our City, our quality of life, and our important place in Canada and in the world -- especially in terms of worsening health and social problems for the poor / marginalized, which will eventually result in huge economic and other costs to us all.
382.	Connecting to the rest of the world / --- Push for high speed trains to other cities from Ottawa to New York (possibly in conjunction with a ferry to Rochester) / --- A rail link to Pearson airport. / --- Minimum wage for cab drivers similar to waitstaff, ongoing expenses paid by commission portion of wages but never cut into minimum wage or tips, one time expenses can be charged to the employee. / Greater support for new residents / visitors to the city. / --- Neighbourhood centric tourist office/pavilion/displays. Smart phone applications. / --- Better advertisement of services that are offered and how they relate to complimentary services of other levels of government / Integration of primary response services (Public Health, Police, Fire Services, Paramedics) / --- Single dispatching service / --- Cross stream training / -- - Multiple service vehicles (Police officer and/or paramedic on fire truck / paramedic, social worker in a police cruiser) / --- Benefits are cost saving, most appropriate skills and response to each situation, greater safety for all involved
383.	No budget or service cuts for police, fire or ems

	Police – Other Important Issues
384.	I have a personal issue. I am an ODSP client, who started my own dog walking business(after working for someone else for over a year). I claim my income and file a tax form yearly. All I ever wanted to do was provide the dogs I walk with an opportunity to run and get proper stimulation. I have chosen to take them to areas that are NOT officially off leash. I do my best to take them to areas that are not frequented by too many people. I was taking them down the cement path aside the Don Valley, but now am greeted with incredible hostility by SPEEDING, RACING bikes and joggers, who seem to HATE animals. I am fed up with the tax grab of the by-law officers chasing dog walkers down to issue incredibly HIGH fines. I am also a part time musician and have never fit into the 9 to 5 mold(not everyone does), but I am also doing my best to be a contributing high functioning member of society, in the best way I can. I have discussed with a few people the fact that Toronto seems to be a Police state and dog/animal unfriendly. I cannot remember this kind of anger growing up in the Beach. I don't like the off leash dog parks, mostly because there is NO greenery, or trees to shade them if it is incredibly hot. Is there a way to have some green space allotted to people and their animals(off leash), where they won't be criticized verbally OR physically attacked by (now I'm being critical) "A" type personalities who speed by on bikes and have no interest or care to slow down(which is ALSO illegal). What has happened to this city???? I, for the first time have considered leaving.
385.	Hell yes! Those who come to Toronto i.e.: Thunder Bay for live on the streets and for Toronto taxpayers to support - go home! Sick & tired of teens coming here for the summer begging and getting welfare - why should we support them. Anyone on welfare that is able bodied should be given a post - anything, clean up the parks, help seniors. The ways are endless. Libraries should charge for a card (no freebies until children) late dues should be increased and staff should be reduced - they are usually chatting among themselves anyhow! Police should not be standing around at construction sites. More policing is needed from Feds & Provincial levels to get rid of gangs, drugs etc. Toronto taxpayers are responsible for too many things that should be addressed by other levels of government.
386.	Public accountability for mismanagement of city funds. More transparency in government. A reduction of council members and a pay freeze for all city council! Protection and support for essential services such as fire and police. These individuals protect our lives and property!
387.	Not cutting police staff, fire staff, EMS staff.
388.	MORE POLICE MORE FIREMEN MORE AMBULANCE AND MORE TEACHERS
389.	Privatization is NOT the answer to Toronto's financial issues. By laying off city workers, we are laying off those that LIVE in the city and SPEND THEIR MONEY in the city. Job loss means TORONTONIANS are unable to pay their taxes or contribute in a positive way to the city economy. Cutting money to emergency services will increase crime and decrease safety and fast and efficient first aid care.
390.	Fair treatment by Parking Police

	Police – Other Important Issues
391.	I would like to see a lot less emphasis on "political correctness" in all of it's broad aspects, staff, services, etc. Social engineering is not the City's main function. Then we need to look at effective and efficient delivery of services. I work in the Toronto Fire Services. I believe there are now more people at the "District Chief" rank and above than there were before amalgamation. There are people in the Quartermaster's office making "Captain's" pay for handing out clothing. A detailed look at the whole structure will reveal many more such inefficiencies. I am sure this is true across most other City departments.
392.	Overpaid police, especially on road construction assignments. Understaffed urban forestry services. Too few and poorly designed bicycle and pedestrian paths. Declining TTC service and maintenance. Too much auto traffic, especially single-occupant. Ugly utility poles and wires. Smog. Smelly sewage treatment plant. Road closures for Heart Rides and Marathons. Graffiti.
393.	Public transit - I don't think that this is adequately covered under the general "infrastructure" item on the previous page. / Policing costs - a big enough issue in themselves that these are also not adequately covered by the catch-alls re taxes or safety and security.
394.	Priorities need to be Police/Fire/EMS - remove the hiring freeze for the Police. Next - get the roads/sewers repairs - the infrastructure is a mess - and without increasing taxes this Survey is a waste of time. Paying with massive cutbacks is not the answer - part of responsible Government goes beyond no tax increase when politicing is over - it is not a reality
395.	drugs / gangs
396.	There are too many police on the streets. Crime is down, reduce the police force accordingly. / Mayor should fight to abolish the Ontario Municipal Board.
397.	We need to stop our socialistic way of running government. Cut taxes by cutting services such as community centres, and cultural festivals and special interest parades (yes, the Gay Pride Parade), and arts events. If those events/services are truly important to the people, then the people can fund it with their own money and not steal it from others who DON'T support those events and services (which is the basis of socialism; state-sanctioned theft). THINK ABOUT IT!! If we have our OWN money back in our OWN pockets then WE will fund what we think is important, and if it doesn't get funded, then we don't really give a crap! DUH! It's not rocket science. Stop spending my money on things with which I don't agree. The city of Toronto government should ONLY be concerned with safety and security (law, justice, and infrastructure).

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398.	Do not touch fire, ems or police. if you need less numbers then allow the numbers to lower naturally through retirements and hiring freezes. if you lay off new recruits from fire and police you are going to lose out on not only training cost but on good hard working city employees. if you need to raise the taxes to support the growing city then do so!!!! if you freeze them its only going to screw us in the long run and anyone with a brain would know that. we pay the least amount of taxes in the country for major cities a small raise wont hurt anyone!!!
399.	Drug areas, ghettos, safety and security of citizens
400.	FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES ARE PARAMONT AND NEED PUBLIC MONEY TO GROW WITH THE CHANGING DEMANDS OF OUR CITY AND IT'S PEOPLE. / PARKS AND LIBRARIES ARE ALSO VERY IMPORTANT.
401.	Getting money from the Feds for store owners after the G20 mess, afterschool/mentor programs for students, finding ways to get the elderly to socialize
402.	Snow removal, swimming pools, public health, parks, restaurant licensing, garbage removal, road maintenance, welfare and social assistance, day care operation and licensing, fire safety, building codes, water and beach safety, grants for community-based events and programs, facade improvement programs in commercial areas, managing courts for provincial offenses, long-term care facilities for seniors, public libraries, TTC, affordable housing, law enforcement
403.	Protection of constitutional rights, i.e. police respect for the freedom of peaceful assembly, freedom of association, and equal protection of the law on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, etc.
404.	decrease policing costs, especially paid duty. also, wastage in welfare and community housing /
405.	1.) / Public voting on ALL issues via / through Internet and Surveys, like this one. This Public data should influence 49% of the vote, with Councillors having the remaining 51%. / 2.) / For User Fees, as an example, families with the lowest income bracket / status for the combined family household net earnings, on the prior year federal income tax, could get a reduction in fees. These families could be granted a 50% reduction in user fees during the current year. This needs to be re-evaluated each year, from June of current year to May of following year. / 3.) / To reduce taxes, continue the outsourcing of services, like garbage, making some essential, such as TTC. Union control exceeds that of the general tax-paying public, unless public voting on all issues, as mentioned in #1 above is implemented. / 4.) / On a personal note, I moved to the city, Etobicoke, from Whitby, one year ago. So far, great, EXCEPT, the run-around I am getting from 311, Transportation, and Municipal Licensing, related to a changed landscape-grade issue of city-owned property adjacent to ours causing major water run-off issues flooding my basement. EITHER 311, OR THESE BY-LAW DEPARTMENTS SHOULD TAKE THESE CONCERNS SERIOUSLY, or we could save tax dollars by dismantling all of them.

	Police – Other Important Issues
406.	Better Transit should be #1. No matter how you get the money other than jacking the cost for the user prohibitively. Safety and Security should be the next concern. All residents should have pride in the Life Safety systems their city has. A continued level of service in the three main areas (Police, Fire and EMS) in a must! People want to live in and visit cities with a great living atmosphere that promotes getting out and feeling secure.
407.	I would like to see private garbage, and transport. police budget cut it is 10% too heavy at least.. new police chief.
408.	libraries are essential to safety, jobs and more
409.	I've recently read in the news about possible layoffs of Police Officers. This is a huge issue in my opinion. I do not want to see any cutbacks made to emergency services in Toronto. The last thing we need is a city with delayed responses to violence, fires and medical emergencies.
410.	Stream lining and cutting the top heavy fat from Toronto Police and Toronto Fire
411.	The safety of citizens. Toronto shouldn't cut funds or staffing of emergency services
412.	Maintain funding for cultural events such as theatre, music, arts, Pride Week and institutions such as libraries, recreation centres and parks. Pay for this by cutting the police budget and increasing taxes on the rich.
413.	It is important to not be so bogged down in rules, e.g. parking street hockey, taking wine to the park during a birthday party. For example, there are four different parking signs on the post across the street from my house, only the one related to winter and snow shovelling makes sense. Lighten up, let kids play street hockey, it's how neighbourhood kids make friends, don't assume everyone will act badly, we don't need a permit, special barriers and a policeman to have a street party and garage sale on sunny day. If there was a problem, we are adults and could call the cops. Seems like a tax grab.
414.	green box expansion, proper staffing of Fire trucks and Police Cars and Ems vehicles, more recycling efforts
415.	All people should work in order to eat. Sell off all subsidized housing and don't force landlords to provide subsidized housing. Eliminate welfare and baby factories (Toronto Community Housing) by putting EVERYONE to work.
416.	Emergency Services are an important part of the city, and retaining the excellent EMS. FIRE and Police Service is a Must. Cut Backs to these 3 essential services will affect lives and property, as these individuals truly take their profession seriously and work for the citizens of Toronto.
417.	Safety in the City of Toronto, crime rate is still high in my opinion. Public transit needs to be improved in a shorter period of time. Not 10 years.

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418.	stop spending or wasting tax payers money on environmental studies and other studies like the formentioned. / I know some "social services" or welfare programs should be cut back until our financial house is in order. / GIVING THE POLICE THE POWER TO POLICE AND NOT WASTE TIME ON COUNSELS SPECIAL PROJECTS TO KEEP THERE INTEREST GROUPS HAPPY.(sorry for the caps. but it is time to let the criminals know that they are not welcome here.)
419.	Maintain ALL services in regards to FIRE , EMS and POLICE. Cutting the budgets will put Lives at risk along with property loss. VERY IMPORTANT for SAFETY and FIRE PROTECTION
420.	Do not have police participate in agents provocateurs action as in G20
421.	city politicians should stop nickel and dimming our police ambulance an fire departments, instead they should cut their own salaries
422.	It depends on what is included in the words you placed on the survey. / / For example, fire services and emergency medical needs to be included, but may be assumed under the safety and security heading (so not mentioned as often as it might be otherwise). / / So, especially if the headings have a narrow definition, I would include in the mix the following - policing, accessibility, human rights support, shelters for children, youth and adults, mental health services, provincially-mandated health activities such as promotion, prevention (public health inspections), collaboration with other municipal governments and other government departments to determine best practices, food programs to ensure there is no hunger, income support where needed to ensure no poverty, managing housing stock to ensure affordable housing, maintaining waterfront access and ensuring construction of high-density housing includes appropriate community services, recreation services (pools, etc. especially for low income families), beautification and maintenance of public property(we used to have a gloriously maintained city and were the envy of many), and by-law enforcement on private property and enforcing bylaws on all fronts, undertaking all other mandated provincial activities such as court services/payments, appropriate land-use planning and permitting/inspection, noise and nuisance control, fence/boundary disputes, parking (not sure if it was included in transportation), supporting arts, cultural and heritage events to ensure tourism, child care systems, public libraries and internet access
423.	Policing - needs to be reviewed by an outside auditor and the TTC
424.	I think Toronto should reconsider any cutbacks to Emergency Services, when I call 911 I want the best help with the quickest response time for myself and my family, there are better ways to meet budget, in Toronto we are the lowest taxed city in Canada, to raise taxes even the slightest amount per household would bring in millions to the city.
425.	Keep things in perspective: POLICE-FIRE-EMS-TTC-NURSES-TEACHERS are the main semi professional / jobs in this City. The rest you can privatize and let the doctors and lawyers figure everything else out.

	Police – Other Important Issues
426.	Going forward not only do we need more accountable and transparent government, but we also need to insure that the average Torontonians has access to city hall and a voice in government. Currently, it's only the special interests and especially the unions who have the ear of many councillors. We need Toronto to be for Torontonians and not just unionists (garbage, police, civil service) many of whom do not even live here. We pay them insanely high wages and they simply take them to Cobourg, Barrie, etc.
427.	1. Minimize inner city traffic by having non-Torontonians pay a tax (purchase a permit) to bring their car into the core - a sticker inside windshield indicates said info. Those who live within the core automatically get one. The money raised by this goes directly to roads and/or public transit. / / 2. "At Risk" neighbourhoods need to continue being invested in. Minimizing crime and youth being idle requires a sense of pride in community. Miller's important work on this file NEEDS to be continued if the new mayor is interested in safer streets. Local communities concerned should be actively engaged and be meaningfully participating at all levels of any such investment.
428.	Parking pads should not be allowed as they take up a space 24/7 leaving those without parking pads or driveways looking for spots. A parking ticket should not be \$30 - this is too high.
429.	Our police , ems and fire are very important to this city. We need them!!
430.	police, fire ambulance
431.	Affordable housing system that is accountable and responsible for its tenants / Increase incentive and supports for low-middle income home buyers / Shift emphasis from fighting crime to addressing the root cause / Accountable school boards that address and work to reduce drop out rates / Increased investments for After-School programs in neighbourhood and community centres
432.	security, health, poverty, jobs, recycling, access and affordable childcare/daycares, healthy food, Emergency services, better transportation, better infrastructure i.e. roads, highways, Education, better care of trees, more affordable parking/free parking especially around medical buildings i.e. clinics, hospitals, etc.
433.	Sustainable and affordable transportation. / Improved policies for City workers, i.e.. a no idling of vehicles rule that is enforced. / Accessible social services. / Addressing the social aspect of crime and security, investing in CRC, libraries and community support City wide. / Women's services and rights as a priority and reforming the Toronto Police Department along with all other departments to reflect equal respect for women and equal pay for equal work. Working to ensure 50:50 representation in all municipal departments. / Increased spending on social housing and TCHC reform. / Increased support and innovation in areas like sustainability, transportation, architecture, and the art. /

	Police – Other Important Issues
434.	library availability / Social programs such as day care, community programs for immigrants, Literacy skills programs / less police brutality (i.e. G20 violence by police) / Waterfront development for all citizens not only sports enthusiasts (mayor's proposed stadium)
435.	Police budget is way to high and nobody seems to be in control as we saw in the G20 events. They are just as silent as the gangs of Toronto when one of their members does wrong.
436.	Again, public safety is the most important issue.
437.	Guns and gangs, safety is of the utmost importance. No one should have to die from being caught in the crossfire of gang related shootings or otherwise.
438.	Externally consulted, conducted and evaluated equity training for toronto police officers.
439.	Urban centre road safety and education. Cyclist should be safe and so should pedestrians. Car drivers and cyclists don't respect TTC stops. Cyclists don't know road rules and use the sidewalk because the cars drive dangerously. Car drivers and cyclists aren't clear on how to share the road. Educating them would be fantastic. Warnings for dangerous cyclist behaviour and tickets for cars that drive past TTC stops would be great.
440.	It is important that City services be kept within the city. I do not agree with privatizing city services. I also do not agree with giving breaks to the people with the most resources and money, and taking away services from those with the least. For example, charging user fees at the Priority Centres. Giving people a place to swim, play basketball and meet reduces crime and other problems, therefore reducing policing and health costs. Preventative measures always cut down on infrastructure costs in the long run, and will produce more balanced budgets.
441.	CRIME, PUBLIC SAFETY, ADEQUATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE, TRANSPORTATION, HEALTH CARE
442.	healthy, affordable access to food / smog reduction / being a leader city in terms of carbon reduction, green jobs, environmental literacy in all schools / education- reducing the resources differences among public schools / attitude- this city is awesome and should be celebrated! / speeding up figuring out G20 issues / not halting funding for PRIDE
443.	The Toronto Fire Department should NOT have its budget cut. / The Toronto Police Force should have its budget cut, its governing body should be reassessed and the savings passed along to social services/prevention programs. / Toronto should look to Vancouver's needle exchange program to help with drug issues and should also move to create a red light district.
444.	Public Transportation, Bicycle Lanes for safety
445.	Transit, transit, transit... / Ensuring programs continue in at risk neighbourhoods - sports, creative arts, police "reach out" programs / Enforcing environmental standards - parkland protection and management, building standards, etc.
446.	Zoning by-law and a more comprehensive system for development

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447.	better training of police on cultural issues / A car-free downtown section like the mall concept in Ottawa
448.	I've never understood why we need to pay police to stand around and "guard" construction work. Seems like a very expensive way to keep construction workers safe.
449.	The ability of incoming elected officials to stop and/or reverse the work of the previously elected officials and the wishes of the tax payers. / Repatriating certain responsibilities and costs back to the province (i.e. welfare,) / Current Market Value method of calculating and determining municipal taxes etc. -just another form of INCOME TAX, needs to be based on services provided/used, not wealth. / Do we or don't we have a policy regarding the contract tender process. Let's enforce it and fire people who don't follow the process. / Changes to municipal laws/by-laws to give back jobs to the public rather than pay overpaid police officers. Anyone can hold a Tim Horton's cup. / Review the whole process of delivering recreational/sporting services to children and teens, not just review the current services
450.	Only fund projects that serve the general public - such as garbage collection, road clearing, libraries. Everything else - daycare, pride parades, G20 summits - should be paid for by user fees or dropped. / Stop allowing construction that does not increase revenues to the city. / BIA's should fund themselves. / Eliminate the Toronto Green Standard. /
451.	Supporting Immigrants / Making sure that with growth in population we do not compromise with services. Quality of education at schools, and services at Hospitals and Community Centers are not compromised. / What is done to improve and sustain quality of life of each and every family who has lived in this city for year and new family coming everyday: Do we have capacity to provide sustainable jobs; maintain healthy, clean and sustainable environment; reduce poverty; support local businesses; provide education based on future job and business needs, and control crime
452.	Homelessness, cultural activities. Putting money into social services and serving our communities will lower the need to finance security and safety.
453.	childcare and children's programs / more accessible recycling programs (i.e. so that people do not have to drive to depot to dispose of recyclables that are not picked-up through regular program) / there is too many cars, too much traffic and no enforcement on no idling by-law. People should be prevented from driving in heavily traffic areas on certain times/days. /
454.	I think that there is a serious need for better housing initiatives and shelter beds. More funding needs to be put towards helping those most vulnerable in our city in a way which is not degrading. I find the current neoliberal agenda shameful. It is the responsibility of government to protect the most vulnerable. I am also dismayed that the government wants to put more money into police services to punish crime rather than funding programs to battle the issues which would prevent crime

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455.	The City of Toronto has always provided good quality service and support net for individuals that need them. Cutting these services will drive the vulnerable people of Toronto more into poverty if these safety nets are taken away.
456.	Over haul the TTC from the top down. It's just too well known how ill run that entire organization is. I'm tired of paying for a bloated service that refuses to modernize. It's an archaic self-important and self-serving entity. / The police services is next. As perhaps the most expensive single city service it needs to be totally reviewed. It's over staffed and over budgeted.
457.	reducing the cost of police. They should not be our number one expenditure. Privatize traffic police. Put up Road tolls. Tax individuals who do not live in Toronto.
458.	Affordable, effective, efficient and expanded transit. / Elimination of transit unions so things become affordable again. / Social programs that target at-risk youth so they are less inclined to turn to crime. /
459.	Safety, Cleanliness, pride of residency
460.	Improving accountability of police force with respect to officer conduct. Improving infrastructure for alternative transportations to reduce car travel on city streets.
461.	More Trees in the city. Less redevelopment. / More community accountability, less police.
462.	Cutting any services or cutting any staff from Police or Fire would not be good for businesses, citizens or visitors to the city of Toronto
463.	Safety of all the citizens, employee's, businesses and visitors. We should not cut any staff or cut the budgets of police, fire or ambulance
464.	Where possible, harmonize services that blend across Toronto/suburban lines, such as simplifying GO/TTC transit use for customers (combined single ticket/pass option), standardizing snow removal regulations, etc.
465.	4 Firefighters on every Fire Truck....why is it since amalgamation, you have added over 1000 Police officers, and 350 Paramedics, but refuse to add firefighters to have 4 on each truck....zero extra firefighters since Jan 1 1998, you have only replaced retirees....unacceptable
466.	We need to take care of our Fire and Police Services. They have some of the toughest jobs in Canada, we need them
467.	Hire more, or keep the size of recruitment classes for the Toronto Fire Services' and the Toronto Police as larger as they are, they provide a much needed service to the community
468.	Please ban bicycle rides during rush hours, they are putting everyone in danger. Also, please remove the street cars, they are blocking two lanes every time they stop, they slow traffic and causing hundreds of car to pollute the air. / Maybe electric buses like San-Francisco would be a good solution. / / In addition, I see too many police cars with speed traps trying to generate money instead of patrolling and keeping the City safe.
469.	police budget and accountability

	Police – Other Important Issues
470.	Less money for the police, who are violent and unaccountable. I am a middle-income taxpayer who is HAPPY to pay MORE taxes if it means better services and no cuts to any city expenditures except the police.
471.	(1) Continuously managing to ensure effectiveness of Community Policing approach. (2) Is the TCHC Revitalization Strategy sustainable or are we just upgrading the deck chairs on the Titanic? (3) Because 75% of City contracts is labour costs, is the Fair Wage Policy really just a price fixing policy that drives up local inflation and offsets any economies of scale opportunities . This results in the city's normalized spend per capita rate being the highest of urban centres in Canada.
472.	safety
473.	Graffiti, illegal postering, improving the police department - from the militaristic and fortress-mentality management to the department's new-hire screening process which seems to allow in the very individuals who should not be given guns and discretionary powers.
474.	Too much is spent on policing. Too much is spent on one mode of transportation (automobiles). Toronto does not have adequate power to determine its own future (wider selection of revenue tools, freedom from the Ontario Municipal Board, freedom to set its own levels of policing and other service delivery). Toronto government has a responsibility to take an activist approach to issues of urbanism provincially and federally.
475.	I believe handling TCHC in the right way = single dwelling homes being sold for capital repair. Better policing of TCHC and security so TCHC can deal with wrong tenants quickly so families can look after themselves without fear
476.	1. Investment in green initiatives, which both promote long-term health & safety, and create good-quality jobs in a "knowledge economy" (for example: technical specialist in cleaning contaminated soil, vs. casino croupier). / 2. Providing equal opportunity for all young people across the GTA.
477.	THE POLICE ARE OUT OF CONTROL AND NEED TO LEARN TO SERVE AND PROTECT AND NOT TO BEAT UP CITIZENS WHO ARE ONLY EXERCISING THE RIGHT TO PROTEST
478.	POLICE & FIRE SERVICES SHOULD BE MAINTAINED IF NOT INCREASED TO DEAL WITH RISING DEMANDS IN THEIR PROSPECTIVE FIELDS - SAFETY OF CITIZENS.
479.	Police officers at construction sites getting way over paid.
480.	ensuring emergency preparedness for the city / protecting core services including day care, public safety, health services, affordable housing / public safety and senior services / having a city promoting Canadian Culture and encourages vacationers to Toronto /

	Police – Other Important Issues
481.	maintaining or promoting a demographic mix in the core v. letting the market decide who can afford to live here as is the case now; preserving rental accommodations or giving incentives for providing rental properties; reducing ghettos in NE and NW area of city; aggressive social/economic programmes to counteract gang activity in marginalized communities / integrating public transportation across the GTA / environmental studies and projects need to be maintained; better engagement with residents for input, working with existing city programmes like creating local greenspace; renters are not notified of new builds in the area unlike condo owners /
482.	1. Police - Why are we having a Police Officer guarding every City roadwork site??? Put these cops to police work or lay them off.... evidently we have too many cops on the payroll. Instead, why don't we hire a Security Guard to "protect" the site, that would cost the City at least 70% less. / 2. Toronto Parking Authority - Change the bylaw so if I get a parking ticket I have to pay first and then contest the ticket in court. We could save MILLIONS in legal fees PLUS it would assure we collect money for the tickets. At present we have thousands of tickets gone "uncollected" and thrown out before they see a day in court because of huge backlogs. Parking Enforcement Officers have gone through costly training and they know what they're doing! PAY FIRST, CONTEST LATER. / 3. Toronto ZOO - privatize it, it only makes sense.
483.	Bridging the divide between the suburbs and downtown, and respecting both in their own right. The rhetoric about "pinky" leftos needs to stop. it is divisive and not constructive for the city in any way, shape or form. / / Professionalism from our public representatives and a respect for due process, transparency and accountability in government. / / Safety and fairness on our streets for everyone, including pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users. My day to day experience suggests motorists are doing a worse and worse job of "sharing the road", perhaps because they feel their "right" to the road is being challenged. We need education to promote more civilized behaviour on our streets - and safe infrastructure that provides people with options for how to get around, without a car and without feeling like they are risking their lives. / / Please recognize that less than half of people downtown drive a car to work. We have a right to get from A to B safely, too. Please also recognize that most people use a multiple modes of travel so pigeon-holing them according to one mode is not representative.

	Police – Other Important Issues
484.	Toronto was a more progressive city some years ago. In the last year, this city is taking a genuine turn for the worse. / / Privatization of our city services will not make it cheaper on any level. This is something that can only be understood by having been through it already. Most major services were cut or changed in the U.S. years ago. Crime rates went higher, service went downhill in almost every aspect, and many other problems were the result of this short term thinking. At the end of the day it actually cost considerably more money, not less. It also has greatly changed the nature of the society. It's important you see the effects of this long term, not short term. A small amount of money saved today, can cost a great deal extra down the road. I could go into great detail, but I'm not sure it be read to make it worth my time. Just know that you are making a dangerous mistake in the road you are going down currently. Can you imagine underpaid, contract worker style police protecting your neighbourhood? Do you really feel they would care or be willing to go out of their way for you? / / In most truly progressive cities around the world - people who choose larger gas consuming vehicles as a mode of transportation are considered lower on the totem pole (unless they require it for job related activities). They are taxed higher for making high consumption choices. Toronto however, is now promoting more traffic and more drivers on the road. Drivers now feel they have the right to act like bigger jerks than they already did. Might I remind all of you: Driving is a privilege, not a right. Treat it as such! / / / /
485.	Security, health, job, childcare, more affordable parking
486.	Keeping child care affordable / Opening Hospital beds to more patients / Revamping the TTC ticketing system. It sucks!
487.	Fix the TCHC. Force the sale of their valuable homes in the downtown core to repair the other multi-unit properties. Finally, have the corporation run efficiently and responsibly.
488.	the education attainment of youth / violence prevention / youth employment (capacity building) / youth engagement
489.	TTC needs complete overhaul and support from the City and Province. As well as more streetcar lines, increasing fares without increasing service BY WAY OF BETTER TICKETING SYSTEMS (i.e. 90 minutes or 2 hour transfers) will not reduce drastically the revenues but will provide a far superior service, and be an act of good faith to the people of Toronto who try not to drive everywhere. Also, why on earth did the mayor cut taxes when we have a budget deficit looming? short sighted and pandering to voters, a total lack of leadership.
490.	Public Transit - reliability, safety, and customer service

	Police – Other Important Issues
491.	Active transportation should be given a higher priority, voting and electoral reform should be widely debated and given a fair hearing, the existing graffiti policy should be revised or scrapped so that property owners aren't punished twice by the actions of vandals i.e. the unwanted graffiti and the city's fine/fee for clean-up, pest and vermin control, an end to paying off-duty police officers to stand guard over a construction site (private security or a crossing guard can do the same job for less), more political and economic support for the arts.
492.	Environmental issues (i.e. industrial, nuclear plants, lowering pollution levels, etc) public safety and health issue preparedness / Slow down development (condos/housing) manage roads/traffic -- too many people on the roads/transit / Improve/revitalize areas of the city that need it (i.e. Keele & Eglinton, lakeshore, etc...)
493.	Get rid of the Parking Ticket enforcement Department. They are not part of the Police department, but somebody gave them uniforms and cars painted the same as the Toronto Police. To many Parking Ticket Officers acting like Police (when they are not police) and wasting the city's budget , so they can pretend they are cops!!!! This will save the city lots of money.
494.	Ensuring that important social services continue to be available to marginalized populations free of charge, including those with mental health concerns, persons fleeing from violence (at home and newcomers who come here for safety), individuals with disabilities, and "at risk" youth.
495.	People should not be going hungry on the streets or in houses. People should have a roof over there heads. / We need to be helping people with mental illness. Toronto needs to be more safe, before crime waves happen We need to educate people, and help rehabilitate people who are criminals or may be going that path. We need to help those who are abusing drugs. We need to have more jobs in Toronto and aspire people to create businesses in toronto.
496.	Maintain funding for arts organisations. The model of arts subsidy we have in Toronto, and in Canada at large, subsidizes the ticket buyer, not the artist. Providing support for artists and art organisations makes it easier and more affordable for the public to access art, enriching their personal lives and the culture of Toronto in general. It's not a matter of making things easy for the artists - it's a matter of ensuring access to art and culture.

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497.	The City of Toronto should unequivocally make sure that all its services and buildings comply with all regulations governing / ACCESSIBILITY and INCLUSIVENESS for all people with all manner of DISABILITIES, INCLUDING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITIES, CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME, ALLERGIES, and ELECTROMAGNETIC SENSITIVITIES. The AODA and its current regulations for Customer Service and Transportation accommodations for people with disabilities ARE BREAKING THE LAW by leaving out any accommodation regulations for people suffering from the aforementioned disabilities.....the Ontario and Canadian Human Rights Codes both include these disabilities in their definitions of "invisible disabilities". / / The arbitrary temperature of 70 degrees F for cold weather apartment heating is totally inadequate----the room heat never reaches that temperature, which is too cold anyway. Decent people heat to 74 degrees F, and then the room away from the / source of heat is bearable. The City should change the regulation heat to 74 degrees F. / / The City should NOT contract out any services. Your drag and place names of services for NOT contracting out DOES NOT WORK. I suspect you arranged this on purpose, so you could say----falsely---"nobody cares". I CARE! DO NOT CONTRACT SERVICES OUT!!
498.	Transportation, Security, public health, Day Care
499.	Keeping panhandlers off the streets. Most of them are not "vulnerable". Also, divesting itself of "money pits" such as THC buildings. Employing security type personnel instead of expensive police officers for city construction/road projects.
500.	Improving the services that city hall provides - as in timeliness and courtesy. / Increasing public transportation grid - especially its density, and especially in the outlying areas of the city. / Increasing the length, density and safety of bike lines
501.	Toronto needs to cut back on overdevelopment - Population density is far too high to support a physically and psychologically healthy quality of life. / We need less police overall and more police officers who are sensitive to the overall needs of Toronto residents.
502.	Lack of Police accountability for the Police abuses during the G8G20 is no. 1, / Second is Mr. Ford's Defecit-774 million dollars for apparently ideological reasons.
503.	Safety of the minorities e.g. the LGBTI community, cultural minorities, etc.
504.	We need to reduce our police force; crime is down. We need to increase financial and other support for the poor; there are lots of them. We need to have fair taxes, including for the rich. We need to protect the environment; it's a mess. We need to fight for a return of responsibilities to the province that had been downloaded to the city. We need to promote bicycling, walking and public transport; with fewer cars.

	Police – Other Important Issues
505.	1) Possibly cutting emergency services is a terrible idea. Nothing is more important than our Fire & Police services. Council should not even be toying with this notion. What good are the other services that the city offers if the basic necessities of being safe and have emergency response don't exist. If anything we should be hiring more firefighters and police. Since amalgamation the fire department hasn't even increased in staffing and they are running more calls. And police are the backbone of safe neighbourhoods and domestic response in our more dangerous areas. / / Raising taxes, I am in the belief that too many people have houses worth 500 thousand dollars into the millions and their taxes are lower then some people outside of Toronto in 250 thousand dollar houses. Too much tax break has sunk Toronto's budget more than anything. We shouldn't be slashing departments budgets to make up for the cost of running Toronto. If our budget is a certain amount of money then our citizens need to pay that to live here.
506.	Community-based policing.
507.	Do not cut on Social Programs and Aid for Newcomers. Doing so would impact in other areas of our economy, safety and development.
508.	Toronto housing need revamping. It is costing the city too much money. A different approach and model is needed. / / Reduce waste at City Hall and improve efficiency, quality and transparency. / Reduce office budgets and discretionary funds to the councillors. / / / Street cleaners are not doing an adequate job on cleaning the streets. I seen a car with a vacuum hose go by many times. / and still see a lot of street litter not vacuumed. Why is this? I think there is no follow up and control over workers that work for the government. Also the best time to clean the street is at night where there are less traffic. / / Improve the economy of Toronto with various means such as encouraging small businesses, tourism with city events, or be a bigger voice to lobby more funds and support for the Toronto / / No increase in taxes. Please improve efficiency and quality and increase workload as most businesses have to. / / TTC need to employ different levels of staff for work that require less experience i.e. TTC booth workers should not be done byt drivers and earn the same pay. Reduce waste and improve service but not cut in infrastructure. / / Reduce police budget but also look at a different model so the police does not spend time in bad policing. Police needs to work on real crime, not in traffic direction, and small offences. They should look at efficiency and increase workload just like the rest in this economy. / / Restrict migration or refugees to the city that do not have already have work setup. / / License pet owners to discourage pet abandonment /
509.	no more hosting of G8 & G20 summits.
510.	We need to build a Toronto that can compete in the emerging global economies that can provide good jobs for all. We are not able compete by lowering wages and living standards, we must build are competitive advantage on the security, accessible and livable city. This mean investing in culture, social services, parks and public spaces that are accessible to all.

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511.	Extending public transit and providing bicycle lanes, maintaining and improving the public housing supply, maintaining quality public services provided by existing workers and not privatizing to save money, which inevitably leads to reduced services and compromised safety
512.	The planning department of the City of Toronto needs replenishing. As I understand there are a staggering number of vacancies. Additionally, I noted in the consultation slide deck, that the planning department of the City receives the least amount of money, with police services receiving the most. What does this say about our society?! I'd be willing to pay more money to ensure my city is being planned properly (sustainably, responsibly, environmentally and socially equitably) for the future. I'm afraid that we are sinking to the bottom line which does not make a great society. David Miller said it best when he said "taxes are the price of civilization". I'd be willing to pay more taxes for a better society.
513.	Inquiry into the actions of the Toronto Police at the G20 summit, housing for the poor, services for new immigrants and low-income adults, public space and advertising, public transit
514.	I believe the City should explore the expansion of increasing or maintaining the budgets of policing, EMS and green space in the city.
515.	Ensuring the residents of Toronto receive first class essential such as Police, Fire, EMS and Transit. Toronto should be leaders in these departments. This means not only to meet the needs of residents but to be a place that other major cities model themselves after.
516.	After-school programs in high risk neighbourhoods as the most important tool to curb crime in our city and create a better future for our citizens
517.	cutting off the city from the waterfront is a crime against all citizens of the community

	Police – Other Important Issues
518.	Every issue on the page before this. / No issues should be left out. The gap the City is dealing with in the budget is not because of these services. / Fords agenda to stop the vehicle registration tax was a huge mistake. That was one of the few revenues the city had. Without revenue through raising taxes or other permits like vehicle registration tax, then the city will clearly not meet it's budget. The people who are about to loose out on services are the city's most vulnerable people or people involved in community improvement through arts, environmental action, etc. / / I walk by several police officers a day who are monitoring traffic. It's ok for the Ford's to sign off on \$5 million a year for police at constructions sites, but we couldn't have held onto 40+ TTC bus routes for the public benefit. Don't take away the things we need and spend money on things that aren't necessary to waste taxpayers \$. How can you get rid of FREE community input on various issues but will spend \$ on things that no one asked for! / / Do not cheat the people of Toronto. Everything you have listed throughout this survey is of importance to many if not all of the people who live, work and enjoy this city. Do not take these things away. This is not the mayor we signed up for. This is not want people wanted/want/deserve. This is not a city full of gravy, this is a city that is amazing and has so much potential.
519.	Meeting the needs of vulnerable people makes a huge difference in improving social outcomes and hence better citizenry and the number of small programs delivering service to vulnerable groups is essential and needs to be maintained. / Funding of police officers to stand around at construction sites is an unacceptable way to spend City funding.
520.	Zone quiet residential streets for 24 hour duration street parking so residents can't persecute each other with frivolous calls to police to enforce "park longer than 3 hour by-law" / Eliminate nuisance cat licences. This is harassment of cat owners. / Eliminate nuisance retail bag fee. / Minimize government interference in the day to day lives of the citizenry.
521.	reliable access to health services, government responsiveness to the needs of everyone in toronto, not just those that can vote, protection for immigrants and vulnerable persons from police harassment and violence.

Do you have any other comments on how the City should fund services?

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	Police – Financial Advice
1.	The city should stop making 'rookie mistakes' that result in huge increases to police salaries and instead use that money to fund other services that actually make the city a better place to live in: investment in communities, in culture, in marginalized groups and in the health and well-being of Torontonians at large.
2.	People who make over \$100,000 a year on the city pay role should take a minimum 5% pay cut. / / Decrease Police funding / / TOLL the DVP and the Gardner!

	Police – Financial Advice
3.	Since the city is asking the great unwashed whether our cops should be managed by the city or by private industry I think its obvious that everything should be contracted out. Maybe someone outside of elected officials know how to run the city.
4.	reduce costs in each department. Eliminate some departments. 0% wage increases for all. Reduce budget for police, fire and TTC and keep the same service. yes, its possible . Cut the fat.
5.	Contract out any union jobs that are not directly related to public safety. i.e. DO NOT contract out police services, fire, EMS, water treatment etc. DO contract out Parks and Forestry services, garbage collection, property maintenance, etc.
6.	We have way too many services and should reduce the number of services we have. The services that we keep should be managed closely and the cost should be reduced. / / Completing this survey enraged me because it made me realize just how many useless services the city has and how much it costs me. / / Finally, I would like to state that I use very few city services (roads, water, waste collection, police, fire and ambulance) yet I pay an incredible amount for them. Toronto does not have a revenue problem, but rather a spending problem.
7.	Focus should be on the necessities - not the "nice to have" - the basics of health, safety, housing should come before arts and culture - although these are wonderful additions, they are not required for daily life.
8.	Stop giving Huge Raises to police services>
9.	Decrease the Police service budget and the use of police for non-security related duties.
10.	stop allowing the police to double dip
11.	The city should find ways to increase the quality of all essential services such as the TTC, Police, Fire, EMS, Roads, etc while decreasing the cost. Decreasing the cost of the service should not result in a decrease in quality.
12.	privatization seldom costs less over time (even if it seems to in the short term) and it is important to regulate, voluntary compliance in most cases doesn't work in north America because the almighty dollar (and its accumulation) trumps all else. Public services are vital for public life and health. Reduce the police budget (especially the overtime coffee-swilling "supervision" of construction sites) and you can have enough to provide daycare to all working families and keep public housing safe
13.	Just more accessibility, for the disabled on the TTC, (I.E) more elevators. And more security to protect our seniors!!!
14.	1) reduce huge budgets such as policing to offset the costs of other areas. / 2) increase contract services and reduce city employees / 3 Increase high-profile artistic events such as Nuit Blanche (as opposed to merely ethnic-based city events) to give Toronto a classier appeal for more tourism.

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15.	I'm already paying right property taxes more then the average. Why should I pay for police and TTC getting more pay and not for more work? There should be a hold on cost of living raises. Why should the public sector be sheltered from the recession when the private sector is suffering so much? Taxes will have to go up its the only way to pay for this. / / I'm not saying that the public sector should fire everyone or that everyone working in the public sector is lazy, I just feel that the public sector needs to take in consideration the economy we are living in right now and stop hiding behind the unions.
16.	It strikes me that less gravy train and more leadership about the quality of city living is what's needed. / It has never ceased to amaze me that we refuse to understand that unless we all benefit from excellent economic, / health, arts and security policies that we usually end up having to pickup the tab for the damage unless we're morons, which / I like to think we're not. Poor quality public housing, and even lack of cleanliness in our public transportation, is a health hazard for all of us, and costly to the system in the long run. Our society at all levels of government need to begin indulging in some kind of vision, which could begin at the municipal level.
17.	Federal and Provincial governments should provide better funding to the city of Toronto, funding that reflects the level of tax collected from the people who live in Toronto. City politicians need to fight tooth and nail for this funding. City and provincial politicians MUST work together to fight for funding from the federal government. No tactic, strategy or threat should be off the table to secure funding for Toronto that reflects the level of tax collected provincially and federally. / / The city should immediately stop funding all programs that are not mandated by provincial or federal law. / / The city needs to focus on its core services, public transportation, water, fire, police, EMS and infrastructure.
18.	The City should take a long view of services. Cutting youth or priority neighbourhood programs may help the bottom line in 2012, but it will result in more costs in the long term as crime and delinquency rises as a result. It's much cheaper to spend upfront on programs that have been shown to lower the crime rate than it is to spend on enforcement and punishment later. / / The survey only asked about user fees and property taxes, and missed other revenue options in the City of Toronto Act. The City should explore it's other options and try to diversify revenue sources. For example, the City could have a personal vehicle tax. / / The Mayor promised "no service cuts", and I think it's important to hold him to his word. The current budget shortfall was entirely foreseeable and was exacerbated by short-term thinking from the Mayor and Council when they froze property taxes and cut the PVT. This should not be allowed to be an exercise in "starving the beast," cutting revenue one year to push an agenda of cutting programs in a later year.

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19.	The police budget is a massive portion of the budget, and yet there seems to be very little effort to find real efficiencies in the police department. I get the sense that the model that worked in the 1960s is still being used today, when problems are dramatically different. There should be a TPS-wide reorganization that looks at everything they deliver with an eye to improving and streamlining. Do we need divisions? Does it make sense to have 2 people per patrol car? What about mental health issues?
20.	1) Dramatically reduce the paid duty for \$45+/hour police officers guarding a hole in the ground and replace with much lower paid individuals who'd love to have the job. 2) Be honest with people that services can't be provided with no increases ever in property taxes or user fees, if only to take into account inflation never mind improvement. They need to look on taxes and user fees as the "common area fees" that everyone pays to live anywhere and we ALL pay a share. 3) Have a much longer term vision (10+ years) of where the city is going with transportation, the environment, development, etc. combined with funding requirements. I rarely see any long term strategy on anything (the mess of the TTC comes to mind), just the immediacy of the next election.

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21.	<p>Public housing should NOT be built or administered by the City of Toronto. The millions that are wasted to build a SINGLE UNIT of a residence are outrageous; developers would bankrupt themselves if they spent the ludicrous amounts on construction that the City of Toronto Public Housing has spent. Additionally, the worst maintained apartments in the city are under the operational control of city management. Public housing is a 'motherhood issue'-----but don't be afraid to expose the failure of the current model and move forward to try to contract out for reasonable efficiency AND better service to the tenants!! They may be squawking, but they JUST DON'T understand. Don't be bullied by the media attention they get---do the right thing and explain to the taxpaying public. Maintain your ground!! / TTC: Why are we so antiquated when it comes to administering fare revenue compared to other REAL world-class cities?? Why do we pay people in booths both exorbitant union wages AND pensions to be selling us TTC fares? Why do we spend so much on printing tickets and tokens? We should move to a refillable (magnetized) card system dispensed by MACHINES. We should also move to a pay-as-you-use fee. Why should one subway stop ride cost the same as a trip from Scarborough to downtown? A card system would also help ensure the SECURITY of bus drivers-----there should be NO MONEY at all on buses!! This is a security risk for the bus drivers and it is also a security risk for TTC revenue; it is not necessary in this day and age that so many (employee) hands touch the revenue. An automated card system would ameliorate the operation of the TTC in many ways. / Another thought regarding the TTC: I was on a subway car last week. There was coffee all over the floor rendering one whole side of the car slippery and dangerous. It made me think: In this day and age of cell phone use, every subway car and every bus should have a number, posted visibly inside and outside the subway car/bus. There should be a phone number (like 911, but unique to the TTC) where TTC users can phone in safety, security, maintenance deficiencies, vandalism, what have you AND cell phones should work in the subway!!!! Come on Toronto, cell phones work in every 'first class' city I have ever travelled in! Providing the TTC users with the immediate opportunity to report problems would enhance the service and efficiency and safety of TTC operations. / Administering the courts: "No shows" at traffic court get away with a lot. There should be stiff penalties for abusing the court's time. Additionally, while court translators should be CERTIFIED translators, the COST to hire a translator should be borne by the user, NOT the city, as it currently is!!!! I happen to know that if a defendant does not show up for court when a translator has been appointed, the city will pay for the translator EACH time the translator shows up, without penalty to a no-show defendant, who may be delinquent multiple times for the same charge! Additionally, the judges will NEGOTIATE down the fines based on defendants' hardship stories which are largely unsubstantiated. There should be no negotiation for fines, based on posted rates.</p>
22.	<p>city should fund only essential services: public safety, sewer water services. Nothing more. All services should be run at cost to everyone.</p>

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23.	1. Property taxes should be used for CORE services that benefit everyone - e.g., services that ONLY the City can do (e.g., fire, police, city planning, public health, etc.) and services that are disproportionately used by the poor. Other services should largely be paid for by user fees. For example, hockey rinks, golf courses, etc. are (a) can and should be delivered by the private sector and (b) should be profit centres if they are provided by the city. / / 2. I disagree with the proposition that all city services should cost more to deliver each year. Many types of services drop in cost over time (e.g., information technology). /
24.	Stop wasting money where it needn't be wasted. Require detailed reviews and justifications of expenditures from suspect services (e.g., police).
25.	To spend more money does not necessarily mean better service. Personally, I believe that some restructuring could save costs that's what BMW Canada Inc does for instance. It's based on the principle that people get complacent when they have been in a job for a period of time. Personally, I have a major issue with policing and how it is governed. I would like to see improvements while cutting costs. In my opinion, that is possible. In this respect as well as others, more cooks tend to spoil the porridge. If indeed police officers have to account to too many agencies that causes dissatisfaction all around. Whereas, improving in a humane, structured, anti-oppressive way with acceptance for law enforcement conduct as increasing trust and with mediation, e.g. police officer got injured - find her a "job" at a desk, show her/him that they are a valuable part of our community and so is a parking enforcement officer and a cleaning person. Listen to all sides, that's maybe sometimes 3 or 4, of the story and than vote like we are doing now. Even if this process fails, we have an awesome basis. / I for one, as I am on welfare, be willing to give 0.1% = \$0.713, so 72 cents monthly of my welfare to contribute to the fund raising of my city. I would bed 5 cents that someone who makes \$5,000 per month is willing to give \$5.00 to contribute to the fund raising to maintain as much of our good services as we have. / Lastly, I would like to propose an "effective" study, e.g. personally, for me 3-1-1 has lead to some misinformation not because of the attendant's fault, but I probably did not explain it right. Therefore, I "wasted" her and my time. Is it effective? Perhaps not. It does not hurt, in my own personal opinion, to scrap it. Some intricacies are learned by going through the motion. Often, one case is not like the other, although it sounds the same initially. / Thanks for listen. I feel valued and appreciated and included. Respectfully,
26.	take a good look at the extras that could be cut such as police services expenditures! (why do we need to pay a police officer(s) standing at construction sites when people right in front of them are breaking the law and the officers don't do anything) / road taxes/tolls, zone tax for those who drive into the downtown core during certain hours, increased parking rates, many who use Toronto City streets/roads do not live in the City

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27.	taxing based on the cost of delivering services instead of property values would be a better idea to keep accountability in the system and force residents to make more practical choices about how they live....
28.	Cut salaries and expenses of city employees and contracted employees and employers. They should be paid in line with average wages of the individuals who live in the city. / / Cut police weaponry - especially individual constable guns and clubs - rarely used / Cut police vehicles and uniform expenditures / Do not offer the police unionized legal protection / / Cut the red tape at court houses and the police make-work / money projects / / Court houses and police services are a HUGE WASTE OF MONEY AND TIME and offer nothing to the community at all except fear-mongering, and intimidation / / do not accept charitable donations for places like the AGO or the ROM or any sports facilities to improve otherwise fine buildings to be revamped at a huge cost to the city. / / Do not redesign or install NEW TTC information screens or bus stops before you improve service - that is like putting lipstick on a pig. / /stop the spiral of cost of living in this city. Cost of living is directly tied to overpaid elected officials, police, and construction workers. / / Force rich athletes, models, musicians and artists to give up half of their earnings to infrastructure and keep them from promoting unhealthy or unsustainable lifestyles - punish luxury brands and designers for being so self-important and indulgent. / /
29.	Less police, and the subway (not surface transit) should go to Metrolinx. The police and TTC as they currently stand take up too much revenue.
30.	I think the public sector is out of control once you take into consideration benefits. Toronto needs to pressure other forms of government to change mediation/arbitration rules with the public sector. Increased accountability throughout the sector would also be key. / The only form of services I really care about are TTC (which needs vast improvements), garbage collection (which is fine when there are no strikes but costs too much), and police (which I think is doing a fine job but again is costing too much - NO EXTRA FUNDING REQUIRED FOR MORE POLICE FORD - CRIME RATES ARE GOING DOWN) / I also think we need to look into the noise-bi law's that govern when construction can take place. It is currently 7 am. which I think is an hour or two too early. But it also ends too early. Ideally I would like to see construction be able to take place 7 days a week, from roughly 8:30am - 9pm...hopefully the extra hours would allow projects to be completed faster and at less cost
31.	Uploading Ontario works, ODSP, police and other emergency services, public health and transit to the province.
32.	Make the province take back all the services in dumped on cities in the 1990s under the Mike Harris regime. The province and/or federal government should be responsible for environment, policing, healthcare, housing, public transit, roads, and infrastructure.

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33.	Balance the budget with a combination of mid level property tax increases, low level user fee increases, and mid level spending cuts. The call for a 5% cut from all departments was a good start, followed by an appalling lack of execution when you gave police services an 11.5 % raise over 4 years. Resist the need to repeat this mistake in the future.
34.	Stop clearing the snow from driveways in parts of the city where that service is still provided. / Cut the police budget. / Monitor how much work each city works worker actually does each day to ensure savings. / Deal with absenteeism by city workers. / Fix the bylaws once and for all so they are consistent city wide.
35.	Stopping the gravy train and cutting taxes are two completely different things. I'm all for reducing waste & finding efficiencies- i.e. stopping the gravy train. However, I'm also HUGELY in favour of investing in our city (which hasn't been properly done in decades) and if that means paying a paltry \$240/yr- or \$0.66 per day- for a 10% increase in property taxes to have better transit & roads I say bring it on. This also includes the investments necessary to lift our disadvantaged and disenfranchised up into the realm of the productive and tax-paying. / / It is incumbent upon our political leadership to explain the benefits and the investment costs that are required to keep Toronto productive & competitive, therefore ensuring our high quality of life. / / The survey spoke at every turn about user fees. Perhaps it's time we made the major utilities pay user fees to have their destruction of the city's roads & sidewalks properly repaired, since they seem unable to do it themselves. The state of repair of our roads & sidewalks is truly a disgrace. No sooner does a City- funded BIA complete sidewalk beautification improvements than Toronto Hydro or some other utility digs it up & patches it with unsightly & uneven (unsafe) asphalt. / / I also believe it is also incumbent upon the province to re-assume the costs it downloaded to the city. Toronto attracts Ontarians from all over the province who are seeking a better life. It shouldn't be left to the citizens of Toronto to fully support them if they can't support themselves. Many thousands of non-Torontonians also commute into the city & use our roads & transit on a daily basis, and we pay to subsidize them via road maintenance and transit costs. Since I'm not a big fan of congestion charges (at least until transit has reached a level of excellence) I think that the province should be involved in levelling this playing field. / / Lastly, I think the province should grant the City even more latitude than it recently has to pursue alternate forms of financing for big-ticket projects (bonds, etc), much like cities such as Chicago enjoy. / / Thanks for the opportunity to participate.

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36.	The Parks and Recreation programme fees are far too low. They surely cannot be recouping costs. I understand and support keeping programme fees lower for seniors, but others should be able to pay their way, this is despite the fact that I have 2 young children in city programs.. Also as far as vulnerable neighbourhoods, I live near some and there never seems to be any difference despite funding, the centres, basketball courts are neglected and or overrun so many don't feel comfortable using them, the crime remains. The only thing that seemed to reduce the crime etc. was the crackdowns raids by police.
37.	It should sell off - privatize - everything the city is currently involved with and shouldn't be (which includes nearly everything on the previous lists save infrastructure and justice/police/fire services), and contract out the rest. Oh, and reduce city council to 22 members. Everyone will then accept the resultant (low) property taxes.
38.	Toronto is the largest city in Canada and draws huge numbers of tourists worldwide. We contribute an enormous amount of federal taxes and Toronto should actively pursue the funding for operating and capital investment from the Federal Government. Presently the federal government does not adequately support is largest number of tax payers for essential services such as Police, Transit, and Public health.
39.	The issue of Police acting as construction site guardians is significant, timely and not addressed here. Also, I resent being constantly referred to as a tax payer. I am happy to pay my fair share as a citizen as long as I am receiving good value, good quality and respect.
40.	Re-instate the vehicle registration tax. Make the city owned expressways toll expressways. Stop paying cops \$80/hour to stand around construction sites. Considering that policing is the largest consumer of municipal funds, I am guessing there is some other money we could redirect away from the cops and towards other services.
41.	Rae days. / reduce the fire, police and emergency services budget. / negotiate with province to remove social welfare type programs from city books and concentrate on liveability / improve city to attract more businesses, residents
42.	make business pay more, tolls on the roads, congestion charge for the downtown core, cut perks from the police force such as court time

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43.	I believe that services provided to living beings should not be contracted out - emergency services, fire & police, and animal services in particular present a danger if being contracted out. When people and animals' lives are on the line, 'cost' should not be the determining factor. Animal service workers and emergency (fire, police, EMS) workers spend their careers trying to save people and animals, and they should not be rewarded with budget cuts and dead ends. I have a lot of personal experience with animal services and they always perform admirably. They are not part of the 'gravy train', in fact they hardly have enough to get by, but they put an amazing amount of work in to save thousands of animals every year. If they are not supported by the city in their endeavour, I will be severely disappointed and my vote will reflect that, as will many others whose lives have been positively affected by TAS. Please think carefully before indiscriminately slashing budgets! / I enjoy city services and I don't buy this idea that city workers are 'riding the gravy train'. There are places where cost can be reduced, but the budgets of each department must be examined carefully before making these decisions. Please don't just slash budgets in all departments without considering what effect that will have. / I, personally, along with everyone in my family, would rather have higher taxes than lower quality city services.
44.	Cut the entire police force. Let the OPP or RCMP take over.
45.	Outsource the garbage and compost. This year I had a cardboard box from buying a small table, put it out for recycle. I am a senior with carpal tunnel so could not cut it up. Went out when recycle came around went out the person said he would take it this time but never again then went on to give me a lecture on how he would like me to put out my green bin. Even though I put both my litter & compost in separate bags he wanted me to line it with another bag stating that there were numerous law suits with the city of Toronto because of the green bin. My next problem was about lawn bags, they didn't pick up on the regular day three days later called 311 was told that it would be picked up within 23 hrs. on the Fri. called again said they would pick up within two days. After a week called again, it wasn't only mine but the whole street was told that the city doesn't work on Mon. but would pick up soon. They picked up everyone's but mine, and the next time it was for us to put out the bags they did not take mine as needed to send me a message not to complain. Get rid of the city workers, used to have Turtle Island and had pick up every week and always considerate. {Please get them back.
46.	Don't pay the police so damn much, and don't pay them to stand around construction sites.
47.	Get a grip on the 2011 finances. I don't see where the City is financially better ahead - Miller's surplus is gone, vehicle registration taxes refunded, police services raises, cost of new transit plan (vs. original Transit city).

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48.	get rid of fire ground incident technicians(Chiefs Chauffeurs)on the fire department. The Chief can designate someone at the fire scene to do this job. You are wasting over 6 million dollars a year on this unneeded extravagance. All they do is drive the chief around.Local3888 gave them the handle of FITs to make them seem important to keep their numbers up. They try to justify their existence by saying that with the new INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM they are needed. Well they are definitely NOT needed 24/7 they may be needed a wee bit for logistics on a fire scene but anyone can easily be appointed at the required time. A 6 million dollar saving with no downside, no fallout no response time delay nothing. Must be done ASAP if the city is truly serious about the budget. Don't let them argue the FIT needs special training, when they are on holidays, lieu days or sick , anybody can jump into the chiefs van and drive it and they do. It is a bogus unnecessary position and was not used pre amalgamation by 5 of the 6 cities and boroughs
49.	I find the choice of responses very skewed: you can only choose between variations of “increase user fees” or “increase property taxes”. How about the City does a better job of managing its budget, like not giving hefty raises to Police while telling everyone else that they have no money?? It is not time for partisanship - it's time to work together. There are intelligent people on council, use them and listen to them to find solutions, not just the ones who agree with the mayor.
50.	Toronto police budget is out of control and police should have a pay cut -- 100,000 starting wage is insane
51.	Too much money for police and extra police postings. Some end to the gravy train....NOT!
52.	Try to figure out what the city needs to do internally. What are the must haves? Then start a process to bid out the other stuff to improve the service and reduce the costs. But I am still stuck on why Doug Ford approved the police to monitor construction sites etc. That should not have happened. Loss of credibility on that one. Should revisit. If we are trying to save we should save everywhere possible with the most efficient and logical solution.
53.	Services that were downloaded onto the City by the Provincial Government under Mike Harris should be taken off the City's books once again. / / A stable transit funding framework with the Province and the Federal Government needs to be negotiated. / / The Toronto Police Services budget should be capped as a percentage of the City's overall operating budget. / / Toll the Gardiner and the Don Valley Parkway to pay for Transit improvements.
54.	Don't give your police a 11% wage unless you are prepared to give other essential services the same increase!

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55.	<p>I think there's a false dichotomy between service quality and cost. If I am buying gold, then it's very obvious I will have more gold if I pay more. If I am staying at a hotel, being slightly more complicated than gold, I do not necessarily have a better time if I pay more, but in general that is true. With a city, which has entire organizations bigger and more complicated than a hotel as its organs, there is so much opportunity to simply do things better - less cost, better service. This is my belief, anyway. / / As an example, the TTC is cancerous organ. Public transit is an excellent service. But the TTC is full of angry drivers, sleeping janitors, and overpaid chair-sitters. Why should the city spend more on it? They shouldn't, it's not worth the money. Should the city demand better service, like drivers that explain to you how to get where you're going instead of relying on a robot? YES. How can these idle demands be achieved though? Well, I'll tell you: only hire drivers who like people and driving busses for a large portion of the day, every day, and if they don't, hold them to a high standard of not being angry at everyone for something they didn't cause. Don't let janitors sleep during shifts - force them to clean stuff. If janitors sleep 10% of the time, fire 10% of them and make the other 90% stay awake. Don't pay chair-sitters extra money just because they have been chair-sitting for 20 years. I, having no experience as a TTC chair sitter, am as good at them as sitting on chairs. I understand that there may be a union here. Well, the union represents the same angry, sleepy, overpaid people, so do something about it. / / I understand that the TTC might be an outlier, but I doubt it. / / I experience the angry drivers regularly. My brother worked as a janitor for the TTC one summer and supplied the data on sleeping and lazy janitors. The wage of the ticket-collectors is the only thing I've heard through doubtful means, but I'm sure it's common knowledge whether I'm right or wrong about them. 2 points out of 3 remain if I am wrong about them.</p>

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56.	funding programs to limit resource and energy consumption etc. old toilet replacement and ban on old lightbulbs / capital investments in infrastructure that will lower operating costs/ costs over long term ex. fixing aging sewer lines, public transit improvements / road tolls, increased parking fees during weekday work hours to increase transit use therefore making it make more money / significantly increase fines and penalties for heritage building arson and demolition by neglect, using this money to increase heritage funding and funding for property owners trying to restore heritage properties / increased fines for city vandalism, running red lights, parking in handicapped spaces and other social "ills" to pay for increased social programs / increased programs and job opportunities for youth will reduce crime and money that will have to be spent on policing- increase music studio and art classes for at-risk youth / increased clarity for developers in official plans and secondary plans and try to process development applications faster / increase outdoor water use charges in the summer to decreased amount of people "watering their driveways" and encourage rain barrel use and water-efficient planting / Negotiate fair contracts for union jobs, deal with TTC customer service issues and have stronger penalties/disciplinary measures for callous or inappropriate behaviour by public servants/employees / municipal finance issues can only really be solved by getting a fair share back from the province and feds- continue campaign for percentage of the sales tax
57.	don't give the police the budget in crease they want / Privatize road crews
58.	Reduce redundancies and costs in city government contracts with municipal workers/employees (such as Police, Fire, EMS etc) especially costs for city workers related to salary, health care costs, and pensions. / / /
59.	Get rid of the TTC union, get rid of the Police union, privatize and outsource your Plant services
60.	cut the police budget in half.
61.	Reverse pay rise given to police.
62.	The Police Budget is beyond ridiculous. You must cut the police budget a lot and ASAP. I am tired of having to pay. T / / / Surprise! Plenty of FAT to be trimmed from the Police shiny toy budget. / / Chief Bill Blair noted in this budget request in 2010 the police responded to 578,000 calls for service to the end of November — about 630,000 for the full year. There are 5,600 officers, which means that on average each officer responded to about 110 calls in 2010. / / Since each officer works about 220 shifts per year, this means that each officer responded to one call for service every two shifts. / / I think most residents of the city will be astounded to learn that Toronto's finest respond to so few calls — only one every second shift. This is not a productive use of the time of city employees paid about \$75,000 a year. / / And it is not as if officers are making arrests on every shift. The average number of arrests per officer in Toronto, as it is in other Canadian cities, is seven to eight per year, that is, one arrest every six weeks, only one crime of which is a crime of serious violence. / /

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63.	It is absolutely unbelievable that the city is asking questions about the appropriateness of contracting out services and user fee increases of the general public. If you'd like to talk about taxes, I expect my tax dollars to pay for experts who are employed by the City who have actual knowledge about the impact of contracting out services on the safety and effectiveness of doing so. Those experts are employed to provide advice on these issues and decisions should be made accordingly. Not by popular vote. In addition, the services described in this survey impact individuals who do not have access to the internet or may not speak or write English. How is this a fair assessment of the City's needs or how those needs should be addressed? This survey demonstrates to me that this government is not only irresponsible, but grossly ill-equipped to manage this City.
64.	Core, traditional services must be maintained through general tax revenue (libraries, parks, police, etc). The City should be working closely with the Federal and Provincial government to establish new program funding for many of the downloaded services (welfare, community housing, etc).
65.	freeze or lower all municipal employee salaries/benefits including the salaries of the highest paid police service in the world known as the Toronto Police Services. They should purchase less expensive more fuel efficient north American made police cars, do away with paid duties and let lower paid workers do the job and stop allowing the police association to play this game of leap frog with other police services that they masterfully refer to as the police universe. our police service personnel use fear mongering and over inflated stats to justify their pay raises and budget increases. It's long over due for our highly regarded police service to hit the reset button on their demands and expectations. We can no longer afford to fund the highest paid police officers in the world if we want to remain competitive in this new world economy. It's time to stop the gravy train Rob.
66.	Do I have any other comments on how the City should fund services? You could start by a) not having the public spend 20 mins of their time on a survey that they know is aimed at screwing union workers and giving more money to the police. Did you think we missed the repetition of services and clear bad management? Who wrote this survey anyway?
67.	We must be sensible about this. Mayor Ford is advocating or has removed two city taxes (vehicle and land transfer). This is short-sighted in that the city needs money to operate. Using our contingency reserves to keep property taxes the same this year was just plain stupid and nothing more than politics. We should also cut down costs when we use police for off-duty services (road construction, etc.). Like it or not, Mayor Ford, that's part of the gravy train you promised to get rid of!

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68.	Please prioritize city services that the majority of citizens actually use like transit, garbage, roads, community centres, libraries, pools, arenas, parks and daycare while eliminating funding to rarely used services (311), special interest projects (city run theatres) and superfluous luxuries (zoo). Please stop making excuses for overspending on your political allies (police) while attacking other departments. I'm pleased you're eager to set the cities finances in order, but cost saving initiatives should be applied across the board. If the rest of us are getting by with less (rightfully so, in this economy), so should your political friends. I'm pleased you scrapped the a la carte street food program and hope you'll extend the same philosophy to other areas, allowing the community and motivated individuals to make their city better on their own (i.e., Dufferin Grove Park), drawing support from government only when needed. Give people the tools to do things themselves, the way they want and you'll have happier, more engaged communities.
69.	Find creative ways of making revenue!!! Invest in cultural programs which attract tourists, have the TTC return its gift store with new, funky merchandise that can attract tourist dollars. Reduce police services since the city is quite safe already and does not need an increase in policing.
70.	how about a car tax so that car drivers pay their fair share for roads, infrastructure, police, health care costs, and so that they will improve transit options to make them more desirable, in turn helping get people out of their car? / increased user fees to encourage responsible environmental use (i.e., increased user fees for garbage) / tolls for driving into the city / taxing - charging more/enforcing for the display of billboards
71.	taxation on private vehicles and increased costs for parking on public right-of-way. increased fines on illegal billboards and advertising. congestion charges on roadways. tolls on major thoroughfares in the city. increase in cost of front yard parking spaces. more ticketing of illegally parked cars.
72.	Don't give the police service an almost 12% pay raise over 4 years! / Stop using consultants
73.	Cut police services. If I have to see one more highly paid police officer standing at a construction site, I'm going to explode with rage. We elected this mayor to cut the gravy and I want to see some gravy cut!

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74.	The police do not need an 11.5% pay increase or paid-duty guarding construction sites. Not when services are being cut to people who genuinely need them. / / The TTC relies too heavily on user fees to the point where the fares are completely unaffordable to those on a limited income. The service needs more investment/funding from the public sector, much like in other cities across North America. / / Contracting out garbage services is nothing but union-busting. It would be cheaper to keep it in the city's control in the long run. Better a city union than bowing to the pressures and demands of a private, for-profit company. / / There needs to be more affordable housing and improvements made to TCHC buildings. The conditions in many buildings are awful, full of bedbugs and needing repairs. People are evicted due to "oversights" or complete lack of involvement of city staff, "just doing their jobs" or because of the reasons they need public housing in the first place (addiction, mental health, age/dementia). Treating TCHC residents with a little dignity would go so far. / /
75.	The city should refuse to pay police officers for paid duty in which they are working privately but wearing their uniforms, generally acting as the world's most expensive pylons while not directing traffic or doing anything useful. The city should eliminate the ability of the police service to force community groups to hire their officers to provide security for community events at outrageous costs. The city would save some 5 million dollars per year, and many community groups and organizations would have much more money to spend on their core activities, instead of providing unnecessary security when there are no threats.
76.	I think a sign of a great city is how it takes care of its most vulnerable, and maintains a city that is vibrant, safe, clean and livable. In order to do this, we need a range of services that support recreation, culture, transportation and safety (police, fire, public health). It would be a shame for us to cut costs at the expense of this city being great. I would be willing to spend more on taxes if I knew the money was going to the above priorities I identified (helping the most vulnerable, keeping the city safe clean and livable). I would like the city to address problem areas such as youth unemployment and target areas with the greatest problems (such as teen/gang violence). What we invest now will reap many benefits in the future. We will all pay for cuts not only in dollars but in the quality of life we have come to enjoy in this great city.
77.	When and if a service is contracted out, the contract should allow for the city to oversee the quality of the service provided. If the quality is poor the city should be allowed to revoke the contract without unfavourable financial penalties. Sell more advertising space in the TTC to make more revenue to improve service. Instead of having police paid to oversee construction or parades by simply standing there, hire traffic wardens at a lower cost or crossing guards, who actually do their work instead of being paid to drink coffee and use their cellphones.
78.	We live in a great city because of the quality of life it delivers. Quality of life means more attention to arts and culture, health care, police and safety services.

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79.	Contract out the garbage services, and TTC or any transit that is not contracted out, and get rid of any transit special constable for good
80.	cut the police budget. its out of control at a time when the crime rate is going down.
81.	sell city's big ticket venues
82.	Stop paying cops to direct traffic at construction sites. All other cities hire dropouts and children to do that job.
83.	reduce police services budget
84.	Manage expenses and stop asking for more tax and user fees. Why did the police get another increase when the City is running a huge deficit? Why does the City pay \$65 an hour for off duty police to stand at a road construction site? Why are salary increases of any type being offering with a deficit and talk of increasing taxes and user fees? How about salary and benefit roll backs? How about managing our costs? Sounds like more of the same. Why are City employees driving large vehicles which aren't fuel efficient?
85.	Despite my answers thus far (which indicate that the city ought to contract out every service it provides), I would have selected privatization if that option were available. I suggest adding this option to your survey. / / Privatization removes the city from the picture and lets people manage their own affairs in their own way (i.e., obtaining only the services they want from the providers they select--as opposed to a government-imposed monopoly, which increases costs, often creates shortages, produces shoddy quality, and simply cannot deliver what people want). Only the private sector can accommodate people's desires, because it operates at the individual level--whereas the public sector acts against people's will (otherwise, the force of law wouldn't be needed). Competition reduces prices/costs, which is the avowed goal of the Ford government, and lets people select the services they want and the providers who best meet the needs of each individual. / / One might think the poor/etc. would suffer, but a worthy cause will be funded because it is worthy (according to the individuals who make up society). The worthiness of a cause is in the mind/judgment of the potential benefactor; if he is not persuaded, then robbing him via the taxman (i.e., the use of force) is simply proof of the inability to persuade, of the weakness of the case for the cause's worthiness. No one should be forced to pay for something they don't want. / / There is a lot of serious literature on these topics.
86.	The city should fund services by finding any inefficiencies that exist and improving them. Police Services is a good place to start.
87.	city overspending on repeated unnecessary commodities specifically wages of all council members to be reduced along with police services
88.	The city should Eliminate some, such as pet licences, lower policing, lower traffic and parking and focus instead on improving transit and bicycle lanes. Parking tickets should not be a form of tax subsidy

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89.	Basic city services and institutions (water, public transportation, 911/EMS, garbage collection and processing, maintenance, police, housing, licensing/permits, libraries, inspections etc) MUST be run by the city. There is no way that services like these can be contracted out without compromising quality. It makes us look cheap if we can't afford to run our own services. / The City of Toronto gainfully employs many people and I don't mind sharing a little bit more in property taxes if it means that those people get to keep their jobs and remain prosperous. Sometimes you have to pay a little more to get better results.
90.	Don't privatize garbage!!!!!! Don't give police services a wage increase when you are talking about trying to save money by privatizing garbage (which of course won't end up saving money in the long run!)
91.	am very worried that the recent police agreement will now lead to same level of pay increases for all staff, including fire, TTC etc. / Pay rate increases should be kept to standard rates of increase, which right now should be more in the range of 1.5 to 2% per year. Property tax rate increases should be in the same ranges...Missed the boat on that this year!
92.	The paid duty officers is a major scam. I have been forced to use them for my projects. They are too expensive and do not provide good service and on more than one occasion have caused me to shut down my crew because the scheduled officer did not show up. They increase the cost of doing business in Toronto. Montreal does not require paid duty officers to same extent as Toronto and it works fine.
93.	Not by cutting and gutting programs and services! The City of Toronto is NOT a private-sector corporation or "free market" business enterprise ... It is a "communal" institution, public trust, PUBLIC SERVICE, Resident-Citizen-TAXPAYER-led -- and we all are, even the poorest! -- paying taxes that is, in addition to our citizen-taxpayer rights, duties, et al. Bay Street is no more important than Jane & Finch -- this city is only as strong as its weakest parts -- and unless "equality of opportunity" in the most public-minded, public-spirited, public-funded "access for all, equality for all, opportunity for all" is talked and walked Toronto will decline, be less than the sum of its wonderful diverse "parts" = communities ... and will see the already widening gap between the "Haves" & "Have-nots", "Rich" and "Poor" become an unbreachable chasm that no one will escape "fall-out"- wise ... No matter if barricaded selves behind gated communities, etc. The City of Toronto belongs and is responsible and accountable to ALL of its residents-citizens, taxpayers, whatever the "sector" or "socio-economic" or "ethnic, cultural, religious, gender" et al. "community" they belong to individually, collectively, "class"-wise ... A polarized Toronto serves no one's interests and diminishes everyone's quality of life, health, welfare, and well-being, sense of belonging, pride, and community engagement and connection, makes strangers of neighbours, fosters distrust, alienation, and a breakdown in safety, infrastructure, and all other measures by which a city is "ranked" as either "working well" or "beyond repair" ... The policies and programs, the cuts to services and supports, the contracting out and other non-ROI direction and measures that I see

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	<p>Mayor Ford and Toronto City Hall Councillors, bureaucrats and consultants "allied with Mayor Ford's political and ideological agenda", including the less than democratically "ramming" through, non-consultative, non-collaborative, shut the public out, likewise of those councillors (who were elected to represent their citizens and residents) who don't hold the same views is alarming to say the least and damaging to the very fabric and functioning of Toronto currently, as well as in the short- and longer-term ... In this regard, I must protest how this particular survey 's "design" -- including rankings, and also glitches in the actual "mechanics" for moving items from a higher to lower priority, or vice-versa, and the language such as "I don't care!" repeatedly throughout, or limiting the actual number of choices from 3-5, etc. will definitely skew the results and don't reflect or capture my TRUE sentiments or choices ... I've heard this complaint from others who've taken the time and effort (I'm on at least hour 4!) to fill this out, to provide invaluable feedback about these crucial issues and the crises either already underway or which I believe Mayor Ford and his "allies" on City Council and otherwise are determined to inflict upon mine and millions of others' beloved Toronto and its very institutions, communities, streets, services, programs, and people. No doubt I'll be made to pay dearly (even more dearly than I already have!) for being so blunt in my critique, as a very politically astute, very engaged client-citizen-TAXPAYER "social justice" advocate, small business owner, consultant to government (all 3 levels, in 2 languages"), served on the executive committees of national and regional boards for diverse community, professional, and charitable organizations, with a reputation for excellence in customer relations and client services, received national and regional awards, commendations and public/media recognition, is very actively engaged in volunteer and community services and development, etc., etc. In other words, I know whereof I speak, I've always "walked the talk", and my personal, professional, and community "endeavours" and "activities" have always reaped invaluable ROI-benefits for "the Greater Good" of whatever has happened to be my "neighbourhood" ... I have no doubt that improvements can be made in how the City of Toronto spends OUR money and provides services, programs et al. But it shouldn't be done without genuine public consultation and collaboration -- and I don't mean "lip service" ... I'm not against "public-private partnerships" but I don't believe it's "the better way" in most instances ... Once the profit-motive is introduced, public trust, democratic and civic principles of governance and "Public Good", "Public Interest" takes a backseat -- and those who have the "contracts" et al aren't those who suffer the consequences ... But the people of Toronto certainly will -- and already hit hardest are those who have the least and certainly can't afford to "do without" or "make do with less" ... In my 59-years, I have never been as dismayed or demoralized -- or angered -- by what I see is happening to MY city, MY province, MY country by "those in power" -- duly elected by the people to SERVE the people!, AND NOT TO PROFIT OR PROSELYTIZE! OR RESHAPE MY CITY, MY PROVINCE, MY COUNTRY TO SUIT THEIR OWN IDEOLOGICAL AGENDA AND VERY OBVIOUS VESTED INTERESTS!</p>

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94.	Police service is the most significant spending and has been increasing disproportionately compares with others. With police constables earning over \$100,000 and \$65 / hour 'off-duty' work, keeping policing cost in check will be the most important cost saving measure of the city.
95.	paying an extra \$200/yr on my property is a great deal if we could improve the services already offered by the city. Let's aim to be the best, healthiest most equitable and profitable city in the world. What this survey doesn't ask is - do you think the province or federal government should help pay for this service (such as health care or housing for lo income people) I would have said yes to that. This city has to fight to make the other levels of government who have access to other taxation methods to pay for their share of the cost of maintaining a healthy and safe society. As well this survey does not ask about increasing services until the last question. I don't think there is enough money being spent on the environment, trees and parks in Toronto - I want services in that area increased! I also want affordable housing and childcare spaces increased! I want support for artist live/work spaces increased! I want work on neighbourhood centred composting in recycling so we don't need as many diesel spewing trucks running down our roads every week. I want MORE citizen engagement. Engage the people and see how we take some of the load off staff, you don't need to contract out you need to engage the citizens in their neighbourhoods to help find solutions to the city problems. / / This survey is a good first step (although some of the questions were unreadable on Firefox) - but it looks like it's a way for Ford to force citizen to assume we need to contract out services or raise property taxes - to get the SAME services we are already getting. This is dishonest, there are other ways to raise money for some of the services, but it means negotiating with other level of governments or fighting for another source of income for the city (i.e. percentage of HST). As well Toronto property taxes are the lowest in the GTA! It's the ridiculous housing prices that are the real problem - we need to focus on that issue! / / I hope you ask for my contact info and keep in touch with me about how this survey is used
96.	Toronto should cut its overstaffed fire department by 50%, cut police services by 25%, call for partners to propose designs and develop TTC sites with their money, cut 2 staff from every library shift, get out of all services that would be better managed and likely less costly if run by private industry, reduce manager levels to private sector levels (Toronto has 20% too many managers at least) and make social services efficient.
97.	Take funding from other services, like off-duty police fees.
98.	Hotel Tax (Hotel rooms are taxed when patron stays at the hotel and pays a one-time tax billed at check out). Vehicle Registration Tax (revenue to be used exclusively for Transit Investment, Road Maint etc). Build a downtown Casino and use a portion of Tax Revenues. In some rare cases utilize Private Public Partnerships (except essential tax payer services like Transit, Garbage, Police, Fire etc.)

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99.	Contracting out essential services such as police, fire, and EMS can compromise the quality of the services because companies will be mostly concerned with cost-savings and making a profit rather than ensuring the quality, which would be unacceptable given the importance of the services they provide. / / Similarly, privatization of some services like the Toronto Animal Services may also lead to significant decreases in the quality of the service and impact animal welfare because companies will be first and foremost concerned with making a profit, which may compromise animal welfare. Prime example of this is the recent Berger Blanc expose in Quebec.
100.	Perhaps by not investing all the city's money in unnecessary policing, we might have money for other things. Also, the cancelling of the car registration tax was financially responsible on Mayor Ford's part.
101.	This survey doesn't take account of things that, by law, the City cannot do. You ask about user fees for public libraries but the provincial Public Library Act forbids it.
102.	Though no one likes increased property taxes, it's also unfair to continually raise user fees for the TTC (for example). If the TTC continues to have to raise its fares in order to maintain current levels of service, there should be more innovative ways of paying that rewards frequent users who do not use it enough to buy a Metropass, such as an equivalent system to the London Oyster Pass or the Carnet ticket system in Paris. You might also look at public-private partnerships, but only with the proviso that access to transit, parks, and public programs does not become more difficult for lower-income people.
103.	I strongly disagree with contracting out, I do not want private contractors making a buck off delivering public services. I would rather my money goes to decent wages for hardworking public employees. MOREOVER, I think for health and public safety reasons, garbage collection is way too important to contract out.
104.	Contract out non life threatening services such as garbage, reduce pay increases for police and firefighters. For city employees manage absenteeism more effectively. Develop City owned land and increase density, especially surrounding transit hubs.
105.	Most importantly, negotiate with the Provincial Government of Ontario to stop downloading services to our Municipalities - that's first and foremost the best route. Additionally, the following measures should be implemented: Implement a city-wide Luxury Tax - i.e. on cultural or sporting event tickets with a \$dollar value of \$100 or more charge a 10% Luxury Tax. Cut the bloated Toronto Police Services Budget (the OT scam, redesign the scheduling system, less cops at peaceful demonstrations, less cops standing around orange pylons in construction areas). Slightly increase property taxes on wealthy homeowners with property values of \$600,000 or more, sharply increase business tax on wealthy corporations with offices in Toronto based on ability of corporation to pay. Increase parking fees, especially for commercial parking spots by \$1 or \$2 a day per spot and allocate these funds to a public transit fund. Increase billboard advertising costs for business advertising on billboards, TTC property, or other Municipal property. Close the Toronto zoo - it's inhumane, and expensive to maintain.

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106.	Trim the fat but be cautious what is contracted. out. All departments can cut more. Love the cops but reduce some of the paid duty overtime. Don't contract out traditional city services like garbage roads and parks. cut back on management of these services
107.	The city provides important services for all residents, they should continue to provided these services for the health, safety and security of all.
108.	Contract out police services to the OPP.
109.	Cut the bloated police budget that is spiralling out of control.
110.	Most of the services that the City is providing would be more efficiently and effectively provided by private companies, private charities and individuals and their families. The only role for government is to provide protection against violence.
111.	I think it is imperative for the City of Toronto to negotiate taxation with both the federal and provincial governments. It is my understanding that the City is still paying for services that should be provided by the Province; this should stop. I also think it is important for City - and all Canadian cities - to try to get the federal government to contribute to the provision of services such as mass transit, as happens almost everywhere else in the world. / / As well as revisiting taxation, I think the City should also investigate user fees, such as a road toll. This strategy has been successful elsewhere, and it would provide much-needed funds for transit. / / There are also efficiencies that could be achieved: decreasing the number of men on road crews, leaf pickup, etc. Restricting overtime for police, etc. Such things might not contribute a huge amount of money, but they would help.
112.	It seems like some of these services should be the jurisdiction of the feds or provinces - such as: provincial law courts, social assistance/employment programs (HRSDC), even public health? I would check for duplication of services as compared to the other levels of government, before you increase user fees or taxes; are we paying for the same thing twice? Were some things downloaded that should not have been? Reduce waste in public housing and shelters! Duplication caused by too many agencies?
113.	We have to pay for quality, and Toronto should invest in superb municipal infrastructure. It will pay off in the long run. Efficiency is of course important, but we must not balance the budget by eroding the financial security of public employees.
114.	Find qualified staff for positions, raise business taxes, remove pork barrel projects- such as off duty police at construction sites.
115.	Axe the cops on horses. Our bike cops do a great job of crowd control, and that's the only thing that horses are good for. When I see police just cruising around on horses, on MY DIME, it's infuriating.

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116.	The City should not contract out any policy decisions or services that ensure accountability to the public. / Any service that affects health & safety, vulnerable people, or the environment should be done in the most publicly-responsible manner possible, which makes it very difficult to contract out. / The City should not be subsidizing entertainment facilities (such as Exhibition Place or concert halls) that are only used by people who can afford large admission fees.
117.	The city should not have given Police Services so much of a pay hike or cut Transit City. The City should seriously look at LRTs instead of expensive subways.
118.	Cut the police budget.
119.	Decrease funding to the Police services armoury. Less billions dollar sound cannons; more affordable housing.
120.	The city should dramatically reduce the police budget to fund other services. The city should NOT privatize public services. This leads to poorer quality and in many cases does not save money. This is especially the case with garbage collection, which should not be contracted out. All services should be public, and should be paid for through a progressive tax and user fee system geared to ability to pay. The city should implement road tolls and congestion taxes and use this money to significantly expand transit, especially to poorer and underserved areas of the city. This should be a mix of subways and LRTs. The amount spent on roads and road maintenance should also be reduced in order to fund these changes.
121.	Significantly reduce the amount of City funding going to the Toronto Police service.
122.	The police budget is too high! Reconsider the recent decisions on police wage increases. Do away with off-duty policing at construction sites and other places where their skills are not required. / Stick with wise decisions made by previous councils instead of wasting funds already invested in projects such as Transit City and the Fort York pedestrian bridge.
123.	I think the budget for the police could be cut quite a bit, and I am angry about how much officers were given as a wage increase in their recent salary negotiations. Overtime for officers could be cut drastically as well. I think the city could better coordinate things like road repairs; Dundas Street West has had construction for three summers in a row, which mean holes in the street have been filled in three times with concrete; three times the materials, fuel, labour. Better public transit would reduce road congestion and generate more tax dollars by increasing the ability of people to work downtown, better cycling opportunities would also help. Charge a lot more for parking to increase revenue and discourage driving, which would also increase revenue for transit that could be reinvested in building better transit more quickly. Road tolls would also be great. Speaking of which, why weren't there questions on these in the survey on transit? Why aren't we asking road users like drivers what they want or think? Why no questions about 'user fees' for those who use the roads?

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124.	I feel that the city needs to charge developers very high fees to build near Harbourfront or near a park as these places can and do charge extra to their tenants who can and should pay more for the increased benefits they receive. / / I feel that the city demand the Province pay it's share of Provincial costs; such as Provincial courts. / / Drivers from beyond the centre area of the city should pay a fee to bring cars into the city. / / The government should not update or beautify offices after elections unless the update is needed for safety or to aid a politician who is handicapped. / / There should be no publicly paid for retirement or other parties for departing staff. / / Other than the Mayor, there should be no cars or freebies such as TTC Passes etc. should be given to Politicos. / /
125.	Please keep our service level at a top notch. re-structure TTC so that we don't ticket collectors making 100k +
126.	The city is grossly overpaying a police force that has proven itself wilfully negligent and abusive, to the detriment of many other services. The mayoralty and government of the city should consider that it is comprised of CITIZENS, not TAXPAYERS.
127.	Cut some fat from the Police Services budget. The cops chew up way too much of the annual operating budget.
128.	City funding should be but to services such as police and security, and put to use in the other areas I've previously stated.
129.	I believe in contracting services where the service will improve or become more efficiently operated by an outside contractor. In some cases e.g. IT services, cleaning, security this can be done. The city should focus on core activity to deliver the best services to the public in the areas of transportation, emergency services, public health and community services. The city provides so many wonderful services and they are very important, please continue to do this.
130.	YES. I found this survey very frustrating. It is implied in all aspect of this survey that the only option to maintain or improve services is to increase user fees or taxes. I run my own business and know it is possible to cut while improving services and improving your bottom line. I am tired of hearing of 10 government employees doing the job of what 2-3 in the private sector can do. I thought with Rob Ford in power we were going to start cutting on the deadbeats. / / Everything has been good so far but with so many hurting why is it that Rob Ford caved on the police budget. Let's have some accountability. Cut the budget and improve service. THIS SURVEY DOES NOT PERMIT SUCH ANSWERS.
131.	Stop the gravy train - by that I mean Rob Ford's support of \$5.2 million being sent to force police officers to babysit roadwork. It is areas like this where the budget needs work - not saving a couple hundred dollars by removing food from City Council meetings.
132.	The city is required to deliver a number of services that this survey seems to assume would or could be contracted out. For example police, fire and social services must be delivered by the city. The survey is misleading.

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133.	A biased survey: only 2 questions on police and TTC; forced ranking when many options have equal weight; instructions on what number is highly favorable or unfavorable are totally unclear to the point where all these responses are invalid. Having administered surveys myself, I still don't know whether 5 is the most or least favorable. Poorly constructed survey.
134.	If city staff stopped being unionized there's no end to how much money could be saved. Further, where there is unnecessary support staff, reinvest in front-line staff. Stop paying police overtime and TTC workers overtime to supervise regular directing of people or traffic at construction sites. If Rob Ford is serious about this gravy train, he has no farther to look than here
135.	cities should unit and work with the provinces to re-establish reasonable transfer payment from the federal government. Having recognition and support from all levels of government financially given the off-loading of services to municipalities. Our property taxes are very reasonable. Toronto has all the potential to be the best city in Canada. It needs smart planning, economically and environmentally sustainable. Increases property taxes to improve services would make the city a better place to live for all. Keeping city services with the city rather than contracting out helps to feed the local economy and makes for a happier more fulfilled and committed work force. People are proud to work for the city, working to make the city better rather than for a corporation out to make money for its shareholders. Corporate shareholder interests are NOT the interests of city stakeholders.
136.	No more police raises!!
137.	cut back on using Police for extra paid duty
138.	Next time you do a survey you should be more honest in the choices of answers. When you ask how the city's services rank with other cities - let us choose "Worse than other cities". All you allow are positive answers. I understand Mayor Ford does not like anything negative said about his administration, but sometimes the truth hurts and that's how you learn from it. We had budget windfall when he came into office and now we have a deficit and it hasn't even been a year. Stop spending tax money on ridiculous and irrelevant programs like graffiti removal (something nobody in this city cares about), and spend it where it's needed like arts, culture, public schools, heritage, all the things that make this city world class. And the police get enough money!

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139.	<p>I found this survey to be heavily biased toward supporting privatization of services, which will inevitably lead to higher property taxes and user fees. It was labour intensive, and should have enabled feedback at the beginning of the survey, rather than the end. / / Rather than working within the existing system and supporting proactive measures to improve the TTC, and the greening of Toronto, this is a survey to test whether Torontonians want fewer services and more privatization of services, which have been proven internationally to lead to higher taxes. The system is not broken, and those in the 905 should pay their fair share of property taxes toward the City of Toronto to use our infrastructure - there is no reason why their property taxes are much lower for bigger houses, water use, and use of roads. We need proper transit, and this region needs to pay their share for it to come downtown to work, and so does the federal government as we are the 'economic engine of Canada'. The extension of the Sheppard Line as subway is not the most effective use of money; LRT transit was, and those on Finch are completely excluded from the LRT system now. / / I am equally disheartened that \$5 million can be considered 'a drop in the bucket' to hire an unnecessary police presence to guard construction sites, yet was cut from TTC services, which should be considered essential to Toronto residents. / / I live in a tiny house, use public transit, and use the smallest amount of resources possible, and yet I am paying greater and greater taxes to subsidize the 905 region for their expensive lifestyle for a lower quality of life downtown. We are thirteenth in the world for quality of transit, and this is directly related to air quality and the ability of people to get to work quickly and efficiently, yet the current City Council is supporting highways and car use over public transit, and requesting that the 905 region is involved in this expansion. It is a closed circle- as the TTC is neglected and overburdened, many people will choose to drive cars, and the TTC will lose those riders. / / The City of Toronto was once considered a world class city, yet cutting away at progressive policies for a green and culturally diverse and rich city will take away our reputation, and healthy future. Our air quality is competing with Los Angeles as some of the worst in the world, and furthering these policies will ensure that we will win. Primary school children have asthma for the first time in the City of Toronto, and it is because our decisions regarding transit development have included the expansion of the Billy Bishop airport, short haul flights, highways, and roads over bicycle paths, electric trains and the upgrading of public transit. It is time to consider the policies in Europe toward best practices for urban expansion, and intensification of transit-oriented destinations, rather than privileging the rights of exurban regions over protecting the downtown core. They are far ahead of the City of Toronto in terms of thoughtful urban planning for the future. / / Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>

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140.	The city should reinstate the vehicle tax, and tax overuse of water. It should also levy fees on houses and buildings that are not energy efficient, and on houses and buildings in low-density areas that use more than their fair share of resources. Adding tolls to heavily travelled roads and for driving inside the city centre would provide revenue to combat the air pollution caused by driving, and recoup money spent on providing services to commuters who reside and pay taxes outside of Toronto, but use city services, thereby costing the city money. Decreasing the police budget would also save some money.
141.	Salary freeze or roll-back for unionized staff (decrease OT for unionized staff, particularly Police.) / Court private partners for City cultural and recreation services / Shift social services for marginalized populations to non-profit agencies
142.	Ticket smokers who throw cigarette butts on the ground, or otherwise litter - this would reduce smoking in the city, reduce littering in the city (saving on maintenance fees), and provide an incredible stream of revenue. / / Ensure all businesses pay their taxes. / / Reduce welfare fraud / cheating. /
143.	We should charge developers much more for the right to build. / We should force the federal and provincial governments to kick in more for the TTC. / We should increase on-street parking costs and costs to drive in the city. / We should raise property taxes for homes worth over the average amount. /
144.	Force city workers and politicians to pay for amenities rather than having tax payers pay for it, as an example, tax payers are paying for morning coffee or breakfast through tim hortons or other companies. They make enough money, they can buy it themselves.
145.	Operate like every other company and Fortune 500 organization, cut your own costs!! Look at how much waste is in the police force, and the recent unveiling of the misspending and poor investments made at community housing! Invest in a good consultant company to assess all processes, divisions and workflows, bring the bid to tender and pay them based on every dollar saved or some metric to tie in the results. To 'pass the buck' once again to tax-payers for City Hall's poor mismanagement is just wrong. I work in sales selling to hospitals and if I can draw on an analogy here: For 5.5years I sold to Fortune 500 companies and have now moved to the hospital sector. I was APPALED at the manual, workflows, the redundancy of labour having 4 people do the job of 1 person, the bureaucracy , the laborious expensive processes in-place, no blue chip company would operate like this. If they did, they would go under. I think the city is operating (no pun) like a hospital! Just like they have shareholders, you have tax payers to answer to. YOUR MISMANAGEMENT SHOULD NOT BE OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO COMPENSATE FOR / Look within yourself before you cut our services that we pay for and before you hike our costs. Take a fiscally responsible position and run it like a business - You're operations are a joke. Cut out the misspending, the bottom line. Hire a consultant company to do it if you have to but any professional will tell you that all the funding you need and more is already within City Hall. /

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146.	<p>I think its fantastic that you are providing the tax payers with an opportunity to voice our opinions, even while away on business. So firstly thank you for taking the time, cost, and effort required to ensure all voices can be raised to our officials in this matter, as it is of crucial importance for everyone who pays and doesn't pay their taxes, although most who pay taxes often forget that these things matter just as much if not more to those who cannot do so, especially the low income, senior, unemployed persons and those who require high service levels but are unable to pay their way as much as those who have a reliable source of income. I believe that this is a world class city, but to maintain that people must be prepared to pay for it, nothing in this world comes free, and property taxes were created for these issues in my opinion. So many people overlook that if it wasn't for those taxes and the services that they provide, we would be no better than a rural place in a third world nation: no 911, no EMS, no fire department, no policing. It would not be a place we wanted to live, that people dream of living in around the world, or that people would want to visit. Its difficult during hard times to remember: the services we have, many others would DREAM of having available to them at their fingertips, no matter the cost, and the good of everyone is far more important than avoiding a \$120 increase to a \$2400 average payment amount especially when considering the extremely high level of those services and those who provide them, the training required, the resources being poured in, those are all for the benefit of EVERYONE, not simply those who can afford it. That's what makes us Canadians. We care about everyone who lives in our country, not simply the ones who have the fattest pocketbooks. Sorry for not using any apostrophes, they do not work on this computer. And thank you again for the chance to say my part! I wouldn't have had it if not for this survey, and now it really feels like the Council actually cares what I think, which is a feeling I have never had before from any previous budget decisions, they always felt as though they were out of my hands, and nobody bothered at all what I thought. Its reassuring to know that isn't the case anymore, finally someone is listening to everyone.</p>
147.	<p>The city should be investing in the services that make this city vibrant and support equity of participation and diversity. This is what has made Toronto the world class city it has become and why people want to live and visit it and spend money here. Too much emphasis on policing and on cost cutting will destroy this. Raising taxes is not such a big issue considering how low our taxes are and how much we get for it. Crime stats have been flat lined or reducing in certain areas for years. The police budget is inflated and has been for years to the detriment of services that would develop the capacity of the city and its citizens.</p>
148.	<p>Wages being paid for licensing pets (this is not a necessary service) should be put towards another vital service such as EMS, Police or Fire Department</p>

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149.	Don't waste money on surveys, cancelling projects started by the previous major, less consulting when you have staff that are capable of doing the same type of work. Have staff be more productive - not chit chatting at a service kiosk while patrons are waiting in line etc. / If staff don't produce at work - and training/meetings etc are changing their attitude - lay them off. Like those in the general work force.
150.	The City should be getting its fair share of per capita investment both provincially and federally and it should stop accepting costs and responsibilities for services off-loaded by other levels of government unless it is properly compensated financially. / The City should not use proportionately high small businesses property tax rates to subsidize residential property tax freezes. This combined with the Vacant Property Rebate keeps many small storefronts empty and hurts economic development. / The City should look to make further savings on future contract negotiations with their employment unions and should look to decrease the amount of spending on police.
151.	Cut back reckless pay increases to the Police. SHAME ON YOU. Invest in bicycles to help road congestion and improve air quality. Increases taxes for the highest pay brackets and corporations.
152.	police needs to relax and know when to back off
153.	The City should not have given back \$60.00 to car owners for vehicle registration. We should not be funding subways. We should not contract out garbage collection which will end up being more expensive. We should not be increasing police salary by 11%. Taxes need to be reformed so that people with more money pay more.
154.	Give the Cops less because they do less
155.	Reinstitute the Vehicle registration tax. / Look for other taxation opportunities available to the city under provincial law.
156.	I am absolutely shocked that essential services such as fire, police and EMS are even being considered for privatization or user fees. This is an absolute responsibility for any municipality to provide. How could someone be charged a user fee for a fire service? If the person didn't have the money, would you actual consider letting their dwelling burn down? / / Similarly, why would we even consider privatisation for public health or water quality? The example of Walkerton is still a very vivid memory for most of us.
157.	Cut funding to services that have been shown (in valid and unbiased studies and reports) to be ineffective or unnecessary, or those that do not benefit residents. IE - increased police presence.
158.	The Federal government should pay for the services necessary for immigrants, law enforcement , environmental protection and major transportation infrastructure.
159.	Prioritize services that meet the basic needs of citizens. TTC, Garbage Collection, Safety, Housing, and Education.

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160.	The city should not be afraid to cut paid police duty (overtime for watching traffic). This sets a terrible example, as does the huge increase in wages given to police. All other services are unfairly cut to cover this. We could handle minor cuts if they went with fairness, as auditors have told us this is a waste that could easily be done more cheaply by contracted help.
161.	While the private sector can do a good, efficient and economical job of delivering some of the services now provided by the City, the paramount criterion in determining who should deliver a service is the important of the service for the well-being of the residents of the City. Some services are so important in this regard that they should not leave the public sector (public transit, social housing, public health and welfare, and security are examples). With respect to financing of services, if specific groups or individuals are not the overwhelming users of a service, then user fees must be viewed with scepticism; because the property tax (even though not very progressive) is better when there is a general interest in or benefit from a service.
162.	I don't know why you're even asking these questions - it's terrible! Asking me if Fire and Police should be contracted out is absurd! These things should not be contracted out. City services are important and property taxes ought to fund city services. Privatization is bad for everyone except the most rich among us! I am offended that people would even consider this.
163.	1) Cut the police budget, replace it with (cheaper) social programs. It's worked all over Europe. 2) I appreciate that the TTC is public but the union is stifling ability to maintain and expand services.
164.	Look at reducing executive level city salaries or reducing or eliminating bonuses to generate more money / Be frugal with police salaries and no need to pay police \$65 per hour for monitoring construction sites and t public functions / Look at TTC salary compensation and look at part-time options for TTC employees rather than TTC paying overtime
165.	The city should be offering cheap housing for families in need that meets health and safety standards and has quality. People are not going to want to move out of the shelter system if they are not moving into a space that matches the same quality and only the city can mimic its own quality. Privatizing housing makes an essential service become a business where the goal is to make money and save money by cutting corners and offering poor quality with no laws or responsibilities to govern them
166.	essential services first: TTC, EMS, FIRE, POLICE (w/ reduced officers and helicopters, more community engagement opportunities, changes in police training), HOUSING (low income)... then social and recreation services - especially for low income families and individuals. Property taxes for services like public health and garbage; user fees (for those who can afford them) for fun stuff - like CNE, zoo etc... Also - can businesses get something back for contributing to city coffers (not politician's) - like for example: if TD donates the cost of street clean up post pride celebrations, maybe they get a free billboard on the Gardiner for a month acknowledging their 'partnership' or something??

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167.	raise parking prices / raise property taxes more in suburban areas to promote home ownership downtown / make sure that developers and others who make immense profits from the city are paying their fair share in fees and taxes / do not agree to high cost events in the city such as the G20 conference
168.	I think the City should look at partnering with private business to increase revenues and reduce costs. The city should also look at ways of reducing cost such as alternate streams of revenue generation. Why should city services have to buy items from City Stores when they can get them MUCH cheaper from private businesses? Why should Animal Services not be able to sell pet related items in the shelters. Why not have a giant raffle every year like the hospitals do? I am sure that many City residents would buy a ticket given the chance that they can win something great while supporting the City. Maybe the United Way office could administrate it and they could share in the profits.
169.	Force the libraries to become places for help and education again. Force them to fix their collection and stop providing parties for teens, play areas for screaming children and video game internet club houses. Make them start caring more about providing good people with books, study areas etc. They have changed the library system so much its sad. Libraries don't even have classics sections! Spread all of their librarians around and stop having them clustered only in the comfortable neighbourhoods. Why do high needs areas have the least staff. Force library staff to spread out to provide equal quality service. / Don't give in to community centres. These are places for people to suck up tax dollars. We shouldn't pay taxes for people to HANG OUT! Instead send this money to affordable housing, whip the libraries back into shape so that kids have homes and they end up going to libraries (that are regulated for quiet enjoyment) and make something of themselves.. Unfortunately, if they go to a library now, they aren't even told to behave themselves. If library staff were to revert back to being a mature role model for the city, many of the costs for community centre's, social services could be handled by them. They have the qualifications. But unfortunately they don't spread their staff fairly. Plus, their computer systems always break down and the nice worker (at least at my branch) just gets snubbed by their tech department. (I once forced the nice lad to phone them in front of me). Cut managers down all across the board. Too many chiefs here and they just scam their way through everything.
170.	None of the questions in this survey allow residents to express their desire for the city to reduce the bloated wages of city staff. Services could be improved by freezing or reducing wages. Police, Transit, Cleaning staff etc. ALL make WAY more than their jobs warrant (or their equivalents in the private sector - especially transit drivers). LOWER WAGES ARE AN OPTION (if only elected representatives had the guts).

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171.	The city should try to find more efficiencies within its own bureaucracy and look ahead to the future cost of not funding programs adequately - e.g., lack of programs for youth may lead to increased crime and associated cost; lack of community centres may be directly related to a higher need for police monitoring, and lack of services to seniors living at home may lead to higher costs in terms of health care.
172.	tax big business, lower police salaries, levy for out of town commuters, increase tourism /
173.	1. stop overtime / 2. privatise non core services (e.g.. housing, policing of housing, day cares, building cleaning, golf courses) / 3. bring in youth in management. 20-30 years city experienced managers have lost touch and afraid to make changes
174.	Stop increasing the police budget. / Cut staff by attrition. / Push back services to the province - courts, support for the poor, and whatever else they downloaded
175.	Cut the police budget in particular, stop paying police for work on their off time. Change the laws so that companies don't have to hire police for jobs that other people could do. Do not give anyone a bonus for doing their job. Ever! Bring back the tax on cars.
176.	Break the police union - they're overpaid, bloated & are bleeding the city dry. They don't need \$1 billion a year.
177.	Aggressively pursue & fine by-law violators
178.	Reduce the Police budget and reduce their recent exorbitant increases to salary. / Review all senior managerial staff salaries and reduce or limit any increases until City can afford them / Before cutting any front-line staff, look for possible cuts through attrition or otherwise at senior management - cutting back on one senior management position is equal to saving about 10 workers jobs and hence the quality of front-line services / Do not privatize any city services - it will come back to haunt us for years to come.
179.	The councillors should freeze their salaries, The city should freeze/reduce the ridiculous salary of the police or OUTSOURCE the police force to reduce the cost. The money saved should go toward creating programs for at risk youth and build more community centres and increase affordable housing. This will reduce the crime levels
180.	Why has police services budget not been examined and reduced to be in line with all the other city services? especially after the fiasco that occurred with the G20 it has been proven that they are unable to follow the laws that they are paid to enforced.
181.	The city should decrease the police services budget, as well as not hiring any more police staff and not replacing officers that go on eave/quit/retire.
182.	Accept sponsorships. Stop increasing police budget.

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183.	the funding questions are very difficult to answer because there is not enough context provided. E.g. what would be the impact of these increases on low income families in Toronto? Also because my responses are different depending on the service. Police Services eat up a ridiculous proportion of the City's budget, and there was no option for me to indicate that I think those costs should be reduced--rather than asking taxpayers to pay even more for services that I am not convinced benefit the most marginalized people in Toronto.
184.	I think you could alleviate the need for property tax increases as well as user fees by cutting back on the bloated police services budget and putting that savings into initiatives that actually support and build communities. / / Also, consider whether there could be donation boxes or sliding scale options at events and festivals.
185.	We think it is appalling that the city is thinking of reducing programs while giving the police services an 11% increase in salary over three years. We should not be contracting out. We must maintain programming to make this a liveable city that is admired world wide.
186.	I immigrated, thirty years ago, to Toronto, mainly because of its vision, its cleanliness, and its city services. For the past two and a half decades, I have watched as politicians played short-term politics and, in the process, cause Toronto to lose its way and its vision. For the past twenty years or more, the cry of 'no more taxes' has decimated our infrastructure and our ability to compete on the world stage. Without a concrete, enforced plan in the form of law, without 'incentives,' 'tax relief,' and subsidies, I cannot see how Toronto will be put back onto the track it had from the sixties to the seventies. As our road, TTC, and other infrastructure declines, it's going to cost us twice the losses incurred in the past couple of decades for at least the next couple of decades, to balance out the deterioration now present. Yes, it will cost money, but the alternative is Detroit.... For example, the risks of a lack of planning on the eastern waterfront are legion, as yet another example of politics causing sales that can only increase the city's coffers but once. Such blinkered views of the city budget will all but doom this city to ignominy, which is a shame, given how and why Toronto attracted so many immigrants in the past. Growth for the sake of growth and competition is simply unsustainable in the long term. The city needs to decide what is right for its future, and, perhaps, growth may follow. Maybe shrinkage may follow, but we'll have a city that even vaguely resembles the plan that made it that way. / / The short-term thinking and self-serving nature of Toronto politicians of all stripes in the past two to three decades has disgusted me, as I've watched Canada's greatest city decline and, unfortunately, lose its place as the most livable in the world. More than once, the way this city has been run has caused me to consider whether I should leave. I do miss what Toronto was. Does anyone have the spine to increase taxes for the next ten or more years, with a view to repairing the damage of the past decades, and moving to a better vision of Toronto's future, rather than a vision of a larger Toronto that is supported by a Ponzi scheme of taxes brought in by new residents?

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187.	As a former homeowner in the City of Toronto I find it astounding that the city would rather gut city services than raise property taxes by <\$250 per year. The fact is, as this entire questionnaire points out in a variety of instances, city services are important, the people that run those services are integral to that end. My best advice: Do not cut services, do not cut the employees that provide those services, fund events that bring the city money and worldwide notoriety, invest in projects that better the city instead of shutting them all down across the board and lastly, cut the police budget to fund money.
188.	I think the police budget should be cut and the perks police get off duty should be removed.
189.	Toronto has a spending problem not a revenue problem - look no further than the over the top benefits enjoyed by city staff including police and fire that none of the rest of us have but we need to pay for. None of us private sector people get a pay raise or get to bank sick leave as a retirement bonus or get an indexed pension yet you expect us to pay for these things for others who work to rule or go on strike another benefit we do not have. And we do not need 44 councillors!
190.	City should charge more for off duty police who assist at movie / construction / festivals to generate revenue from their services.
191.	I take the TTC. But when compared to other major cities, TTC is not good in terms of the lack of subway. Also, the TTC riders should pay by the distance ridden rather than a flat rate. Also when comparing to other cities, buying tickets should be automated rather than buying from a ticket collector. / / Why is there a \$700M shortfall this year? Did we have a shortfall in previous years? What happened to the Reserve Fund? There seems to be a lack of transparency. / / / /
192.	For public transit, there should be 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 day electronic passes for the TTC as is done in other world cities. Perhaps the city should go with the honour fare system with ticket inspection. The buses and streetcars move faster as the driver can concentrate on driving.
193.	the low-skilled heavy-lifting jobs should be contracted out - waste pick-up, cleaning / janitorial, landscaping, snow clearing, security and fleet services. Maintenance of parks should also be contracted out. / / With incidences of crime and fire decreasing every year, how can we justify the increasing cost of these services?
194.	City should lobby the Province for revenue arising from tickets issued by police
195.	I think it's ridiculous that the city is considering cutting city services after having agreed to 10% wage increase with the police.
196.	City should cut back on the amount Police are being paid!
197.	Cut back the Police budget which is out of control.
198.	I am disturbed that all the questions are either/or. Some parts of City services could be contracted out while others are maintained. For example, Police are at construction sites. We don't need a trained constable at \$65 an hour when a security guard at \$20 an hour could do it. There are many other examples.

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199.	The idea of privatizing health, fire or police services is objectively creepy and I am shocked and dismayed that the option was even included.
200.	By cutting the budget of our bloated police force.
201.	Increase taxes to large business. In an era of greatly reduced crime due to rising age, reduce police budget.
202.	<p>I have two examples of ongoing municipal waste that could save the city close to 200 million dollars a year. / / 1) In what must be the strangest example of working arrangements in the public service, Toronto police are scheduled to work 28 hours during every 24-hour period. This is a result of the shift schedule currently in the collective agreement. It sets out that police officers work three shifts a day: a 10-hour day shift, a 10-hour evening shift and an 8-hour night shift. This arrangement provides that police work seven day shifts, then have six days off; six evening shifts then five days off; seven night shifts then three days off. / / Obviously, the shifts involve a considerable amount of overlap. Other police forces in Canada do not work shifts which overlap - many have two 12-hour shifts in a 24-hour period - and no good argument has been made about why such overlaps are necessary in Toronto. Furthermore, the overlaps do not occur at times when calls for police assistance are at their highest. / / Getting Toronto police to work just 24 hours every day - cutting out the four hours of unnecessary overlap - would require about 15 per cent less staff resources. That would save about \$100 million a year. / / 2) The other issue that needs addressing is the two-officer police car. The collective agreement in Toronto requires that, after dark, police must work two officers to a car. This decision resulted from an arbitration award more than 30 years ago, but it doesn't represent a wise expenditure of money. There is no evidence that one-officer cars are more dangerous than two officer cars - in fact the reverse might be true since single officers don't take the chances that two do. The RCMP and many city forces in Canada do not use two officer cars after dark. / / Maybe two-officer cars are useful in some neighbourhoods. If Toronto police got rid of only half of the two-officer cars, savings would be in the order \$90 million a year.</p>
203.	Cut the police budget. It's way too high.
204.	<p>Reduce the amount going to police services -- they make more than enough now, and they disgraced themselves last year; / eliminate the practice of police standing around construction projects and other city disruptions -- contract that service out!; / make commuters from suburbs pay for access to downtown by car; / eliminate anti-graffiti program; / make all sports programs privately funded, or at least locally funded, since they benefit only locals; / the current mayor should ask the current prime minister for help, since they're sympatico; / downtown toll tax on all private vehicles; / property taxes on office space should increase for any corporation not doing majority of its business locally; / if GTA were divided up into original 4 or 5 smaller cities, there would be fewer internal disagreements on such matters, which would save time and money used in disagreements, discussions and consultations like this one. /</p>

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205.	cut the excessive police services.
206.	In order to effectively address costs at the city, the two largest costs of Policing and TTC must be addressed (some of the services in this survey, such as planning or arts funding, are such a small part of the city's costs as to be nearly irrelevant). Policing costs, in particular, continue to grow far faster than inflation during a period declining crime rates and at the same time (appearing at least) to be providing a declining level of service to the public and presence in the community. Likewise, the TTC could clearly use a shake up with a better focus on customer service.
207.	Comparing Toronto's property tax rates to other cities surrounding Toronto would seem to suggest that we are getting good value for our tax dollar. I would hate to see services cut, especially for those who are disadvantaged. / One place you should look for cuts is the Toronto Police services. When you see 5 officers manning a speed trap at the Bloor St viaduct on a Sunday morning at 10, then you know that there are too many officers.
208.	eliminate needless expenses (like paying full duty officers to guard construction sites) and use those funds to support vital services.
209.	Please take a long, detailed and thorough look through the infamous 'Sunshine List' and cut the salaries of people who are making these obscene amounts for dubious 'service' to the City. Salaries throughout the public sector are completely out of whack with reality and today's economy. The simplest way to balance the budget appears to be a real, serious curtailing of the rampant payroll abuses at City Hall and all of the services, from Police to Teachers to Garbage and Parking.
210.	The fact that roads have no user fees is ridiculous. Why should the TTC cost \$3 (on top of taxes) but roads be free to drive on? A congestion charge system should be introduced downtown and a video toll system put on the major freeways into downtown. I am sick of paying for roads for people from Mississauga and North York to use, when I don't drive. / / I would like to see a drastic decrease to the police budget to fund more community initiatives to deal with the social causes of crime
211.	Reduce the police budget
212.	We need to get better performance from TTC workers, police, civic employees. The transit system for example is filthy -- we need to stop allowing people to eat on the subway and go back to having the workers clean the trains, the stations properly. It used to happen.

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213.	The city should stop catering to inefficient unions. I am enraged by the poor garbage and TTC service relative to costs. However other departments - Public Health and Libraries for example - should be applauded for the quality of service they deliver. There are too many locked in interest groups who think they have a god-given right to run city services - parks maintenance and community centres for example - and don't do a particularly good job. In particular I'd like to see the city let PRIVATE OPERATORS offer programs at the often underused city owned community centres. We'd get better value. Churches have become the defacto real community centres in many neighbourhoods - with a wealth of dance, arts, sports and other program offerings - while our community centres - barred from admitting privately operated programs because of unions - are underused spaces. / / But - overall I support increased user fees for all expendable programs: arts, recreation etc to people who can afford it... while maintaining core services - police, TTC, garbage pickup, fire through the property tax base after contracting out and other cost reducing measures are taken.
214.	The city needs to make better use of DEVELOPMENT CHARGES - / / the laws allow the city to have development charges for only part of the city, or to charge more than one type of development charge - so it needs to create 3 tiers of development charges - city-wide, by ward and by project (like to increase development charges along any new TTC subway or LRT routes) - and to stop letting councillors get section 37 benefits for adding extra height or density. contact me and I will provide a more detailed analysis. / / however, the real problem is that public sector wages, particularly police, have been increasing much faster than inflation - the province needs to changes the rules on arbitration, and the city should be reducing the numbers of police officers and using other people to provide service, as well as getting rid of the "paid duty" boondoggle.
215.	The Police has the largest funding of any City service. Funding needs to be cut significantly. I have no use for officers standing about watching other people work on construction sites and film sets. Construction in the City is terrible and roads are always closed in the summer without warning. Road construction needs to improve dramatically. They should be working 24/7 to complete a project and then move on. It is intolerable that roads are closed for half the year. Stop overloading single lane streets with the TTC, cars, pedestrians, bicycles and parking. Instead, designate some roads for cars/parking and others for pedestrian, bicycles and TTC. Zone in parking. If developers want to build commercial spaces, there needs to be more parking to deal with the increased traffic.
216.	Generally, Toronto's budget problems are due to gross underfunding by the provincial and especially the federal government. However, we also spend far too much on policing, and police salaries in general. This should be cut as much as possible.
217.	Cut police spending by 20% to fund other services.

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218.	You want to make a bundle of cash. Hire someone to patrol parks and issue tickets to dog owners who don't keep their mutts on a leash. You'll make a killing!!!!
219.	Raise taxes. Stop paying incompetent police officers (every police officer in Toronto is incompetent) such ridiculously high wages).
220.	Road tolls; more by-law infraction tickets (there are some pretty bad drivers/cyclists out there); fee for driving into downtown. The overall philosophy should be to raise funds through actions which negatively impact the city.
221.	reduce police costs.
222.	I think that in this survey the only options were that the city employees do the work or it be contracted out represents a false dichotomy. As a city we need to make sure ALL our employees have good working conditions and fair wages. I do not believe that contracting out services saves us much money and from what I have read about contracting out is that many jurisdictions experience an increase in costs over time. If we want our city employees and service providers to be accountable to us, we must be accountable to them. Certainly dollars is one way to structure an accountability framework but I think a more effective framework is one based on mutual respect and a common understanding of the common good. / / I was surprised to learn that on average a household pays only \$200/month in taxes for all the amazing services the city provides and that a 5% increase would represent only a \$10 per month increase. I think we need to rethink our collective attitude to taxes. Apparently the Danes pay the highest taxes and are the happiest people. I think we should stop thinking of taxes as "our money." Just as we can own property in a city but because we live so close together sometimes the collective rights have to supersede the individual property-owner's rights, our taxes are an imperfect way of maintaining our community. / / Property taxes may be one of the least perfect ways of collecting taxes and this may contribute to people's ill will about this particular tax but the idea that we can, or should, track specifically where money goes is a bit of nonsense. I do not consider taxes fee-for-service. I do not have any kids in school but I am sure some of my tax dollars pay for the education of school children and we all benefit in many ways from the fact that they are well-educated. Post-G20 I am not that supportive of the police force but I understand that to propose de-funding them or contracting out the service would only serve to make them even less accountable to the citizens of our city. And so on. To sum up - let's not let the reductionists frame the terms of the debate.
223.	Redistribute current funds to match the wants of the citizens. I don't believe the average Torontonians want so much of the city budget going to the police force. Cut their funding and put it to other areas. Or outsource the police department and only fund an overseer - an SIU with teeth - at a fraction of the cost.

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224.	I am not pleased with the design of this survey. Certain city services are over-funded (like police) and others are under-funded. The designers of the survey assume fees or taxes must increase. I prefer re-allocating funding. Also, the survey suggests that contracting out is the only way to reduce costs. A great way to reduce costs of city-provided services is striking better deals with unions. Politicians often negotiate terrible terms for the city when dealing with the unions. The city's "hands" are tied in the long term for short-term political gain. This form does not provide enough space for me to share my wisdom on this front. I would love to have the city provide garbage collection services - on terms that are fair and that recognize the taxpayer's bargaining power. But our bargaining power is wasted by short-sighted politicians, so now we have no choice but to contract-out - although I wonder if the unions won't present some legal challenge to the attempt. Also, I think all TDSB schools should offer before and after school child care services, provided by private businesses. Right now, parents who can afford such services have no options. Yes the City could make money providing programs like these, but if the City can't figure out how, at least a private business should have the opportunity to offer this important service.
225.	Substitute the policemen observing the construction sites with a designated people from the same construction crew OR put a brighter / noticeable fence. \$60/hour for drinking coffee is nonsense.
226.	Increase the cost of water to businesses. This is also acts as an incentive to conserve and reduce waste. Increase parking ticket fees. Increase penalties on environmental infractions and enforce them. Increase the fees related to billboards, and other forms advertising in public spaces. Those are easy ones of the top of my head. The closer we align ourselves with what is needed to maintain a healthy environment the better.

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227.	<p>I often feel that my taxes are fair but my services are under-delivered. Mainly, this stems from the attitude of staff/providers and not from the actual level of service. A better attitude would go a long way to making it easier to stomach either a tax-increase or service cut-backs. / / Additionally, both personal experience and anecdotal evidence tell me that there is potential to find operating/procedural efficiencies which would, in turn lead to staffing efficiencies. I don't mind taxes, I mind waste and arrogance. / / I don't think it would be unreasonable to charge modest user fees for a day at the beach, use of rinks at open skate times, etc. A fee of \$2 per person or \$5 per family seems fair and largely affordable. It would encourage citizens to not take these things for granted and would also generate some revenue for the city. Perhaps this could be done on the honour system with spot checks for enforcement, much the same way conservation areas operate. / / Pronounced user fees/increases could be applied to services which are not required by or of interest too the majority of citizens, or which are required by private corporations. I'm thinking of permit applications, zoning variance requests, off-duty policing/security, use of rinks/sport facilities for organized sporting events and leagues as opposed to open/free/drop-in events... / / Can by-law officers be put to better use? Can parking enforcement? They are already eyes-on-the-street with a knowledge of the city. Maybe they could keep an eye out for and report pot-holes, burnt-out street/security lighting, damaged bus shelters, trash receptacles, etc. so that a more pro-active approach to maintenance could be taken? Perhaps they already do this but if not, there is huge potential for these officers to become stewards of the city. / / Further, I think Mayor Ford or a member of his staff or council suggested that council budgets could be trimmed by having councillors work out of recreation centres and/or other city owned buildings instead of paying rent in privately held buildings. This is highly attainable, requires almost no planning to implement and is an excellent, sensible idea. Go for it! / / Thank you for an excellent survey and the opportunity to contribute to the city I love, despite some frustrating experiences.</p>
228.	Reducing the overbloated wages of City workers, Police, and the TTC workers.
229.	Relentlessly and concertedly lobby the provincial government to reclaim the services they force downloaded to the municipality in 1998. De-amalgamate the City of Toronto.
230.	Negotiate lower costs for police, fire. Eliminate paid-duty service. Move parking ticketing out of police.
231.	The City should protect its unionized workers rather than aim for lower-paying jobs with less security and benefits. Toronto needs well-paid workers.
232.	Take back police raise.

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233.	<p>STOP ALL THE MYOPIC, SELFISH LEFT/ RIGHT WING POSTURING AND THINK ABOUT OUR GRANDCHILDREN'S / TORONTO BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE. EVERY BODY has to pay. Slash the salaries and benefits of all public servants to fit the times, which would bring everybody down by at least 30%, ESPECIALLY the Mayor, all council (more like 45%) and their support staff. They shouldn't even have support staff. Make all businesses pay for themselves. If they can't provide a service that keeps them in business, too bad. SLASH all arts funding. Arts will continue the way they have for unsubsidized millenia, but with less ego and whining. If you can sing, or paint, sing and paint for your neighbourhood in your spare time. And for God's sake, keep the fee for plastic bags as a pathetic little starting point and move quickly to DRASTICALLY increase fees for ANY environmentally damaging practices or uses of materials, in every direction. This includes CARS - the use of cars should be incredibly cost prohibitive (an increase of at least 200% through a CAR TAX in the inner city, as well as drastically increased parking fees and fines). Either dramatically improve TTC and garbage collection customer service or contract it all out. They are spoiled and rude brats. Throw out all the expensive police gadgets and cameras and SLASH the bloated police budgets just as brutally as everything else – we're talking 30% (use some of the savings to retrain them out of the hi-tech black OPS computer game mentality the cops under 40 seems to have been raised with). Above all, do everything we can to dramatically reduce the involvement and influence of large multinational corporations, big government and big union interests in our cities and decentralize by dramatically increasing engagement of community members at the local level so neighbourhoods increasingly decide on important neighbourhood decisions wherever possible - NOT council or city hall. We should all be growing our own food on city streets that are increasingly abandoned by cars. Almost all residential streets should be converted to food production by 2030. If we don't do these kinds of things and all make sacrifices and come together, the generations to come will be cursing our monumental, ideological, self-involved stupidity. /</p>
234.	Stop giving your unions so much money, including the cops.
235.	<p>permit advertising or corporate sponsors for city pools, rinks, parks, ttc, city arts and cultural events, etc. / Stream line road repair and sidewalk repairs. I see new side walks going in on our street only to be dug up a year later to do a different type of work below ground. / Get more money from the federal and provincial governments. / Green more city buildings to save heating and cooling costs. / Tax people driving into the city who work downtown and make use of all the city services, e.g.: fire, public health, EMS, police, water, sewer, but pay nothing to the city as they live outside the city boundaries.</p>
236.	keep close tabs on expenditures - not necessarily only the big ticket items but the "nickel & dime" bits - so much \$ wasted in business/education in supplies - seems small but all adds up.

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237.	Police are necessary for the city. However, the city should use OPP, and thus have the Province of Ontario provide policing. This would save the city a lot of money, and allow it to provide even better service than it does now. / Public transit is the lifeline of the city. It is important to improve transit, both by making it more accessible, and by making it cleaner and safer. This is the area that the city needs to invest the most.
238.	Higher corporate taxes / road tax for inner city vehicles / Higher taxation on large-scale real estate development/condos / reduce infrastructure and affordable housing costs by making them requirements to large-scale building permits / reduce police expenditure / privatize LCBO (I know this is provincial, but maybe in the GTA?) /
239.	For services that are central to your mandate and that affect (or are used by) many residents (such as garbage, water, 311, fire, police, EMS), property taxes should fund these services. For additional services (such as community centres, parks, etc) user fees should fund the services. When the service is directed toward an at risk or disadvantaged group (homeless, seniors, etc), you could use tiered user fees (for example, geared to income or ability to pay), supplemented by property taxes or another source of funding.
240.	We pay taxes and expect a certain level of service. Generally when the city runs the service the city can ensure a particular standard is met. When you give away City assets to community groups or businesses to run a city service you are often left with the City "picking up the pieces" when things go wrong. I strongly feel that service is better and in the end cheaper when the city provides it. (e.g. Hwy 407). I do recognize that not all of the services the City presently runs need to be directly offered by the City. These services include garbage, daycares, tree pruning, snow removal and grants for community groups. City services should include, water quality, transportation, ttc, police, fire and ems, and city run recreation programs, permits and services
241.	I think the City of Toronto should reconsider the Toronto Police pay increase since the City cant afford such a rich pay increase. Increases in salary for City employees should be based on the City's ability to pay for those costs.
242.	The city should take into consideration the long term picture and sustainability of its endeavours. Community, social services, youth services, employment and senior citizens issues all tie into: health and wellbeing (for the sandwich generation to take care of their children not their parents as well), long term education and growth, decrease in negative behaviours (crime, poor health, etc.) and a more equitable society that can make the city a better one overall.
243.	The city should attempt to recoup more of its costs from the G20 from the federal government, look into ways to offset the cost of non-resident use of city infrastructure like roads through entry-tolls, and increase parking costs (reduced car use helps reduce infrastructure expenditures).

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244.	introduce road toll / retain and/or increase land transfer tax / reinstate vehicle registration tax / increase corporate property tax rate (e.g. financial sector) / introduce an inheritance tax / advocate to retain 1% of HST for municipal governments / pursue remuneration for hosting G20 / divest from mounted division of Toronto Police Services / increase productivity of police force (i.e. decrease number of police per capita) / restrict allowable police overtime and police monopoly on providing security to roadwork / get more money from province for TTC, housing and social services
245.	I am really upset by how much money goes to our police budget (particularly the 5 million into double-time for officers directing traffic around construction sites). I want to see the city put more money into creating social equity and recreational and economic well-being, thereby PREVENTING crime and reducing violence, rather than pour money into INTERVENTION and crime management (jailing, court systems, etc...). The more we decrease the gaps between the rich and the poor and ensure that marginalized peoples are provided greater access to quality food, jobs, and opportunities, the less crime we will have. Access to nature/green spaces have also been proven by urban planners to be correlated with less crime, so this is another benefit of thoughtful environmental stewardship. / / Please consider pressing the federal government to reinstate the longer census forms, so that, as a municipality, we can gather more meaningful demographic data and implement more useful policy and funding plans for our city. / / Please protect and ensure that water treatment remains in the city's jurisdiction and is not contracted out, as I do not want the safety of our water to be vulnerable to corporate and for-profit interests, without the appropriate goals and accountability structures in place. I never want to see Toronto go through the kind of crisis that Walkerton experienced. / / Please reinstate invaluable public advisory committees, to best respond to community knowledge and wisdom regarding needs and resources of Toronto.
246.	In thinking about how the City should fund services, it is not just a matter of increasing property tax and user fees. But how the budget is allocated is also taken into consideration. For example, the police service budget has continued to increase over time. Why doesn't the City can allocate this increase to other essential services such as affordable housing or public transportation? Also, other revenue sources than property tax and user fees exist. The City should stand up for getting funding back that have been cut by the Provincial Government or fair distribution of tax revenues. Or based on the City of Toronto Act, the City can increase tax revenues, not tax cut.
247.	Reduce the police budget...crime is on the decline! Install Tolls on DVP and Gardiner and 401.

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248.	<p>I believe that the City should work hard to continue to provide adequate levels of service and quality across the City, particularly in Scarborough where I reside. There is a perception that the quality of services is uneven across the City, and that Scarborough does not receive the same service levels as other parts of the City (e.g. Downtown, North York). Some services (such as garbage disposal and Police) are important but can be delivered in different ways to save money (through contracting out (in the case of waste disposal) or through staggered pay scales for traffic police), but are still ultimately monitored or even still delivered by the City to ensure that quality is high. The most important thing is to ensure that the City has a presence to ensure all services are delivered with high quality. The Province should fund certain services (or at least partial funding) such as public transit, court costs for provincial courts, EMS, police, and fire. People don't mind paying taxes if it means that they are getting value for the dollar and service levels remain the same or increase. The problem and frustration resides in one paying higher taxes yet receiving lower service levels and declining quality in city services. Public transit, roads and other infrastructure, public libraries, community centres, and policing should be the priority of the City, but within reason. City staffing levels should be at such a level that they do not affect the quality of city services. The City can still deliver many of the important services it provides, but deliver them in different ways or obtain partial funding from the Province to lower costs. Parks and the environment should be a priority for the city as green spaces are threatened as development in the City continues to intensify as we are more and more built-out. Incentives (related to toilet replacements and water usage) recently cancelled should be reinstated and better run to save money.</p>

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249.	<p>I think that it is important to, in part, concentrate not on where the new money will come from, but to review and reflect on how the money that is there is currently being used. / / What builds a city, one that is prosperous, diverse and respected, is not greater police presence. It is not more parking lots. / / These things are of course important to a degree. But what builds a real city that works is investment in communities. Investing in community run initiatives and projects is the best (and often cheapest) way to improve and sustain a healthy city. It often costs very little to run these projects, with great and lasting benefit to communities and their inhabitants. Of course there are a great many of these that need funding. I respect that it is not the best of economic times. But arts, and community, and heritage, and our children - concentrating on these build cities that people can live in. A city that not just runs efficiently, but operates with respect for its citizens. A city that recognizes that all people, if given half a chance, want to contribute what they can and make a positive difference in their own lives, and the lives of those around them. In saying this, we must remember that, although absolutely important, there are other ways to make a positive difference in someone's life than by giving them a job. / / So here is how you should fund services: fund the arts. Fund communities. Fund programs like community gardens and senior in-home services. Fund low-income housing projects, and shelters. / / When you fund these things, the city will naturally grow and prosper. Help people to help themselves - and they will. Make the city a beautiful place to live in with an activity community presence in all areas - and crime will go down. Expand art programs and fund artists - and they will help with the beautification process, help to turn around downtrodden areas, and uplift lives when that uplifting is needed most. Fund literacy programs, and don't make overly rigid and baseless demands for accountability - let them do what they do best, and people will learn, and again, they will help themselves. Fund seniors at home - and save thousands upon thousands when they are not forced to move into a senior retirement or long-term care facility, and even more when they are encouraged to remain contributing members of their community. Fund community gardens and education programs and realize that people with low-income need the chance to help themselves retain healthy eating habits, often rendered impossible by food bank handouts and money consumed by rent and clothing. Save money in the long run, again - drains on the health system and a generation of malnourished children. / / There are dozens of studies that show of these things, and people like Jane Jacobs who have gone absolutely blue in the face trying to explain it. / / Not that anyone is listening now, but I add my voice to hers and others like her. Maybe one day we'll be heard.</p>

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250.	charge a user fee for stop lights in between intersections when it provides service to a mall or business. / a property tax on second parking spots at condos / a surcharge on vehicles towed from commuter routes at rush hour. / parking permits for the whole city / a surcharge on swimming pool construction and an annual fee / explore shipping waste to green lane and organics by rail / explore the possibility of burying hydro corridors and the developing the area above ground for residential or industrial uses. / install water meters on all buildings and new condos have individual unit meters / pressure the province to reinstate deposit return on all beverage bottles glass or other materials. Introduce a deposit on motor oil, but returned to customers upon return of used oil. / replace police on traffic duty with parking and traffic control officers further replace police with city works staff controlling traffic at accidents or fire and special events(parades or runs and other such events. / remove old factories converted to places of worship from tax exemption. / reintroduce promoting city staff to management from within. / return downloaded services back to the province. /
251.	Most of Mayor Ford's decisions need to be revisited. Roll back the police increase. Stop the \$65 per hour ripoff.
252.	A fee for vehicle registration might help to fund TTC improvements. / / The city has a host of other revenue generation tools at its disposal thanks to the City of Toronto Act. Use them. / / Increase taxes paid for commercial billboards. / / Charge utilities penalties for poor quality reconstruction of city infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, etc.) following utility repairs. / Charge developers penalties for inconveniencing residents and businesses during development (noise, road/sidewalk/bike lane closures, dirt/dust & poor air quality) to ensure projects are completed quickly and with minimal impact on quality of life. / / Increase development charges. / / Raise property taxes. / / Cut the police budget. / / Increase tourism by ensuring roads and sidewalks are in a decent state of repair and that construction inconveniences are mitigated and coordinated so that Toronto isn't so bloody ugly. / / Lobby the federal and provincial governments for more funding. /
253.	There are no "city run" theatres. Whoever put together this survey has no clue about our community or its structure. Cut the police budget. That's where the real gravy is.
254.	reduce cost of police, firefighting services
255.	Instead of raising user fees and taxes, focus on reducing expenses of top 6 city expenses (Police, TTC, Fire, Shelter, etc. Especially Police (we do not need police officers to supervise road work or provide security), and TTC. The TTC needs to become more automated like every other industrialized city transit system. It is possible to keep service levels constant or better and reduce costs.
256.	Yes, the way the police service are is that there is no transparency, they are given permission to behave however they want without any accountability. Spending on so many cameras is unnecessary.

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257.	City needs to evaluate its infrastructure and who delivers some of these services. Employment for life need to be re-evaluated. Police officers directing traffic, funeral, etc, paying for dry cleaning of uniforms. I know people who "sell" their vouchers - abuse.
258.	US cities have fired all cops. Fire the police to save \$700 million, contract out to save taxes. Cops are not going after the gangs. Violent criminals 24/7, cops are doing racial profiling against minorities not against many criminals. Police is most expensive, stop paying cops \$10,000. Fire executives from the most expensive depts.
259.	Efficiencies- some services are over-funded, esp. police services (25% of taxes paid). Reduce the # of police officers, no paid-duty overtime. Crime prevention through other community services instead of police. Collect garbage every two weeks and improve waste diversion.
260.	cut back on number of police / vehicle registration tax (reintroduce) / fewer consultants / fewer meetings of staff, less red tape, less bureaucratic stuff, more front-line staff
261.	Generally I prefer user fees over tax increases if there can be competitive service providers, Police Services should be non-competitive and funded on the income tax base. Consider an employment tax on all employees who work in the city whether they live here or not.
262.	set limits on growth of population (levy on outsiders) / set user fees on essential services such as police, fire, ems if abused / charge more to businesses that produce more garbage / user fees for library services by annual membership fee, make late borrowers pay bigger fines and charge full replacement cost to borrowers that lose or deface books
263.	city should curb the funding to police. off-duty officers cost a lot of money to do other un-police related jobs i.e. keeping an eye on road work etc. they should be replaced by less expensive security personnel
264.	Freeze council salaries for 4 yrs / Freeze police officers wages / Donate bonus / Fund raise
265.	Higher property taxes. Reduce police budget and redistribute money. Less money on Exhibition Place, Nathan Phillips Square.
266.	Road tolls to fund public transit / Reduce off paid duty police services / Re-instate vehicle registration tax / lobby to receive 1% of HST sales tax / Advocate for more money from federal/provincial govt's esp. childcare, transit, affordable housing
267.	make/increase fines on dilapidated buildings/apartments / fine police officers for talking on their cell phones
268.	Reduce police budget and operating costs
269.	Donate bonus / fund raise / Freeze councillor wages / freeze officer wages (police force)

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270.	The mayor and budget committee's decision to use all the surplus funds and reserve from the prior year's budget will put the city in a bind in the next budget year. The best way to fund to services is a mix or primarily property tax increases and in some ways user fees. This is a reality that we have to deal with. The cancellation of the vehicle registration tax was short sighted and savings from not having police officers present during construction sites was there for the taking.
271.	The City needs to investigate income-based taxes. The Vehicle Registration Tax should come back -- it was the same as a tank or a tank-and-a-half of gas -- if you can't afford an extra tank of gas per year, you can't afford a vehicle. Also, the City and the residents need to work with other levels of government to appropriately fund public transit, policing for major events, administration of welfare, social housing, etc. / / We all benefit from a well-administered urban environment that takes care of residents (NOT tax-payers or citizens, residents) and helps everyone to feel valued and included.
272.	hire the security guards at \$12/ hr, they don't need guns, get rid of gas guzzling ford, Harley-Davidson cop cars, 1 cop per car 24/7, fire 1/2 cops and replace with security guards as cops drive around aimlessly, they don't need \$100000 to drive around
273.	Look at how the services are being provided and see if there are easier/cheaper ways to run things. Get the Province to pay more. Reduce expenditure on Police traffic management.
274.	Reduce city employees pay and benefits, cut down their numbers, particular the police.
275.	By investing in neighbourhood services and communities, long term issues such as poverty leading to despair, drug use and violence can be reduced. Short term thinking can lead to problems for the City down the road.
276.	cuts to the police forces. cuts to the court system
277.	Reduce the cost of policing. Reduce Police bloated wages, TTC bloat wages, City Staff fat union wages need to be reduced to reflect the economic reality the rest of the people in the City live with every day. Much savings can be had by scaling back wages and benefits like everyone else has had to do over the last 20 years.
278.	This survey is helpful to a point, but is not focused upon how we're spending our big dollars, ie. where is the relevance in asking about user fees for general police services?
279.	ND INSIDE CITY TAX / RAISE TAXES / CUT THE POLICE BUDGET BY 20 % / RESCIND THE LAME SALARY INCREASES GIVEN BY THE GRAVY TRAIN IN A NEW NAME - / NO MORE 2 OFFICERS IN CARS FOR EXAMPLE / NO MORE OVERTIME ABUSES /
280.	The City should negotiate with the provincial government to receive more funding for services. Another useful way to raise funds might be to impose harsher financial penalties on things such as violating traffic laws, failing fire safety inspections, etc.

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281.	The city does need to find new, creative ways of generating revenue. This includes options like congestion pricing - those driving in to the city core should have to pay a fee. those monies should go directly toward transit funding. At the same time, contracting out services like garbage collection or parking services must be considered. A review of some city-provided services -specifically the Toronto Zoo, city recreational facilities, should be looked at. Most importantly, labour costs must be curbed. Toronto police officers awarding themselves a 11.5 per cent wage hike over the next four years is exactly the kind of thing the city must avoid. Given the city's current financial situation, a contract like that is reprehensible in every way. Making the TTC an essential service will also not help this situation. Pay for public workers has to be indexed in some way to the state of the city's finances, formally or not.
282.	There is not enough in this about services that should be CUT. For example - WHY are there city employed policemen at every construction site? This costs millions of dollars and there is very little evidence it is providing safety. The construction companies should provide and pay for their own traffic management individual. That money should be put towards transit instead.
283.	More community services mean less children idling about and getting into trouble which would mean less cops of the streets which would mean we wouldn't need to have so many cops on pay roll, unlike the current iterative cycle of doom the Conservative government has presented. We get charged extra fees while the squander the money away on meetings and planning ? The City is doomed if we don't stop overcharging for every service. Many people like me, have just enough to get by and aren't able to enjoy life at all.
284.	stop giving the police raises. put more services online to decrease FTE demand. make use of volunteer organizations. collect on unpaid parking tickets! reduce city council salary. find ways to profit on organic waste.
285.	While all of the city's 28 service areas may be valuable, there are components within each of these categories that are of lesser value. Those low value service components should be eliminated or reduced. For example, while police officers are essential to investigate crime, it is not necessary to pay them to stand guard at construction projects or appear in court for minor parking violations.
286.	Upload health, housing and court policing to Province. (good luck!)

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287.	I know it's hard to wrap our heads around the big budget deficit we have at the moment, but if we don't invest in the programs that make our city great and instead we focus on cutting the budget, these programs will be affected. I would rather pay more taxes and user fees and know that I have access to amazing libraries my family (from my five year old son to my 90 year old great grandmother-in-law) as well as ALL families in Toronto can use, community centres for all sorts of activities, beautiful public parks we can relax in, accessible public transit for everyone in the city, beautiful trees that increase our property values and environmental programs that help engage communities in meaningful ways. I want the city to invest in our fellow Torontonians who need financial help so that younger generations living in more vulnerable parts of our city will eventually be able to contribute in amazing ways to society ... and will help to reduce crime rate ... and so we will need less police officers ... and so we will save money in the long run... just one little example of how if we invest in all our great programs now, we will all be paid back!
288.	1) Reduce the size of City Council from 45 to 23 and the corresponding support services. Re-assign support staff wherever humanly possible. / 2) Increase managerial efficiency by reducing the total number of management personnel in City departments, agencies, boards and commissions. Re-direct the money to frontline staff members AND the services that they provide. / 3) Discontinue the practice of off-duty paid duty for police officers as this is an unnecessary extravagance.
289.	Institute road tolls gto fund public transit - great idea / reduce pay of off-duty police services / reinstate the vehicle registration tax / Lobby to receive 1% of the HST sales tax / advocate for more money from the federal and provincial governments
290.	the city needs to stop footing the bill for things that other levels of government should be contributing for. It makes me sad and angry that the TTC takes up almost a fifth of the city's operating budget and it is not even worth it - the TTC is expensive and inefficient. Make the provincial government take some ownership and stop trying to fund with private investors - privatization of public transit has been proven in many major cities around the world to be a mistake. Maybe the TTC would be cheaper to run if they were not being paid such ridiculously high salaries for what they do. / / I am also disappointed in council's decision to keep funding for police for "extra curricular" activities. There is no need on this planet for there to be two uniformed police officers "guarding" an open man hole cover which is being worked on by a crew of 4 with big road blocks and signage. I don't understand it, do they need protecting? Why are they there? talk about a waste of my tax dollars (1/4 of them to police services actually, and I'm sure 50% of that is for these overtime side projects which a pylon could do with the same efficiency).

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291.	Yes, services are going to cost more ever year, but they do not have to outpace inflation and the City's own revenue growth. This survey ignores cost reductions. Is there any reason the Police should be getting such a massive, and undeserved, increase in wages? No. How about the City focus on reducing costs and the number of people it employs. The same level of service could be provided with far fewer people, if the City would only invest in technology.
292.	Reduce administrative costs, cut freebies like city cars, reduce numbers of 'managers' of departments, reduce police budget by using citizens, signs on construction projects instead of paying police officers overtime to stand around a hole in the street, consult public on a regular basis for ideas
293.	Reduce the salaries of all city councillors by 20% and make all members of council accountable for overspending. Bonuses should be reduced to 0 and all city employees should pay for their own lunch and parking. Increase fines for littering and parking violations as well as service fees for residents of wealthy areas of the city. Increase taxes for waterfront properties and increase fines for companies that pollute our lakes and air. If your business requires extra policing and city resources you should be billed a surcharge of 15%. All city services should be accountable by posting budget reports and services on-line. With power comes great responsibility -- managers at city hall should be responsible for their employees and accountable for the actions of those they hire...not the other way around. Services that bring in revenue to the city should never be privatized. If the motive of the private sector is profit then it stands to reason that only services that are profitable will be privatized. Selling the cities resources will not reduce our expenses. Be fair and honest and the future will reward you.
294.	I don't understand why we didn't freeze the police budget. Yes, they're a vital service and do a good job, but they're one of the largest line items and by all accounts crime is going down. And I'm still bothered by the death of transit city. People living in central Toronto were really looking forward to a true increase in public transit and it was already planned and budgeted for.
295.	There is no mention of potential revenue streams for example I would support tolls on major roads in and out of the City. I also support the vehicle registration fee. Why are these options not on the list? / / I also believe that some harmonizing may be possible between EMS, Fire and Police - why do 3 trucks, cruisers and ambulance show up at a relatively minor call? / / Thanks.
296.	Be creative about revenue generation options, including recognizing the value and job creation opportunities provided by investments in the Portlands and Lower West Donlands infrastructure improvements.. Lobby to return some of the items that were downloaded onto the city by the province. Prevention is better than cure in the case of policing - more investment in community means lower policing costs long-term. Investigate successful international models for transportation - one card for bus bike train and taxi, and perhaps even a private enterprise component - small flexible tickey taxis (South African model) to supplement bus services.

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297.	I think this survey does not provide participants adequate response options for determining whether a city service should be invested in (i.e. higher quality) or whether it should reduce its costs. Increasing a service's budget does not proportionally correlate to an increase in quality. It is unfair to present the options in this manner and it will skew the results of the outcome. / / As far as how services should be managed these response options are also not adequate. Currently there are many services that are managed through a blend of city-run and private company run services. To force the participant to choose one option or another ignores the current state of the system. / / Finally, how the City should fund its services. I think that the City should neither rely on property taxes or user fees as both are regressive forms of taxation. The City should have access to sales or income tax to fund its services.
298.	reduce police funding, privatize some police and emergency services.
299.	I feel that the level of services has dropped in the City of Toronto over the past many years because there is reluctance to increase user fees and/or property taxes for political reasons. Although I don't want to fund misspending, I do want all Torontonians to for excellent services. We talk about being a world class city but I drive my car over uneven roads and watch other unchecked motorists behave badly, I step over litter on sidewalks and in the subway and I watch drug deals happen in the streets of our neighbourhoods where no police presence is found and I wonder what has happened to our great city. If people are not willing to pay the price to live in Toronto then they should find a city with substandard services in which to live.
300.	The people pay taxes to pool our resources so that we all have equal access to city services. Privatization of any of our facilities or services should not be an option. Ford's promise to "stop the gravy train" should include cutting back high salaries and rooting out inappropriate spending and other misuses of taxpayers collective money. THE CITY IS NOT A BUSINESS! We elect officials to represent out best interests and ensure the quality of life of Torontonians rises. Historical sites like Casa Loma belong to everyone and cannot be taken away no matter the cost. The Toronto Zoo is a staple of Toronto culture. It is a crucial service for educating our children and youth. Water, the TTC, and Garbage pick up are services that we need and should be kept under public control so we can monitor the services closely and enforce safety regulations.
301.	By properly allocating taxes and funds for social services not wasting money on ridiculous and gratuitous spending on salaries of the higher ups. We need to start prioritizing our investments in the city and not pander to fear mongers who want to increase security, policing and the like instead of looking at long term solutions to poverty, homelessness and mental health issues.
302.	cut the insane salaries of police and city councillors. share the wealth

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303.	Lobby provincial and federal government to fund social programs especially for new immigrants (federal responsibility) / Claw back salary increases for Police Services and limit amount of overtime police officers are permitted to take on. / Cancel the Finch subway idea and return to the original plan which was more cost effective
304.	reduce amount paid to police services
305.	Continue to fund Health and Social Services. They prevent future problems unlike the Police. HIV/AIDS, Hep C, STIs, and lack of shelters/affordable housing create more death/suffering than all crime put together. Far greater people died because of these issues than murder and they are highly preventable. Needle exchange programs specifically save lives and prevent the spread of disease.
306.	Reduce unnecessary programmes. For example, stop trying to control tree removal from private property. Stop providing free trees (if this programme is still in effect). / / Charge fees for summer programmes that reflect those in the private sector - keep it cheap for low-income families only. / / Consider the cost of flowers in parks - fewer annuals and more perennials would make sense. / / Consider more group TTC fares. The TTC is so expensive that it is usually cheaper for two couples to drive and park rather than take the TTC for an evening out. / / I'm an avid library user but would accept a minor reduction in hours to reduce employment costs over time. Opening an hour later wouldn't reduce public access significantly. / / TDSB and Parks and Recreation courses are well-attended but lack choice and expertise in many areas. Could higher level, specialty adult programming be a revenue opportunity for the City? I would pay more for an excellent seminar series on certain topics. There are underutilized facilities in our schools (music rooms, woodworking shops, etc.). / / I do some contract work for Toronto Public Health and discovered that the computers must be left on 24 hours a day in order to accommodate IT updates. Is there another way to meet this need that would end this energy-wasting practice? / / Toronto Public Health sexual health clinics deliver services that, if provided in a private office, could be billed to OHIP, the federal refugee programme, or to 3rd party insurers (foreign students with university private plans). I believe there is a benefit in having the City provide these services (improved access to certain groups) but the source of funding should be reviewed. There is an arrangement to get provincial funds for STD services but not for any contraception services. Why does OHIP pay when I give a student contraceptive advice in her university medical centre but, if she goes to a City clinic, Toronto foots the bill. Likewise, private insurers and the Federal Government would pay if our services were provided in a walk-in clinic. / / I hope the new subway cars are being bought only to replace cars that are not worth maintaining any longer. If the whole "fleet" is being replaced, this has been an unforgivable waste of money. We need money to be spent on keeping the system running. I can't count the number of times I've been late for work (and lost income as a result) because of "signal problems". / / STOP PAYING POLICE FOR JOBS THAT DON'T REQUIRE THEIR EXPERTISE!!! Others can and should perform those functions.
307.	Can we reduce policing costs? Crime is going down!

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308.	stop spending \$ on traffic calming measures / have an in depth financial review of police budget and how resources are allocated between front line and management / eliminated mounted police / stop funding discretionary programmes such as art, community and cultural groups / province should pay for and administer all court, welfare, homeless, low cost housing and care for aged programmes
309.	I have no problem paying more in either User Fees or Property Taxes ONLY after the City significantly reduces its cost of operations and gets it under control by delivering necessary services cost effectively. Overtime and Benefits can be reduced in various ways for example although the budget documents do not itemize these that I could find. TPS is the obvious area where cost reductions could be gained. Hire security guards to monitor road construction for example. Demand the province pick up 100% of Court Services security now and not in 5 years. Other suggestions: Eliminate the Toronto Atmospheric Fund (\$2.2M); Theatres should be 100% self funding; review public housing stock and sell of buildings such as Humberline Drive to the private sector; Reduce IT expenditure easily by 10%; eliminate the "Culture" from Economic Development and Culture agency;
310.	Basically the city of Toronto needs to realize its a city. it's priorities should be business, transportation. arts and garbage disposal. if people don't like these things they should move to the suburbs. We deserve a low fare based transportation system with a proper subway system downtown not above dupont. A queen subway will do it as well. the queen street car needs to go. We need leaders who support the arts - because this is what makes a city amazing. We need a police service people trust and admire- like in NYC. Toronto after the horrific G20 event made many distrust the police and this city is at an all time low. Harper is not helping fix this at all- oh if the city could fire him that would be great:)
311.	I support a strong and vibrant city that recognizes the need to invest in public health, health promotion, supports for vulnerable residents...all of which will contribute to the continued reduction in crime, and the other health and social problems that come from poverty and a failure to invest in people and communities. City governments DO have a role to play beyond roads and public transit, and that is to invest in vulnerable neighbourhoods and communities, to promote equity that will see an overall reduction in health and social and policing costs over time. We should not cut AIDS and Drug Use prevention grants, public health funds, or city services designed to assist poor, elderly, newcomers, and other members of our community who are vulnerable to problems as a result of circumstances. We should assist people to improve their quality of life and the quality of our neighbourhoods.

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312.	Instead of looking to increase funding of the city by taxing or charging the citizen, explore funding from the government of Canada. Don't you think it's more important to help Canadian citizens instead of donating \$30,000 to Chernobyl, donating thousands of dollars to Haiti or even the worst of it all, paying millions of dollars for the G20 so that leaders don't have to reduce their standard of living and someone in the Canadian govt makes huge revenues from this deal???!!! Worse of all G20 and G8 are useless talks and don't lead to anything. Stop increasing the cost of living of individuals and let big businesses assist with this!!! It's not fair...
313.	Be very careful in your ultimate analysis. I fear black and white thinking will not cover the many gray areas and make things too either or (e.g. it's funded only if you pay for it - there should be a legitimate means test for those who just can't pay). As well, I think it very unwise to use the adage "managing like a business" for services that aren't really business but obligations under law. In these cases suck it up and pay for it but run it as efficiently as you can.
314.	Increase uploading to the province; / Force the province and feds to pay for policing costs for national and provincial functions; / Increase development charges; but modify development charges to increase family housing
315.	Fiscal strength must be regained. / Establish a 3 yr plan to eliminate deficit and build up reserves. / How? expenditures - freeze all expenditures. reduce expenditures on all but services which are deemed essential. / Revenues - Establish new fees or taxes that will NOT be placed into general city coffers but instead eliminate debt and establish reserve fund. perhaps a city tax on entertainment (tickets), hotel rooms, special levy on property tax, special development levy. These extra charges would occur by law for only a 3 year period and be placed in a separate, special account. After 3 years, review again and invest only in areas which are deemed important. I feel public will pay more if the extra revenue is separated and invested. /
316.	Your scales were not always applicable...Libraries for example should be simply axed. Fire services we over pay. Police are highly inefficient. Do Cops have to do all the paper work etc. We pay way too much for these services how come they never get audited with an eye on a more efficient system.

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317.	No, I do wonder why in the winter we have sidewalk plows, every citizen in Toronto (Exclude seniors) is and should be responsible for shovelling their own walkways. I myself clear neighbours and seniors walks in my area while others never do until the city comes along in these walk plows and basically covers the walks of the people that BY LAW cleared there owe. I would like to know how much this costs the city when they (THE CITY) shouldn't even be issuing such a service. / / Our roads and sewage systems are a mess only because of our city neglect and thoughtless planning when these issues should have been looked after YEARS ago, not until they break or are untravelable, not foresight in our city planning or councillor's....this wait till it breaks attitude AS TO CHANGE and fast. / / Seems our EMS and TFS have fallen in rakes according to how we issue monies, equipment, services and staff and only our TPS seems to get the equipment, staff and monies to do there job, these are three VERY IMPORTANT services needed/required in a city such as ours and not one should have priority over the other when monies are needed to provide such a service. / / We as a city are over staffed and this includes our councillor's, we should recheck our boundries and lower our staff/councillor's. / / Lastly maybe we should look at other cities such as Mississauga and how they provide services to the city, haven't heard of many complaints or strikes there, this is your job for the week, get it done and no overtime
318.	This survey did not allow one to determine if a particular area should be supported at all. In policing and ems no option allowed for a reduction of services (particularly supervisory). A bit of a framing exercise and did not allow enough options apart form increasing taxes or farming out to private sector.
319.	Decrease Police Services salaries/overtime. Charge user fees. Increase parking fees. Road tolls. Charge a tax for vehicles entering the city core area.
320.	Policing in this city costs too much - cut that and you have more money to spend. I would start there in terms of cuts. / There are also efficiencies to be had. For example if the gas company is ripping up the street to put in new mains... why don't you do the water, sewer etc. at the same time. Look at Millwood Drive at Bayview... it was ripped up and covered up more times than necessary. Again this is an example of spending more but saving money b/c it is smart spending.
321.	The City should look at the Police budget more carefully and compare it to that of other cities, especially with regards to wages
322.	make sure vulnerable population get proper services, make sure every resident in Toronto has equal access to "essential services" such as health, education, housing, and safety.
323.	Cut the big expenses...Police services are a joke we don't need what the police say we do...

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324.	1) Toll roads on dvp, 401, 400 and lakeshore and then directly improve ttc. / 2) Traffic police should be privatized. / 3) Reduce police wages or reduce staff or reduce vehicle use and increase bicycle use of police / 4) Tax provincial and federal initiatives/companies/organizations / 5) There is a lot of revenue to be made from TTC! So few stores in the ttc!
325.	I think Unions are important. That said, there needs to be some sort of salary cap engineered into a contract. A TTC wicket operator should NOT be earning more than a primary school Teacher, I do not care how long they have been on the job. Cost of Living increases should be double inflation. And that should be tempered with a salary cap. \$100,000K a year for operating a ticket wicket is OUTRAGEOUS.
326.	City government should stick to core services i.e. police, fire, EMS, public health, water treatment distribution and sewer collection and treatment, roads and TTC city planning and zoning, key parks and care for the most vulnerable first and foremost. This must be financed by property taxes or user fees or a combination. For business development, cultural and heritage activities, city councillors should be advocates but consider alternative financing - private public partnerships, donations, etc. It is important for the City to hold onto to its asset base - i.e. its property but it can contract out or lease them out or their administration. e.g. example street parking spaces, Toronto Zoo, Also needs to be more creative with its existing properties such as leasing out actual or air space above subway stns, parking garages. / /
327.	Reduce costs at the source, for example, require that new buildings and retrofits are at least Carbon Neutral if not Regenerative; require a payment from developers for dedicated, curbed bicycle lanes; reduce property taxes for those who invest in alternative energy sources such as solar; reduce property taxes for those who invest in a green roof; set up programs in neighbourhoods that are at risk to help them improve the area themselves and reduce crime; educate the public and children at school about a healthy lifestyle and how it can benefit them; etc.
328.	The police budget is outrageous with crime decreasing everywhere. Massive cuts to the administration of the police (open up most of its budget), and remove police from standing at construction sites and many other activities that could be done by lower paid and specialized city workers. This is the single largest budget item.
329.	Do not pay so much to the police and fire departments. They are overpaid, especially the fire department.
330.	Outsource all non-essential services, sell Toronto Water, Hydro and other assets. Contract out all supporting services: i.e. facilities, security, cleaning, etc...
331.	The police budget is huge! Reduce the number of police. Do not give first time employees full benefits, instead hire officers on a casual basis. We do this in the hospitals for nurses. The provincial government has dramatically increased the number of nurses in the province, but how many of them have full time contracts with benefits? Why can't we do the same things for police officers?

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332.	Increasing efficiency and innovation of delivery of services is the tougher, but better option - we don't need higher user fees, or property tax increases. / / Salaries and benefits of City service providers should be kept at average levels (NOT ABOVE AVERAGE). / / City service providers should not be able to bank sick days - the labour policies should for these workers should be in line with industry standards. / / Furthermore, City police should not be able to work freelance while in uniform without paying city income tax.
333.	Spending more money on policing is not the way to go. Give your citizens options to thrive, create. Steer them away from trouble. / Our police force needs better training on how to function more efficiently, as well as more humanely. There is no other sector where a person can waltz out of high school, get some diploma and walk into such a high paying, and high profile job.
334.	When police officers give out tickets- the money that people pay to the government should have options into where we can distribute our towards. example if someone gets a ticket for \$20.00 and that person wants to pay it there should be an option of where the person money should go such as social service, road work, etc- so we know that our money is going towards something.
335.	This was a poor survey, too long and confusing. / / Community consultations should be promoted to the public instead of only just keeping on a website. / / The city should fund all services that increase the health and safety of its citizens.
336.	Stop hiring new police.
337.	Toronto city councillors should lobby the federal and provincial governments to tax corporations more, not average citizens, and to cut and cap the inflated bonuses and pay packages corporate executives receive. Expenses for existing services should not be pushed onto users. The city should also lobby the province to cut and cap the six-figure salaries of public workers such as hospital ceos (some who earn more than \$500K) and hydro / Ontario Power Generation executives. The millions saved from that gravy should cover the services the vulnerable people and working stiffs of Toronto should have. / / I resent having to rank whether police and fire is more important than services to seniors, services for the disabled, animal welfare, clean water, affordable housing, or access to public spaces or access to libraries. That's ridiculous! They are all important in different ways and should not be ranked on the same scale. / / And "don't know" as a response is not the same things as "don't care."
338.	The City should upload services such as Housing, Policing, Fire etc to the Province. If this cannot be done, under NO CIRCUMSTANCES should they be privatized

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339.	I am concerned that the company the City hired to develop this survey is a USA company. I can't believe that the City of Toronto could not source this service in Toronto. I'd be curious how much it cost the City to set up this survey. I am also concerned that the way the questions are framed makes the choices to be either that :a)the city provides the service; or b) the services are contracted out. Why are the questions so narrowly framed. There are non-profit agencies that are a vital part of service delivery. There is also a gap in the framing of how services should be paid for. The choices are property taxes or user fees. I am a home owner and am happy that my property taxes go to services like affordable housing, shelter for homeless people, fire services, police services, 311, community centres and services for children, youth and vulnerable adults. I don't like that we give tax breaks to big business.
340.	Deal with these ridiculous union rules (e.g.. garbage collectors, police off duty pay, etc)
341.	Some questions refer to user fees from homeless, the poor, etc. Obviously you cannot collect user fees from someone who is broke. In these cases, perhaps the City needs to dissuade these people from staying in the City. Give them the Alberta solution. A bus ticket out of here. Establish a maximum amount of aid per person per period. After that, cut them off and offer a bus ticket to their destination of choice and let another city take over for their share. Perhaps some kind of City Lotto or demand a share of the proceeds that the OLG takes in. A lot of their revenues come from Toronto residents yet we never hear of where in Toronto the OLG directs its funds.
342.	City run lotteries and casinos; additional user fees for vehicles not registered within toronto city limits including road tolls especially incoming at border areas of city; contributions from GTA who would benefit from TTC moving close to their borders. / Expand parking authority to become Traffic authority to issue tickets for parking, cross roads infractions and directing traffic and dealing with construction sites. This would free up police for policing duties and reduce the need for numbers of higher paying police positions which would be replaced by lower cost traffic enforcers. Reduce the use of overtime through contracts and regulations to an acceptable percentage of salary costs.

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343.	Even out the burden of user fees. Transit riders pay for roads (taxes) and transit (fees), but car drivers only pay the taxes. This means that transit riders are subsidising vehicle owners: make the levy of service charges EVEN AND FAIR. Start tolling roads, for example. The City should also take a responsible, non-dogmatic approach to public sector contracts. Everybody's service is valuable and wage differentials are already built-in to existing contracts. An even rate of increase is therefore easily implemented, for it doesn't disturb the original wage differential that reflects council's prioritisation of services. The police does not deserve a larger increase than EMS, or than the TTC, etc.. Be fair, be even, and these problems go away. / / One final thing: the dominant sect in council must abandon this phoney "low taxes or death" mantra. There is a difference between collecting taxes and robbing somebody. We need to pay for the things we use, and sabotaging the city's revenue stream so to provide a justification for reducing services isn't fiscal responsibility: it's ideological nonsense.
344.	I think that the city should look more in - depth on the rate that police are being paid to stand out front of construction sites - also look at wasteful spending like the Toronto Zoo who has actually seen shortfalls in the last couple of years and look in - depth on the spending at TTC - an example - I have seen 3 to 4 busses all in a line running the same route - that is wasted gas
345.	The transit system has become unsafe. It would be important to increase security measures.
346.	Congestion tax. / Reduce Police Budget & look for efficiencies within it. / Road Tolls. /
347.	Pay down the debt - reduce those costs. / Bring Back the vehicle registration tax but spend the money on road repairs. / Tax those awful billboards to pay for graffiti clean up. / Close the Waterfront Planning organization / Bring in \$2 Road tolls to enter on the DVP - QEW and 427 / Reduce police costs, hold the line on wage increases.
348.	Toronto should get more funding from higher levels of government than at present, to better reflect the amount of revenue derived from Toronto. This applies particularly to big ticket infrastructure development and to social services delivered by the city.
349.	The city should introduce road tolls. So many resources go towards paying for costs created by cars and driving (roads and highways, space wasted on parking, fixing infrastructure damaged by cars, police for traffic enforcement, emergency services to respond to auto accidents, foregone revenues from reduced transit use, health problems caused by smog, injuries and obesity, encouraging sprawl that makes the City less tourist-friendly, increased water run-off from more paved surfaces, lost productivity from congestion, etc.). Drivers should start paying their fair share. / / The city should repeal tax grabs like the land transfer tax. / /

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350.	Reduce Police salaries - overtime. Stopping the Gravy Train did NOT mean reducing Social Services - it meant stop making salary increases until the budget is balanced. Our salaries (bankers) are hardly increasing even with our large profits being made so why is the City paying more for police officers and their overtime when the City has so much DEBT
351.	I think the police budget needs to be looked at in an objective way. I am very supportive of the police, but am dismayed as their budget rises every year at a rate greater than the overall budget, all while crime rates are falling. I didn't feel that this survey allowed me to get this point across.
352.	I think the City needs to correct it's own backyard before looking at cutting services.....To cut someone's job out and then give a Manager a bonus for contracting out a job is a joke.....How can you sleep at night when the council gets a bonus and perks while other people lose jobs.....Fix your own bloated Officer first and maybe the rest is easier to sell. / Having overpaid Politician preach restraint only to find they got a level 4 bonus is insane.....How do you expect to sell it. / It will be made public the pay system Politicians use to get raises when telling the public they took a freeze.....Do you think people are stupid.....ENOUGH ! The waste at City hall is a complete joke and yet you cry about everyone else. / Do as I say not as I do.....Should be the city motto.
353.	If property taxes have to be increased in order to maintain essential services such as policing and EMS as well as ensuring that we care for the most vulnerable sectors of our population, then so be it.
354.	Could look at bulk purchases ; / support only one public school system - not two.. / raise business/corporate taxes; we have some of the lowest corporate taxes in the western world. / impose road tolls; / increase gasoline taxes and dedicate this to increasing public transport / invest in alternative energy sources and create more jobs and thus gain more taxes / unmalgamate; the City was never in a deficit position until amalgamation was imposed. / increase Provincial and Federal grants/refunds to the City. / reduce number of police; the crime rates are way down. / reduce level of salaries for police; introduce efficiencies. Twice as much of my property taxes go to police than to TTC - far too much. Prevention is more important than cure.
355.	1. Congestion (road) charges, 2. restore vehicle tax 3. Avoid high cost & maintenance subways and build surface lrt, 4. Optimize senior govt. funding by being more co-operative & work with other cities 5. Stop providing free parking for municipal employees (City Hall, police, schools..) & turning large school sites into sprawling one-story police stations.
356.	replace at least part of property taxes with a sales tax or some other tax such as a user fee for workers who work in City but commute to it in a single occupant car. / for example, if a city worker such as police or fire lives outside the city, force him to use public transit or charge a fee/lower pay. /

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357.	Compared to other cities in the GTA, our tax rate is lower. Property tax increases are inevitable. As long as the tax payer can see his/her's monies being used, for example...road maintenance, then that would go along way. Trim the Police services budget, place a freeze on new hires with in the city, and that should help ease the burden. Privatizing anything that moves, will come back to haunt us down the road.
358.	The city should focus on running the city and get out of extras, fair and cultural events and get its nose out of Provincial and federal jurisdictions. Focus on the long term of building subways -not lrt's. Improve Police/Fire/EMS, Fix the roads, clean the parks.
359.	do not give a pay raise to police
360.	Quit taking from the taxpayers pockets and try taking from their own pockets. Eliminate overtime for police guarding ridiculous construction sites and contract out work rather than paying a city worker for it !!! The only untouchable services should be Fire and Ems along with Police(not including the overtime situation!).
361.	I would happily pay more taxes, providing the city changes it's attitude to a quest of excellence. The TTC and police have a snarky attitude, are over-compensated + get away with shoddy delivery of service. the city needs to show leadership, not just the mantra about the gravy stuff + removing graffiti, that's tokenism
362.	Do not reduce Emergency services (Police Fire, EMS)
363.	revisit the recent police services contract and send it to arbitration. give some work to other city residents at construction sites instead of padding police salaries with this extra income. Stop beating up on city workers who are doing the work on the street and have a look at the many layers of management which bulge the city budget.
364.	Contracting out is not always the best option. At my place of employment, the IT service is contracted out. On paper the company is saving money. However, the level of service is so poor that it's almost useless. This does not show up on paper because the outside IT company opens and closes tickets when they receive questions, then if they can't answer the question and I eventually solve the problem myself or with other employee help, the outside IT company closes the ticket (and it is automatically marked "successfully solved"). This happens all the time. The last time it happened I requested that they mark the ticket "unsuccessfully closed" - they said this was not an option. Then I received an e-mail saying the ticket was closed and successfully resolved. Service is awful & the company is actually wasting their money paying this company. Same with HR & employee benefit services. This is the road the City of Toronto is going down - BE CAREFUL - contracting out is often not a good idea!!!! Raise taxes. Rob Ford should never have frozen property taxes in 2011 - it's his fault you are now considering cutting services. / / On public transit, subways are the only way to go, but NOT if we have to give away City property or implement roll roads!

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365.	Safety related services are most important. They are services that are needed by everyone. Their cost should be covered by property taxes with emphasis placed on the commercial properties. An increase on personal properties would also be acceptable.
366.	The city should become more efficient and live within it's means. I do not agree with property tax increases. If I have a shortfall in income I cut back on my spending. The city should do the same. Not everything the city provides is a necessity, safety is the most important for example, police, fire and EMS, senior, childcare recreation etc. anything other than that such as theatre, 311 24/7, cultural heritage, the zoo are extras that we may not be able to afford with our aging population.
367.	be more worried about providing essential services and quit wringing hands and whining about how they can't afford eliminate the obvious waste and actually manage the city for the safety of its residents
368.	Cut salaries or benefits costs of all city employees across the board by 5%. This would not be a burden for any employee. / Alternatively, terminate 5% of the work force, but maintain the same level of services by increasing productivity.
369.	City funding should provide the most good to the most people. A truly compassionate society looks after those who are struggling. Let's make Toronto a truly compassionate society. It is truly not difficult for those who have to help those who have not. Studies have shown, time and time again, that supporting, educating and helping the poor reduces crime, increases innovation and housings values. /
370.	I don't care how you fund it, the City is responsible for essential service to the taxpayer. Police, Fire, EMS and Libraries are essential services that even Uganda provides to it's citizens. / Pull your heads out of your asses and do the job that you begged us for.
371.	get from donations or lottery ticket winners should donate a percentage.
372.	Leave Fire ems and police alone!!! hey risk their lives for us everyday and you want to throw them to the curb!!! how dare you they put everything on the line for you and this is how you repay them!!! you should be ashamed of even toying with the notion of layoffs. DONT DO IT
373.	The quality and amount of services in this city should be maintained / Efficiencies can be found without jeopardising quality of life or safety
374.	Be responsible and not let the Firefighters, Police, and Ambulance be under staffed and unsafe in there work environments.
375.	user fees such as road tolls, congestion charges, bicycle licensing, higher library fines. Advertising and selling retail space in subways, community centres and other city properties. Contract out the option to build shopping malls and condos on top of single/short story city properties (subway stations, community centres) and collect rental fees. Reduce the number of offices by having employees work shifts, and either rent out the empty offices until the city needs them (future growth), or sell them to developers. Contract out services. Replace many menial jobs with robots/machines i.e.: TTC ticket sellers with ticket machines.

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376.	All services concerning health and safety should be city-run and paid for by property taxes.
377.	Road tolls; cost of plastic bags to increase and go to the city rather than to businesses; billboard tax to fund arts and culture; lower police salaries; cut the number of police officers given that crime has been steadily decreasing for years. Providing affordable housing is also far cheaper than the staggering costs of homelessness.
378.	Less Police. More Federal investment.
379.	the City provides an incredible number of very important services to its residents, and is home to many vulnerable people (homeless, youth at risk, newcomers, seniors, e etc.). In Toronto we are also fortunate to have the lowest property taxes around. If we need to increase property taxes to provide high quality services, then the City should do that. To that end, I'm not sure why the City scrapped the vehicle registration fee - this was a relatively reasonable fee that provided the City with an alternate source of income. I understand that the Province has uploaded the funding of several services that were downloaded to the City during the Harris years - this is a great start. I hope the City continues to work with the province to continue to negotiate more services being uploaded (such as the security for provincial court houses).
380.	Stop trying to be an owner/operator, and just focus on being a service provider or a standard setter. You don't need to own the building to provide a subsidized rental apartment for instance, and having a lot less concentration of subsidized units in individual buildings and housing complexes will dramatically reduce crime and policing costs as well, something that is not possible if you take the position that it is ideologically necessary to own the bricks and mortar regardless of the damage to the life outcomes of the children you force into these complexes just so their parents can some help with the rent. / / It will be easier to fund required services if you stop funding counterproductive ones. Someone told me that even if you put in environmentally friendly water free toilets you have to pay a union plumber to put the piping in the wall in order to get your plumbing permit (the Brickworks?). Fire whoever came up with this policy and don't restaff the position. There is \$100,000 right there. While you are at it, let contractors bid city jobs using whatever their wage scales actually are. Having to pad the bids with a "union premium" to drive up the price in order to have your tender even qualify is absurd. Don't keep doing this and then pretend you have a budget "gap". You just have misplaced spending priorities. That is not the same thing. / / Take a serious look at city worker productivity and get rid of people who are not really showing up or not actually working when they do to boost productivity and ironically morale. Nothing makes a hard worker give up faster then a co-worker not contributing and getting away with it.

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381.	Unfortunately, at this time, we need to cut on services. The City should focus on what 'traditional' City services are. Road. Police. Fire. I pay taxes for Culture at the provincial level. The City should NOT fund this. Free market should take care of housing. I do not believe in government intervention in the life of people. My taxes should help the helpless. Not the clueless!
382.	The city should not hire police officers to provide security at construction sites
383.	Cut the police budget
384.	Cuts to service or staff of emergency services would be detrimental to the safety and security, not only to the citizens, but the members of emergency services as well. Let's keep Toronto safe
385.	The police budget has to be cut drastically. This can be done without a reduction to services by, for example, having only one cop in a car (instead of two), getting cops out of the office and onto street patrol, allowing non-cops to supervise construction sites and direct traffic, allowing true civilian oversight of the police, etc.
386.	All the tickets police write, should become their revenue. All of the businesses that don't pay their false fire alarm fees should be sued. Everyone in a City job that can retire should be given a package, an older population costs more in sick time, seniority pay and health benefits. There should be more user friendly services that you can actually find an answer too. City buildings should be mandated to turn off their lights... that wastes thousands of dollars every month. The federal government should give us more if the HST or drop the stupid tax down. If the city created a 24 hour subway system, more people would take it creating more revenue and less infrastructure wear. The councillors should have to suffer the same fate as a unionized worker... be told they can't have a raise, they no longer have an expense account, and a group of people can debate THEIR benefits. They should also not be paid any higher than a unionized city worker. There's millions in revenue right there. / Charge people that are too lazy to recycle or use a green bin. Instead of putting all the aluminum in the blue bin, have a city worker sort it and compact it and sell it. There is a lot of money in scrap metal.
387.	The City can easily function after significantly cutting costs by completely eliminating many departments (unnecessary services) that have especially ballooned over the past decade. Rather than contract out, eliminate the unwarranted excessive "services" and only keep reduced essential services and contract out everything. Force the vulnerable to work and contribute to society rather than forcing them into an expensive parasitic hand-out life with no purpose and low self-esteem.

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388.	Yes. The way many of the questions and answer-choices about costs are structured in this survey does not represent the true situation. It is not true that improving services and results will always require increasing property taxes or user fees. Efficiencies in operations should be sought; supplies and services should be approved only after competitive tender processes; new technologies can reduce operating costs; and synergies can be created -- for example, studies in other cities have demonstrated that improved maintenance of city properties results in reduced security costs. It is disappointing to see this administration's first large-scale public consultation process resorting to financial scare tactics instead of looking for creative, 21st-century solutions.
389.	Police, Fire and Medical should be the number one priority for every city!
390.	The city should base decisions on providing not only the services that are required by law but on services that enhance the quality of life for citizens. Budget planning should be based on a long term planning and not on year to year decisions with no consideration of the future. Examples of poor planning include wasting a \$200 million dollar surplus from a previous budget year to finance the current 2011 budget without considering the 2012 budget year.
391.	Reduce the police services budget and transfer that to funding other services. Increase user fees to motorists (e.g., speeding/parking tickets) and transfer that to TTC services.
392.	By cutting the police budget - it is excessive.
393.	Funding FIRE,EMS and POLICE should not be cut and should maintain the current services
394.	cut upper government /management redundance number of councillors. and over policing
395.	user fees for non emergency 911 calls. EMS and Fire respond to numerous 911 calls in which the patient could drive or taxi it to a hospital or doctors office. charge them!!
396.	The City can look at partnerships with the private sector/corporations but this will have it's limits. The City should continue to strive to obtain a deal with the Province & Feds on a sustainable funding solutions for all cities (such as the 1% HST or at least gas tax). I would pay the \$75 vehicle license fee if it went directly to funding road/repairs. Have user fees but tell us what it is for. Have the police contract out all of those 'overtime' hours. They do not need to be on construction sites. There are areas such as appearing in court where this should be considered part of the job and not overtime (remember they signed up for this type of employment nobody asked them to). The gravy will be found in Police Services. Do not out source services where it leaves citizens vulnerable (water treatment). Be more strategic and visionary for this city.
397.	Use technology to improve service delivery. Stop going to arbitration with unions. / Cut the police budget which has been out of control for more than a decade We are over-policed. / People who want to live in a first class city have to be prepared to pay.

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398.	Education Tax for Businesses, instead of giving them tax breaks every time they seemingly donate to schools. Prioritize how you spend money e.g. G20 not necessary. Stop prioritizing privatization and the business sector, because quality goes down while the rich get richer and the poor and middle class get poorer. Stop hiring consultant at \$150+ an hour, hire young more affordable employees. Cut out expense accounts for city executives. Start charging corporations environmental pollution. The City should reduce the cost of TTC and charge people driving into the City to work money for using our roads. Properly education the population not through expense testing measures, such as EQAO, that way students graduate, are intelligent, want to work, and contribute to our tax base. You need small class sizes to properly motivate students. Taking out the arts, sports etc doesn't help with dropout rates and post graduate employment. Ban smoking on patios etc., promote exercise, healthy diet...this would alleviate health care system and you can use the money elsewhere. The City should not rely on business other than increasing their taxes, because all they are interested in profit and answer to their shareholders, not the community or the government. Every time they screw up they are not accountable, yet the government still grovels at their feet. They want to contract everything out and commercialize the world. They promote consumer values and are greedy.
399.	Look carefully at contracting out all but core services (police, fire, transit, public health etc.) / Always consider a mix of user fees and property taxes.
400.	Charge user fees for everything. Keep property taxes at their current level or lower. Businesses and residents leave for the suburbs because of cheaper property taxes. User fees will force people to have to see that providing services cost money and that the city budget is not unlimited. Through user fees we will also then see what services residents really deem important.
401.	Answering this questionnaire was a learning experience for me. I was astonished at the number / variety of services City Hall is supposedly providing at the present time. Is this why City Services have deteriorated so much over the last 7 or 8 years? Is City Hall trying to be all things to all people? The sad thing is that city services desperately needed by the people at large (like road maintenance, public transit, garbage collection) have become a joke, while City Hall bends over backward to invent new services it can provide to a select few (subsidized theatre, bicycle lanes and green roofs come to mind). / / I think it would be productive to think of city services not only in terms of what needs to be done by the city and what does not, but in terms of what services are not needed at all. Some services can and should be privatized and others need to be eliminated altogether. / / For example, in my view the city should provide water / garbage / paramedics (EMS) / police / public transportation / road maintenance. The city can contract out these services in some cases. I am strongly for contracting out garbage collection, and some security services currently provided by the police for instance. I think that allowing jitneys would be great as the TTC is a disgrace and competition would be a nice wake up call for TTC management/unionists. Just to be clear, by saying that a given service is needed and

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	<p>should be provided by the city, I do not mean that no cutting should be done. Actually, I see wastefulness everywhere I turn in this city. Why are road crews of 6-9 men seen everywhere when 3 would do the job nicely? Some repairs done two years ago by the city on my street were eye-opening. Nine workers were sent out by the city. At any given time, only one or two were working. Disgusting. And Miller wondered why we were so angry at his tax increases! / / Other services don't need to be done by the city at all and/or need to be pared down drastically. The TCHC has become a giant entity, totally out of control. It needs to be contracted out, and then reduced. Impoverished families and individuals should be able to rent apartments where they wish and private landlords can be paid by the city. We also have an overlong waiting lists of subsidized housing so lets put some rules in place as to how long any one tenant/family can remain in subsidized housing. Five years is long enough for people to better their circumstances. Then they get bounced out to make room for others. / / Draconian cuts are also needed at City Hall. There are far too many civil servants, doing precious little. The 311 service is a nice convenience but not a necessity and I shudder to think of how much glorified phone clerks get paid. / / A couple more words: / Toronto Public Health needs to be uploaded to the province. The city can save a few dollars that way. / A layoff of at least 10% of our police force is in order. We are an aging society and violent crime is on the decline. Also, construction sites/road crews should hire private security staff, not police officers. Or put up pylons. / Environment is not a municipal issue properly speaking. It falls under the domain of the Federal government and should be treated as such. / Toronto's subsidies to the arts community have become a vile way for the establishment/civil servants to funnel taxpayer dollars to friends and relatives who pretend to be artists. Those rewarded with "grants" are nearly always frauds, not genuine working artists. I would like to see this practice discontinued. Real artists sink or swim on their own merit as we always have. / Citizens should not be subsidizing the living costs of Toronto Island residents. They should pay for their own ferries and their own police services. / It has become apparent that councillors need to be told what is and is not appropriate in the way of expenditures. I'm not pleased that 12 Toronto City Councillors are going to Halifax for the Federation of Municipalities conference. Frivolous expenditures should be disallowed. (They can still go, but on their own dime.) / / Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to participate in this process.</p>
402.	<p>user fees for everything pay as you play is a good motto, nothing should be free and that means for everyone, e.g. swimming in public pools, ice skating, using recreation fields for soccer, cricket, baseball, as well as bike licences and road tests for cyclists just like auto's and have the police enforce all road laws for cyclists.</p>

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403.	should be user based, user pays, police services are a huge waste of funds, they are funded by tax payers, and they abuse taxpayers... property and business taxes are obscene. when it comes to garbage pick up, just pick up the garbage, not all this extra costs on water bill , paper stickers etc. just pick up the garbage. Eliminate all the other processes. bylaw enforcement a joke, they exist on taxpayers money to harass tax payers... no wonder so much discontent with city hall, and this behind the scenes
404.	Residential property taxes are ridiculously low compared to other GTA. We have greater needs in this city then they do (due to increased workers, tourism, low income residents) and we need to raise funds to match the public services required to perform public safety jobs.
405.	Road tolls, like in NYC. There are many people who commute into the downtown core for work and benefit from the services we offer there. They should contribute to the cost of road repairs and compensate for causing traffic. Drivers also contribute to air pollution, which contributes to the bad air quality. / Don't give in to powerful unions. TTC wages are ridiculous considering the level of education required. It seems we give in to police unions all the time but they're just one of the many important services we have. / Trim down middle management. That would apply to the TTC but probably other bureaucratic offices. I strongly recommend a review of organizational structures. / The city should NOT use TTC fair hikes. It's already risen too much over the past decade and makes the most sustainable source of transportation in the city difficult to afford. We should be encouraging the use of public transit. / Do NOT sell off public housing. I don't want the city's homeless and impoverished to suffer more because it affects everyone's quality of life when homelessness and poverty grow. / Tax the rich. That's a crass way to put it, but we have some very successful businesses and people who can afford to contribute more. / I'm upper middle class and I don't mind paying my share to help my city improve. It's a community not a free for all.
406.	This survey should not ask opinions about services that the city is required, by law, to provide. This is misleading and the purpose is questionable.
407.	EMERGENCY SERVICES ARE ESSENTIAL AND SHOULD NEVER BE CUT BACK! THE SAFETY OF TORONTONIANS AS WELL AS VISITORS TO OUR CITY IS VERY IMPORTANT! THE THOUGHT OF CUTTING SUCH SERVICES IS VERY DISTGUSTING!
408.	user fees: ESPECIALLY ROAD TOLLS. Cars should not get a free ride on streets - especially those that commute from the suburbs. Sell land (airspace) above the Gardiner expressway to fund burying it. Cut the police budget - bloated. Always Pay for what you use: have ZONING on the TTC - people who travel from Finch - Union daily MUST pay more than someone who commutes only a couple of stops. it's only fair. Then the downtown loop could be free? Great for tourism...
409.	Decrease police force by 3/4. Continue pressing Federal government for increased funds. Implement or increase municipal gas tax of 1 or 2 % and taxes for commercial business.

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410.	the City should work with the Province to compel the federal government to pass legislation that increases our very low corporate taxes, and to ensure that a percentage of the increase is transferred to the City. Corporations are subjects under the law and enjoy the rights and privileges of citizens. Property taxes operate implicitly as a mechanism to redistribute some wealth in a fair manner to help our City fund services. Corporations, as citizens, should bear the same obligations, and the City should expect them to do so.
411.	in my opinion the city needs to maintain and improve services that directly affect residents safety and security such as: (infrastructure, water, parks, emergency services, etc.). In times of economic difficulty, 'feel good' programs such as (arts, assisted living, charitable programs, etc.) may have to be reduced. Once economic recovery is in progress these types of programs can come back online. / At the end of the day you have to pay to play, local taxpayers (property and user fees) first. Then if you are a non local taxpayer but contribute to the province / country (e.g.. 905 er) (i.e. dvp / gardiner tolls) second and in times like these if you do not contribute you cannot expect the rest of us to take care of you.
412.	PPPs, / commercialization of city facilities like rinks etc, / road tolls (lots of those) - or some other taxation method that captures non-residents who are employed in the city, / licensing of bike couriers, not cyclists generally, only couriers / removal of paid duty policing - do we really need police on city construction sites? / / /
413.	Stop cutting fees and taxes in order to starve the City of revenue. Cutting the vehicle registration tax was stupid. Cutting the property transfer tax would be insane. Nickel and dime fees are a nuisance and a barrier to doing things that make our city healthier (like swimming). Reasonable property tax increases are a better solution. We lag all of surrounding municipalities in our property taxes -- Torontonians get a good deal and we should stop pretending we pay too much tax. Better services make for a better, more liveable and more economically competitive city. Slashing and burning will leave us with more crime, poorer health, and more derelict neighbourhoods - not a recipe for success.
414.	Having worked on Continuous Improvement initiatives for some of Canada's largest corporations for 20+ years, the waste, as well as the opportunities are seen everyday. For example, everything from ripping up and repouring sidewalks to idling TTC buses to two police officers driving around in their cars. With carefully reviewed data, improvements can always be made. With duplication of services or where the province needs to have a more active role, improvements can always be made. The road ahead will be bumpy - but we can let go of some of those things we have valued, yet can no longer be seen as value added city services (running ferries, zoos, or large tracts of land like Exhibition Place). Perhaps I will at some point, be one of the people that helps make it all happen? All the best.

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415.	Opportunities to "trim the fat" in City spending don't simply lie in potentially reducing services. Look for redundancies. For example, eliminate the bylaw that requires police officers to passively watch over road construction projects, and significant amounts of amount will be saved in these services alone.
416.	Reverse provincial downloads (or get sufficient funding from Province) / Increased funding from Federal governments / Reduce police costs!
417.	the city should support and fund the basics-police, fire, ems, public health, libraries, parks, planning dept
418.	As a car driver I supported extra license charge put towards transit. / / Police budget should be reduced. I suspect "paid duty" causes other costs to increase. / / I believe our employees should be paid a decent wage so they can afford to live in the city. / / / /
419.	Maintaining and increasing youth programs in our Parks and Recreation Centres will do more for peace in our city than increasing police pay or the number of police. Without these services more youth, particularly in the economically challenged social strata, will turn to gangs.
420.	Negotiate with province for police court transfer costs (used to be provincial responsibility) and for other provincially-mandated services such as paratransit, TCHC housing, welfare costs; as these are costs borne unfairly at the municipal level and part of the reason for higher taxes and higher budgets. Also, rein in police paid-duty work. Look at improved alternate revenue tools such as tax-increment financing and BIA funding for neighbourhood-specific streetscaping and infrastructure improvements,
421.	Avoid anti-tax populism. Great cities cost money to achieve and maintain and the city should not be afraid to raise taxes, especially on the wealthiest. Increase developers fees, introduce congestion charges and other time of use fees. Overhaul the taxi license system and charge more. The Mayor should actually attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to help foster a common front against provincial and federal governments instead of calling it wasteful. Welcome Pride and the money it brings in - charge the organizers more money for the cost of policing and clean up if you need to ...
422.	1)Reduce police salaries, benefits and number of police. Privatize traffic cops and eliminate those jobs. / 2) tax non-Torontonians when they drive into the city. Have toll roads on the 401, dvp, 400 and gardiner. Give home owners a transponder so they don't get taxed, double check their home address by license registration, drivers' license and insurance info.
423.	You would think that you could come up with more options than increasing user fees and increasing property taxes -both of which will impact vulnerable people. How about looking at other taxes that are based on taxing those who use the service -i.e. road tolls, gas taxes, environmental taxes or perhaps just cut your own costs instead of laying it on the public. Also stop putting so much money into the police service that does not nearly live up to the costs to operate.

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424.	I was disappointed to see Police Services receive such a large increase to salaries given the other cutbacks required for all city departmental budgets.
425.	Upload to Province. Toronto is the HUB of Canada. Toronto supports the economy of almost entire Canada. It is not fair that a few property owners in Toronto should support all this infrastructure. The provincial and federal level of governments should take over services like TTC and police.
426.	This survey ignored many possible ways of funding services. User fees should be applied for those who take advantage of the roads and bridges. Toronto also does not receive a fair amount of tax income for the services that they supply. Spend less money maintain roads. Spend less money on police services. Organize with other mayors and create a voting bloc that holds greater influence on provincial and federal governments to cater to cities. Receiving a share of the HST or forcing the other levels of government to take on more responsibility would greatly reduce the costs to the city.
427.	We need to raise property taxes and increase user fees for Fire department. We also need more police officers and EMS. Toronto needs to be kept safe.
428.	1. If there isn't one already, then a tax of 1 or 2% on hotel rooms. / 2. Investigate the possibility of acquiring a casino. / 3. Toll roads for NON-Toronto residents. There is already a database containing most of the license plates of Toronto residents, so these should be excluded. Implement an electronic toll on highways and major east-west / north/south surface routes those who use our City but do not fully contribute to it. Every visitor uses the City's water, streets, police, fire, EMS, public health, etc. but pay nothing for them.
429.	City should NOT be in the business of child care, affordable housing, theatres, arts. Their job is to run the City by providing Police, EMS, TTC, Fix & maintain roads, pick-up garbage
430.	Reinstate the Vehicle Registration Tax, Road tolls to fund public transit, Reduce off-duty paid police service, Advocate for more money from the Provincial and Federal Governments (especially to support affordable housing, public transit and childcare), Explore ways to make property taxes more fair (perhaps based on incomes)
431.	Toronto's property tax rate is artificially low. Cut policing costs. Cut road costs related to automobile transportation.
432.	The city core has a lot of problems with drugs, housing and mental health if tackled the city can do a lot better. We need to integrate youth into programs that help them get jobs and get pride in their community. e.g. local food planting, community clean ups, more youth / police programs.
433.	- Toll roads (use the revenue to fund public transit) / - Higher fines for bylaw infractions / - Bill the federal governments for costs/damages incurred by the G20 summit -- it cost Toronto waaaay too much, for zero-to-negative benefit.

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434.	An increase of 10% in property tax would only be a \$12 per month increase in cost to the average property. For a few cups of coffee each month we should be taking this path instead of trying to freeze taxes. For those who truly need assistance there is already help in place. Programs such as swimming lessons are essential for the health and safety of the residents of Toronto. We should pay for them.
435.	Fund more and spend more on the priority neighbourhoods. From the looks of it, the problems and gun violence around areas like Regent Park seems to have reduced dramatically because of the construction and displacement into different areas. That has proven to work so perhaps the city should consider this as a means to reduce the gun violence. Fund that to attain more later.
436.	I grew up in Hamilton which still had a bridge toll when I was a kid. I travel to the US regularly and feel that road tolls are the least I can do as a visitor since I pay no taxes to them to maintain their roads/police services. We need to do the same and be confident that the decision is correct and helpful to our city. 24-hour Road tolls on the DVP and Gardiner. Provide electronic pass system to lessen slowdowns at tollbooths.
437.	Fines for non compliance of by-law enforcement. Fine people who don't rake the leaves up in the fall. Also for people who let the city cut their grass when it grows longer than a predetermined length. Make a complaint line for residents to squeal on those that don't get permits for fences/walls, electrical inspections, etc....

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438.	<p>When I dragged services to "I don't care as long as services are good" or "contract out" I am hesitant to do so because contracting out seems to mean the lowest bid, which translates into bad working conditions or pay for the employees for that service. For example, Wheeltrans contract providers force drivers to work 72-hours/week to recoup their costs v. TTC Wheeltrans unionized drivers' work conditions. The difference between these two sets of Wheeltrans employees is stark and troubling to say the least. And there can be a gradual deterioration in the privately-supplied service. I want to see creative approaches to contracting out that give advantages to companies that will employ people from our "at-risk" communities, the disabled, racially-underrepresented, etc. with reasonable working conditions in terms of hours per week and rate of pay. Otherwise contracting out is code for minimum-wage, sweat-shop conditions that is none of our business. I can easily see contracted out parks or other services deteriorate once the company has the contract. Does our legal department have the willingness and capacity to devise contracting out from a progressive, equity model for the company that wins the bid which that will help our residents and communities both as employees and customers, or solely as the lowest bid and the company can run the show as they see fit? For these reasons, I do not want contracting out for services to vulnerable groups in the city. / / Also once contracting out is done, is it a one-way street? If we see the quality of the service deteriorates or working conditions are poor, etc., can the city resume supplying the service? If we sell off assets to contract out, is that now a permanent state of affairs? In that case, what recourse does the city have to force companies to improve quality? Where are the contracting out lessons in other cities which show what to copy and what to avoid? I know almost nothing about the services I pass judgment on, so if I say contract out for real estate or security, I don't know what I'm saying, really, since contracts for these disparate services will mean very different things and the devil's in the details. / / In your governance/management list you have redundancies: your Facilities Management department offers maintenance, cleaning, security and real estate, but these are listed as separate services, so I presume you are tipping your hand that you wish to reduce costs in these areas. You list Human Resources and Training and Development of city staff as separate categories, when HR does training, so I don't know what the difference is for these categories. Again, a suggestion that training is an area you wish to contract out? I can't give meaningful feed back. I called Real Estate for help and they said they'd get back to me but haven't yet. Same for human resources. So my input here is meaningless.</p>
439.	<p>Significantly raise property taxes to improve existing services. Higher user fees for those that can afford it (access to services, be they police or arts programs, should not be decided by economic status)</p>

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440.	<p>Outsourcing of select services that the City should never have been involved in is appropriate. Retention and support of key services that are used by many citizens, i.e. parks, library, police, fire and transit is important. Slash and burn is NOT the way to go. / / How did the City's leadership allow this kind of budget issue to come up in one year, what has been happening with our leadership over the last several years?? This issue did NOT just occur in a single year. This issue is not the fault of any one individual or group. we are led by a number of senior staff and politicians on both the right and the left sides of the political spectrum. All of our leaders should work together to effectively manage resources. / / Politicians should STOP coming up with new programs, etc that are not funded by new taxes or other revenues. Politicians should STOP slashing programs that don't align with their political beliefs. Politicians SHOULD simply manage our resources in a responsible manner. Politicians should STOP pointing fingers and assigning blame. / / Now as to suggestions: / / 1) Pay freezes for ALL for a couple of years / 2) Review ALL union contracts, and prepare a list of reasonable takeaways of inappropriate things that have been provided in the past. This could for instance include excessive levels of sick-time, and sick-time banking. When the contracts come up, if the unions refuse to accept the takeaways allow them to strike. I suspect that the City's middle management has a challenging time dealing with unionized staff based on what is in the contracts. / 3) Why not speak to the members of middle management and ask about the issues that keep them from managing effectively? / /</p>
441.	<p>People who live outside the City should be made to pay for increased use of roads and the TTC, etc., through passes, and road tolls. The planning department and OMB should be working on policies to preserve affordable housing stock for trades people. Outside centres, like Vaughan, should be producing their own facilities to encourage residents to live, work and play in their own communities. The airport is responsible for huge emissions, affecting the health and quality of life for Toronto residents, witness the gun problems in Peel, near the airport. Politicians should not be subsidizing the air industry through their travel arrangements, and air travel should be abandoned in all departments.</p>
442.	<p>make police, ems, fire and waste essential services. they are all good now. if you start contracting out it will cost you more in the end and the quality is not the same. I know Etobicoke has private waste, but they have to maintain the same quality as the city provides now. If you privatize all of the city you will find the quality will go down as they will be able to do as they want and then they will increase their costs. I have heard from people outside the city where they have private and a lot of them say they pay more in taxes and the service is not great.</p>
443.	<p>Reduce size of government (i.e., reduce number of councillors and city employees). / Contract out services where it is cheaper but have a service level agreement to maintain quality / Reduce pay of police officers / Bring expensive pensions and perks for city employees in line with what is in the private sector</p>

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444.	essential services need to stay with in city, it has been proven by contracting out cost home owners more , look at Orillia and what it cost them for policing after they disbanded their police force, its costing them more than it was. / Fire service and ems need to stay with in the city and run and funded properly by the city
445.	Consider other options other than higher taxes or fees to balance the budget. A great opportunity is cost control within reasonable measures (i.e. without eliminating services) - costs can be reduced by eliminating unnecessary red tape within City Hall, eliminating unions that force higher wages for poorer services, supplementing City Hall staff with volunteers or part time staff, obtaining private sponsorships or donations, etc. Innovation and ingenuity is required to run a city of this size, and those same skills should be applied to budgetary concerns.
446.	Toronto is one of the safest cities around. Aside for a few bad neighbourhoods, the last thing we need to waste money on is security when there are so many other issues to deal with.
447.	increase car fees, tolls etc, reduce police funding
448.	- Road tolls to fund public transit / - Reduce off-paid duty police services / - Reinstate the Vehicle Registration Tax / - Lobby to receive 1%of the HST sales tax / - Advocate for more money from the federal and provincial governments(especially to suppo
449.	(1) The city should cut services significantly if it cannot afford to provide them (cut, not contract out). The city cannot be all things to all people. It should identify core services and eliminate the balance. Core services are those that (1) protect the safety of citizens and property (2) allow people to get on with their work (roads, public courts). The rest of the services can be prioritized by how much broadly subscribed they are. For example, public libraries and community centres are used by a wide cross section of the public. Street festivals, parades, heritage festivals, theatres etc don't serve the public in the same way (and, in fact, get in the public's way). Stop funding them until we have more money. (2) The regulatory hoops that small business (and big businesses) have to jump through are punitive. (3) Stop advertising on the TTC with my tax money.
450.	I think assisting poor and issue of poverty should be the high priority in government's agenda, as poverty can lead to more crime, poor health and a dysfunctional society.
451.	Police: no salary increase unless they are prepared to become more accountable, e.g. by displaying numbers prominently on helmets and uniforms when monitoring public demos. No more hiring of police to officiate at construction sites. No more tolerance of coverups by police of suspected police misbehaviour. / Culture: encourage inclusion of science and technology as well as the arts. / Education: encourage community outreach. Facilitate creation of local spinoff industries and businesses by graduates of universities and community colleges.
452.	I think the city should contract out the "paid duty" police use re construction.
453.	Get rid of the Parking Ticket Enforcement.

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454.	Higher rates or user fees for environmentally wasteful activities should be considered - even including road tolls. / If service cuts are to be done, they must be done equitably - reducing library or parks budgets should be accompanied by similar reductions to police services, for example. / Bring back the vehicle registration tax / Implement manageable transit plans like Transit City rather than stopping them and hoping instead for an expensive subway.
455.	Yes. Take Hong Kong for example, where I am from. A few years back, after the SARS scare, they decided to put a price tag on every piece of litter thrown onto the ground. They had cops out, issuing tickets for spitting, cigarette butts, gum - each item had a different price tag. Hong Kong has cleaned up since then and because it is so expensive to litter, no one dares to. The money made has funded their garbage and recycling programme. / This method could also be implemented in Toronto. We'll have a clean city... and a ton of revenue!
456.	Reinstate the vehicle registration tax immediately. / Road tolls to fund public transit projects. / Reduce off-duty paid police officers. / Advocate for uploading to Feds / Province (Housing, transit and child care) /
457.	Scrutinize expenditures, particularly contracts. Our neighbourhood offered to fund improvements to our park and volunteered to do the work. Apparently that was not permitted due to union and safety issues. These are people willing to donate time and effort. Why turn them away? Ask citizens to participate more, such as the Community Clean Up day.
458.	Find the "gravity" which Rob Ford campaigned on. I've seen plenty of waste among the public sector workforce. I would also like the city to find staff efficiencies in services like Policing, Construction and whatnot. Just because many of these people work at about half the speed of the average worker doesn't mean the city should hire more. Where is management? Don't they have expectations in the amount of work they're expected to complete in a given time? It's time to stick up to the unions and demand city workers earn their \$35/hour wages. If not, outsourcing to the private sector might be warranted.
459.	Ideally, some services that are important to the city nonetheless should not be paid by the city. The protection and security of our lives is a federal and provincial responsibility, even though the city is best positioned to administer it - it should be paid out of my income tax, not property tax. As a result, EMS, public health, fire, police, water treatment, food inspections etc. should be paid for out of federal and provincial budgets, and only administered by the city. The city should advocate for this position, in conjunction with other municipalities. It is a position that can gain popular support widespread enough to put real pressure on otherwise reluctant federal and provincial governments. The budget savings would go a long way towards taking care of the budget downfall.

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460.	Our city has dropped the ball by allowing a good transit plan fall away and be replaced by a poor plan with limited potential for success. The latest police service salary package was a big mistake, it will cost us all a lot more in further settlements with others.
461.	Stop putting additional funding into police services when our crime rate is low and there's no need for additional police officers. Stop thinking that cutting a \$120 service will help save money and cancelling projects already started by Miller for a media opportunity. Spend money to remove tags, don't waste money to remove public art graffiti.
462.	a) reinstate Vehicle Registration Tax, b) cut funding to Toronto Police by 50%, c) lobby provincial and federal governments to help fund public transit (throughout Canada)
463.	Why not do the difficult job of actually governing? The false dichotomy of offering only two choices - increasing user fees or increasing property tax - ignores the more important issues. Instead, why not cut down on expensive mistakes, like botching the Police contract negotiations, or painting over city-commissioned murals? Why not look for new sources of revenue? This deeply flawed survey is clearly looking for carte blanche to destroy services while increasing the load borne by citizens - that is reprehensible.
464.	Ask corporations to pay fair taxes. Spend less on the police force and more on community programs that give opportunity to the marginalized, so reduce violence caused by neglect and injustice.
465.	The city really needs to invest in vulnerable communities by having a slight increase in property taxes and user fees and have it filter directly to vulnerable communities the investment would be more profitable than putting more police on the streets!
466.	Institute tolls on the highways and congestion parking charges. (Car drivers should be paying user fees too.) Decrease spending on police services.
467.	1) Increase tourism dollars by improving upon artistic and cultural initiatives – support and promote local festivals and events which draw people into the city 2) Reduce bureaucratic and administrative spending – consolidate administrative services, reduce paper and printing costs by switching to online filing. 3) Reduce police spending [stop using police officers as construction security for a start – contract security companies at a fraction of the price] 4) Introduce a congestion toll for cars entering the downtown core and use the money to improve public transit.
468.	the city currently has disproportionately low property tax compared to surrounding areas. I'd like to see modest increases in property tax, and eventually an effort to eliminate the debt the city is currently carrying. I am not a fan of user fees that affect people in the bottom half of the income bracket, get the money from the people that can (or should) be able to afford it. Government transparency is essential, because if the government is transparent, then the public themselves are able to police any "gravy train".

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469.	Police service is poor and way too expensive. TTC is poor but may be better if it is contracted out considering how much it costs
470.	Increase commercial property and business taxes across the board. Toronto's commercial taxes are relatively low compared to other G8/G20 countries' urban (city) taxes. We as citizen property taxpayers can't be solely responsible for paying to keep Toronto as the world-class city that it is purported to be and we all want it to be. Work in collaboration with citizens, community-based service providers, corporations, as well as elected councillors to recreate and maintain an open/transparent city planning process/discourse, that is both strategic [long-term] and tactical [short-term], to support funding decisions.
471.	As I stated before, we should be using the Bank of Canada to create interest-free infrastructure loans. This way we would be able to finance, for example, the TTC infrastructure, water infrastructure, sensible city planning, as infrastructure, and be able to take a long-range approach to collaborating in having Toronto function smoothly. / Again, the Bank of Canada Act establishes, by law, in Article 14 (look it up), the ultimate responsibility of the Government for the general policy of the Bank. That means you and I. / Also, again, Article 18, sets out LEGISLATED POWER to lend to our Governments. / That means that cooperation between different levels of government to support activities of mutual benefit to Canadians would involve supporting Canadians which live in cities, including Toronto. / Effectively we would be able to build what we need in order to live well, and continue to own what we have built. Why is that such a radical concept? / As Canadians living in Toronto, are we not "share-holders" in the "common-wealth"? / As things stand now, the more we build, the deeper we are in debt. We're scrambling to find operating costs, as the infrastructure crumbles, and then it is sold off as "surplus" in order to "pay-down" the debt. The way things are rigged, we'll never PAY-OFF the debt. / We'll be stuck living on slag heaps, oozing toxic waste, with social services slashed, probably even deeper in debt. / In the US, middle-class people have lost their homes, evicted and boarded up, foreclosed by the very banks which the "tax-payers" bailed out, while the country went even deeper into debt. / Visionary, far-seeing people who cared for this country provided a means for us to be able finance what we need, and get to keep our country too! / Bank of Canada Act: Articles 14 and 18. We, the people, have the legislated ability to finance ourselves to provide what we need, based on the "collateral" of the Country of Canada. Once that "collateral" is sold off, we'll be begging on the streets we've built, or cleared away and thrown into prison for allegedly being a nuisance. / We collectively paid for the batons which riot police used to bludgeon peaceful protesters at the G20 summit. / Has this been enough of a hint on how to fund city services?

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472.	I AM FED UP WITH PAYING MORE TAXES FOR LESS SERVICES IE GARBAGE,ROAD REPAIRS WHILE JUST ABOUT EVERY SO CALLED "VULNERABLE ,DISADVANTAGED ,HOMELESS AND LOW INCOME RESIDENTS "FEED OFF MY TAX DOLLARS.MORE ACCOUNTABILITY AND JOB CREATION PROGRAMS FOR THIS EVER GROWING NON PRODUCTIVE ELEMENT OF OUR MUNICIPAL POPULATION NEEDS ADDRESSING.ALSO OUR POLICE SERVICES ARE A DISGRACE.THIS OVERPAID UNDERPERFORMING GROUP CERTAINLY DO NOT DESERVE THE RECENT BENEFITS THEY WERE RECENTLY ACCORDED.
473.	This survey does not include possibilities for further revenue generation -- a proper vehicle registration fee for example, or agitating for further provincial funding. AND DECREASE THE POLICE BUDGET BY AT LEAST 20%!
474.	Those who can afford to pay more should be prepared to pay whatever taxes are required in order to maintain an acceptable standard of living for all the citizens of Toronto. It makes no sense to increase the police budget while depriving the poor of basic necessities of life. Experience shows that where the qu ality of life increases, crime decreases.
475.	Asking Police and EMS to stop idling constantly, insulating City buildings, including schools will save a lot for other cost increases and service improvements.
476.	There seems to be a great gap. The city is healthy and economically doing well. Housing sales for instance have gone up 9%, the condominium industry is doing very well. Both of these example provide evidence of more and more taxes received by the city. / The question most people ask in this city, why can't the books be balanced. In fact , we should be getting better services not coming from a place of "reducing services." The top two services in this city which absolute a huge amount of money are the police and ttc. These are the two services where costs should be reduced.. if the city is going in this direction of service cuts.
477.	Reduce duplication of Services. Eliminate a System of irresponsibility. Police Budget is way too high at 25% / / / / / / / / / / Closely monitor the operating expenses of TCHC Security Service where they are duplicating services to Police , then Police, duplicates the same service and puts the Burden of Responsibility on TCHC as a Landlord. / / I have personal experience on this matter. I am willing to Call for an Investigation.
478.	perhaps the city fleets should be sponsored - this fire truck/police cruiser/bookmobile brought to you by... / most people I speak with would gratefully pay taxes/ vehicle registration tax

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479.	The questionnaire is essentially useless since it does not offer the option of the City stopping to provide the service. Period. It is also clear to me that in the regulatory area that the amount of overlap is astonishing. It is also clear just from the detailed questions that we have a whole of services being provided that are the responsibility of the provincial government who keeps on taxing us for less and less. It is equally clear when we are paying police to be construction bystanders things are seriously amiss. The budget process cannot be predicated on the assumption that we keep everything. We have to take a line by line approach and examine A - whether the city should be providing it at all, and then proceed to B - which is how do we address funding. This is ass backwards and result in no meaningful change.
480.	A review needs to be conducted of TTC revenue. A smart card system would make it easier for drivers and collectors to enforce payment of full fare, rather than giving free rides to elderly, homeless and others who insist on riding for free. Drivers are worried about their safety, and because there is no barrier to entry for incorrect fares thousands of dollars are lost daily
481.	Vehicle registration fees, road tolls. Perhaps consider charging an additional fee on ticket prices for the resources used for events in the city: e.g.: Jay's games suck up city resources, collecting a dollar on each ticket could go a long way. Or an extra dollar for every Ride for Heart registration, etc.
482.	Cut paying salary to police to be present at construction sites; the builders should be paying for this and/or hiring their own security / traffic monitors.
483.	The city should be reducing and eliminating services and lower taxes and fees. City government is wasteful and expensive. Its generally a burden on the taxpayer and reduces all citizens standard of living and quality of life. / Reduce city services to essentials only, fire, police, ambulance, roads, parks etc. No arts funding. No community housing. No expensive zoos. Private business can supply zoo demand etc. Contract out as much as possible to improve efficiency, eliminate the possibility of crippling strikes and reduce costs.
484.	The City should be looking at supporting innovative approaches to growing, key populations and services are required for vulnerable communities so we can improve as a whole. I would rather see funds go to supporting people than to increased police salaries. If we can cut anything, reduce police services.
485.	I am very concerned about burdening low income and vulnerable with user fees. when they can't pay and/or don't get service, we all suffer--e.g. infectious diseases, public safety, etc.

Is there anything else you would like City Council to consider when making decisions about services in the future?

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1.	If we want Toronto to be a world-class city that is attractive to people, we need to cut services like paying off-duty cops \$60/hr, NOT arts & culture, transportation, infrastructure etc. I think most people would be willing to foot a small increase in property taxes if it meant Toronto could be more classy and have a modern, respectable transportation system which the TTC is NOT. / Also - downtown needs more flowers and less garbage. It would be much more attractive and business-friendly if this could be improved.
2.	Be mindful about the benefits of drop in services...how cheap they are to run given the crime reduction, poverty reduction roles they play in keeping neighbourhoods safe and working well for all
3.	Protect those most vulnerable. Too much is spent on policing and roads
4.	Eliminate inter-departments late fees. Have management to only be a certain percentage of employee for all departments. Let the private sector run many departments. Make the head of the police, fire, and TTC appointed positions or elected positions, even better.
5.	Next time the option exists for something like a G20, the PanAm Games or the Olympics I's like to asked first.
6.	Concentrate on getting the best bang for the buck in every service utilized. Contract out services that are not efficient and ensure these contracts are monitored for quality and performance. Stop wasting money on expensive city furniture such as waste containers and fancy bus shelters and opt for utility solutions. .Clean up the pot holes and poor road infrastructure throughout the city, paint guard rails and replace light bulbs. Get students out cleaning up the sides off the highway and litter everywhere. Improve the transit directly into the city. It is as high a priority as running lines throughout the city to suburbs. the Don Valley situation is a disgrace and diminishes the city. Improve lighting in the city in high risks areas to make the city safer. More emphasis on community centers and sports facilities at reasonable rates so kids can participate. Ask major businesses to subsidize these facilities and put their name on them if necessary. Magna does it in New Market and Aurora all the time. / keep the kids active in sports and programs with corporate money. / When I was a kid the police ran a number of our clubs on a volunteer basis in the city and what happened to the pools provided by the Scarborough Lions, Rotary And Kiwanas., They were all over the city. Why does the Junior Chamber of Commerce not have a major role in the city activities .We were all members of the Jaycees years ago and participated in everything. the city seems to have lost these active volunteer groups which saved the city a lot of money.

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7.	I'd like us to make long term investments in the city that are not based on narrow ideology. the police budget needs to be reigned in
8.	The operations of a major city like Toronto cost money, and it is a mistake to think that reducing taxes should be the chief aim of the municipal government. Wherever possible, the city should be hiring unionized workers and paying them a decent amount as negotiated through collective bargaining. This might seem more expensive than contracting out (although it may not be), but in the long term, the city benefits from paying employees who spend their money bolstering the Toronto economy.
9.	No major service cuts. Only minor service cuts which have an insignificant effect on the quality of services are acceptable. / / Service cuts which are acceptable: / - Cutting of bus service where ridership is extremely low (e.g. bus routes 33, 101, 162). / - Underused library branches (e.g. Urban Affairs library) / - The pedestrian bridge to Fort York / - The stacked arena on the east waterfront / - Minor cuts to arts/culture programs / / Service cuts which are not acceptable: / - Transit City cancellation / - Significant cuts to TTC service other than a few bus routes with very low ridership / - Any cuts to police, fire, EMS services / - Any cuts to road repair, snow clearing services / - Any cuts to garbage/recycling programs / - Any significant cuts to services for low income people
10.	Think big picture. This long term. Think the future. Think impact on everyone, and not just how mean we can be to those who can't afford the luxury of a \$120 Metro pass. Does anyone at City Council even think of how much it costs in public transportation to go looking for a job? Do we worry about the children who go to bed hungry at night? Do we care about keeping youth at risk off the streets by offering programmes at community centres, which have computers and other attractions for youth. / Do we consider partnering with the YMCA to offer more youth incentive to stay off the streets, which might in the long run lower some of our police costs. Either we live in anarchy, or we begin to take responsibility for each other's livable survival before we get to six feet under.
11.	"No service cuts" / / It's cheaper in the long-term to provide community and youth programs than it is to pay for law enforcement and incarceration when under-served kids grow up into crime.
12.	Stay within the budget, stop kowtowing to the police union (yes, they're very necessary but their hand is always out for more), have a long term 10+ years strategic plan, look for savings far beyond the small potatoes of councillors' office expenses, monitor more stringently the use of consultants and lawyers, protect the city environment by planting more trees (with maybe small incentives for homeowners) and limiting the number of ugly condos.

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13.	In many cases, it's not about who provides the service (public or private), it's about efficiency and operations (obviously there are exceptions, e.g. police). Regardless of what the City does, it will need to oversee its operations and ensure its efficiency. You need to do this both with public and privately provided services. Don't base this on ideology. Studies show that there is often little difference between private and public services. What determines success is not who runs them, but HOW they are run. My concern here is that persons of particular ideologies are blindly promoting one over the other. To make the City efficient is going to be difficult and a lot of work. Institutional reform is HARD. Large scale institutional reform is harder. See, for example, path dependency theory which stipulates that sweeping reforms are less likely to be successful. I really hope you are considering the FACTS and not simply making knee-jerk decisions about whether things should cost less or more or be run by one person or another. That is NOT how you design well-functioning institutions. That is how you create disasters. Also, in some cases, privatizing would be MUCH more expensive (e.g. legal services, I am sure you're not paying your City lawyers the \$300-\$800 an hour the private ones charge you.)
14.	Yes. There is a very obvious source of revenue which the Ford brothers seem incapable of seeing: Overtime for police. My crossing guard is capable of safely delivering children to school, for about 12 bucks an hour. Why does it cost 65 - 95 per hour to guard a hole at the side of the road? And I don't mean just the five million Doug Ford talks about: I mean the big bucks which are billed back to the city from the outside contractors. Nearly 30 million going out the door. Big dough, folks. Soaking up a lot of gravy.
15.	We need to look into the future perhaps more - people are getting older, traffic is awful, TTC is more awful (I heard they want to cut services in order to save \$4 Mio., - I waited already twice for the Eglinton bus 40 minutes since I moved here 2 months ago. (I have only taken that bus a few times.) I don't know. Infrastructure is one of the main contributors to a well-functioning city. Naturally, so is the environment. I would like to see re-instilling old values by means of logic and respect (not force). I believe a caring citizen can save tremendous costs in our city.
16.	No city manager should be paid more than an elected official. e.g. Chief Blair is paid more than the mayor and the premier of Ontario. Anyone who does not pay property tax should pay user fees to use any service provided by the city which they do not now do. The Toronto Taxpayer is paying through property taxes and user fees to subsidize free service for non Toronto taxpayers. There should be tolls for on highways such as the Gardiner and the Don Valley Parkway for non city taxpayers and residents

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17.	Reduce exceptions made to the Official Plan, and bring some long-range vision to that document. The process is so porous at this point, the impression among the business community is that if you grease enough palms with the promise of high municipal tax payments, you can build whatever you want, wherever you want without regard to the social impact of building vertical gated communities, office complexes or condo lots that will inevitably become future ghettos when their fashionability passes. Residential areas must be integrated with commercial areas in order to prevent future problems with crime, infrastructure, loss of property value and transit. / / Try to do a few things exceptionally well. The City of Toronto does not have the resources to act as an interventionist government; resist the urge to perform all the social functions that should be uploaded to the province and focus instead on developing a really strong core of municipal services that will attract the business, residents and wealth that will provide Toronto with the resources to undertake more ambitious civic projects.
18.	Police presence needs to be increased in areas that have high crime rates. A North American registry needs to be in place to inform and protect the public about/from the following people: Child abusers, animal abusers, violent offenders, repeat DUI offenders (different colour plates if still allowed to drive), etc.
19.	Stop the Gravy train. AS everyone knows, the city does not have a revenue problem it has a spending problem! A lot of the things I just surveyed on could be run by the private sector, with city governance. Take the TTC for example, if I take a bus up Warden I have to pay more past Steeles. WHY? Get the area public transit under one umbrella. I should be able to take public transit from Oshawa to Oakville and beyond. Why are there so many transit systems. If you look at the GTA from space, there are no dividing lines, you see one very large urban area. It should be treated as one large Urban Area, for transit and even services. The ongoing debate about the 905ers coming to work in Toronto, using our services, and not paying for them needs to be addressed sooner rather than later. How about a payroll tax for non Toronto residents. It is done in US cities, so it might work here. / The services that the city run should be essential services only. Contract out the others. Keep Police, Fire and EMS, but do we really need to run the Zoo? It could operate by the private sector, under city eyes. This works for much of the services. The city needs to look presentable. The mayors graffiti plan is a start, but lets get rid of the dandelions that take over the parks and get back to grass. Keep the beaches and parks clean. Keep the streets maintained (private sector) and fill the pot holes. Why do you always see a crowd of workers standing around and one worker doing the work? I see it everywhere. Get rid of the sense of entitlement of all workers, not just Councillors. Make the managers accountable to keep the workers...working. Get the cost over runs under control. If a job is contracted out, have it in writing that the contractor is responsible for the over runs. Don't let them say they need a buffer of 10%, 20% or higher, because you know they will use it. They are using the City as a free lottery. Let's get into the 21st century and have have 24 hour service for road repairs. Get the

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	<p>job done...on time and on budget. Penalize the contractors if they are late! / Toronto Hydro for years was telling us to save energy... so we did. Now they are not making enough money so they need to raise rates. So we save energy and now it costs us more. / Each year the TTC raises its fares, thereby making it a little more difficult for people to pay. The people that rely on the TTC are the ones who can not afford a car and have little means to pay for things. As the price goes up, the ridership goes down. The TTC needs a certain amount of money to keep running, I know, but heres a thought. Let's get more people riding the TTC by making it more affordable. Instead of raising the price, how about reducing the price. Lower price, more people ride the TTC, more people ride the TTC, more fare is paid. More fare is paid, the better the service. I know its a radical idea, but it just might work. Drop the fare by \$1.00 and see if more people use it. / Paid duty Cops seems to be a hot topic. How about making the contractors/film crews pick up the wages? Why is the city paying it? Makes sense to me! But that may be too sensible as the entitlement is still there. This has nothing to do with the actual Cops doing the work, as I would not begrudge them the Overtime. / I watched my garbage pick up person come down my street and as the truck is moving, slam the transmission into park, leaving skid marks on the road and jumping out when the truck is still moving. Can I assume that the transmissions on these truck allow for this type of treatment or are we replacing them more often. And another thing, it's called customer service... put the bins back where you found them and not throw them. I have had to replace my green bin numerous times because they get cracks and can not be used, Wasteful because of the Garbage Operators not taking care. / I can go on for hours on this but oif you want more / Get rid of the special projects that only affect a few. Stop the grants to small projects. If the project only affect a small portion of the population, then maybe they need to come up with their own financing and not rely on the city cash cow! /</p>
20.	<p>It's very important to invest in our infrastructure, communities, new green solutions and technologies, public transit, health care systems etc. And why are we increasing the police budget when crime is decreasing? / /</p>

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21.	I want this to be a rationale and principled process. For example if some services are to be contracted out, It should be OK for bidders to be a union shop. / / The cost of policing should NOT be considered untouchable. / / The subway portion of the TTC should be considered for uploading to the Province(after all with the Vaughn extension) it is No longer a purely Toronto play. In the interim the subway aspect of the TTC fare structure should be a pure fare by distance play with consideration of zonal fares for the street car and bus networks. / / The vehicle registration fee should be reconsidered as a fee for service scheme using the Toronto Water approach as a template, A state of good repair has to be the metric; so the fee would include allowance for capital renewal, as well as operating budget offsets for road engineering, maintenance, and the traffic police component of the police budget. A residual should still be paid through property tax but the bulk of the all in road costs should be pain via user fees. / / The City theatres should be privatized outright. / / The Toronto Zoo should became a pure GTA organization; in which Toronto would pay its fair share, Toronto should offer to donate the assets to the new organization.
22.	Yes. Please stop the waste like the millions of dollars spent on paid duty for cops. It'll save businesses money for not having to pay for this extortion, too. There's only one gravy train and one taxpayer. The only ideology behind every decision is to get rid of waste.
23.	Keep city services public. Why do the Ford brothers want to privatize garbage to save 8 mill when they don't want to control police spending at all and allow paid duty whatever it is. A police officer watches over the construction near my house. He drinks coffee, he smiles. Doesn't even have to direct traffic. 11% over 4 years. are they going to increase services, like my library or outdoor rink opening ours by 11% over 4 years. Let alone the benefit increases. Most police officers don't live in or pay taxes to Toronto.
24.	Cut the entire police force. Bring in the OPP or RCMP.

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25.	Providing services more efficiently should not come at the expense of providing quality services. Further, Toronto is a large City requiring significant investments if it is to prosper and be competitive in a global economy. Government exists to deal with inherent market failures and provide critical investment to support future growth (i.e. take our lack of transit infrastructure from years of underinvestment as an example) and therefore should not necessarily be run as a private company. / / All the City services listed in this survey are important. Some are used on a daily basis, some are used only in the case of emergency and some provide a safety net to our most vulnerable. It seems unreasonable to try to compare these varied services along the dimensions outlined in this survey. I would hope Council takes a balanced approach to the service review and not inevitably prioritize hard services and emergency services (i.e. the sacred cows) over other key investments that provide unquantifiable and long run benefits to our communities such as libraries, parks, and cultural activities. Paying a little bit more in property taxes given Toronto's low rates next to our GTA neighbours does not seem unreasonable. After all there is no such thing as a free lunch.
26.	Over time, policing costs need to be reduced as proportion of city expenses. Policing costs, if left unchecked , will eventually eat the entire city budget! Policing is one of the safest jobs (look at WSIB numbers for work related injuries and illness) much safer than nursing, firefighting or construction. Policing should be an important service not a privileged service with exceptional pay. /
27.	If you can give the police a 11% wage increase, you can keep the other city services I value. If you can't afford to keep all of the other city services, you should not be allowing such a huge wage increase. Also, if you can afford to provide such a wage increase to one group of city employees, you cannot rightly nickel and dime all other city employees when their contracts come up.
28.	police budget is too high. costs keep going up, but crime is down. and not down because of the number of police.
29.	Lower police budget
30.	I support reducing police paid duty expenses by modifying the rules about where police are needed at construction sites.
31.	DO NOT ATTACK LITERACY, NATURE OR CULTURE. CLAW BACK THE POLICE BUDGET! DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE EXTENT TO WHICH PEOPLE DEPEND ON THINGS THAT SHOULD BE PUBLIC, OR THE PRIDE THAT PEOPLE HAVE IN THIS CITY.
32.	Please do not sacrifice necessary services for the sake of balancing the budget. Cuts do need to be made, perhaps to the over-bloated police services force (and their new raise).
33.	There are many corporations in Canada who hide their profits over seas and do not ANYWHERE near pay their fair share of taxes. Trickle down economics is a myth. Force the companies to pay their share of taxes. We must feed and house the poor children of this city FIRST BEFORE ANYTHING else. No more million dollar pay outs to the police.

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34.	Signing off on contracts like the recent one with the police, really puts the city in a bind. Police services make up a huge portion of the city's expenses and now we are going to have to live with increases to their already high wages. Also--I don't know why the city plans to give up revenue sources like land transfer, if it is in such a financial bind. Finally--why did the city do a zero per cent increase this year--it would have been better to allow a modest increase so that cuts or increases will not be so dramatic in 12
35.	Cut the policing budget
36.	The TTC at rush hour is beyond capacity and completely ridiculous. Not to mention it breaks down at least once a day rendering it unreliable. If the subways were extended to ALL areas of the city more people would use it. If more money was spent on maintaining it MORE PEOPLE WOULD USE IT! This would reduce carbon emissions and create tons of revenue for the city. Not to mention it would make the city a much more desirable place to visit, once again creating revenue. The TTC is a huge priority as well as clawing our way back up to lead the fight against climate change. We need to take example from so many countries and Europe. Electric city vehicles! More cost to those who choose to drive when a great public transit system is available. Electric/hybrid buses. And tickets for those who a seen littering by police! That would bring revenue not to mention save money on having to clean up the city!
37.	Do not forget that the cultural life of the city is what has drawn and kept many of us living in Toronto. It also is the only thing that attracts tourists (we don't have spectacular heritage buildings like other cities in the world or great beaches, etc). Do not be tempted to think that this is a 'fringe' activity. It is what makes the city alive - there is nothing else that is going to draw people to / the city like a "Nuit Blanche" even does for instance. Also, if anyone really cares about public safety they will do all they can to keep kids busy and off the streets - library, cultural and sporting programmes all do this.
38.	Cut-funding for the over-privileged -- like the police -- and quit with the cutting services to those with low and limited incomes. Keeping union jobs with living wages is in our best interest, especially in this economy when so many have lost their jobs -- it's a shame for more to lose theirs due to ideology.
39.	CUT all services other than regulatory (permits, planning, etc.), health (ambulance, etc.) and security (police, etc.)
40.	In general terms I would like the City to operate the same way a reasonable household does. Look at the money you have available, determine what services everybody needs--health, safety, emergency, roads, transit, garbage collection, water--and pay for those first. Once those are taken care of, go down the list and allocate money to the things that most or many people require. The "frill" items should come last.
41.	We live in a great city because of the quality of life it delivers. Quality of life means more attention to arts and culture, health care, police and safety services.

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42.	Improve public transit!!!! Improve the built form of the city. Continue to invest in the Waterfront. Commit to affordable housing and do not contract out affordable housing. Be fair to Unions in the same manner that the Police Union was dealt with fairly.
43.	Ensure you are aware of your legislative and regulatory obligations! Understand the funding system! Be aware that investments in social services significantly reduce costs in other more expensive areas such as policing. Be aware that the earnings of low wage persons/social assistance recipients are almost entirely returned to the economy to support basic needs.
44.	Focus on eliminating the wasted spending, duplication of tasks first. And stop handing out increases to City employees. Private sector gets nothing when companies aren't doing well. And cancel the police increase.
45.	get back to delivering core services, police, fire, ems and cut on cultural, arts and other non essential programs. These programs can go find corporate sponsors if they want to continue
46.	The Police budget is the real gravy train. Let's get off it. No more police standing around on construction sites making \$80/hr. Toronto once had the potential to be a great city. It still could be -- maybe -- but we need more positive vision (culture, innovation, support for small business) and less fear-mongering. Let's promote Toronto instead of saving money on the backs of low-paid workers.
47.	Stop taking money from everyone else just so you can give the police big raises.
48.	Providing enrichment and opportunities for low income residents is a better use of money than needing to increase social assistance and policing and prison/rehabilitation (even if that is not municipal) later!!
49.	Please include Toronto Police Service in the budget cuts. Despite fear mongering, crime rates and violent crime rates are falling and have been for several years. There is no need to increase the number of police officers nor to exclude them from a budgetary review process.
50.	Please consider the physical cost to citizens of cancelling such a service as windrow clearing, as compared to the relatively lesser impact of cutting out, say, bylaw enforcement of dog and cat licences. And who really needs the police to be paid \$65 an hour to watch over construction sites? This money could be much better spent in many ways--increasing the public library budget would be my choice.
51.	Getting people and businesses to invest in Toronto requires the city to invest in Toronto first. Many investments like the waterfront pay back in the form of new businesses and residents which become additional tax payers sharing a burden that reduces per person as density increases. Creating a future with less crime requires more jobs, assisting people in need before they take a destructive course in their lives, and creating a city that makes all residents feel like they belong and are equal participants in society.

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52.	1) Determine if the City should really be providing the service at all. For example, police offices standing around doing nothing at construction sites, city run theatres, golf courses, etc. / 2) Look into more effective ways to deliver service - Toronto Hydro becomes Toronto Water & Hydro for example, smart water meters that report usage back automatically so no one needs to come and do meter readings. Use technology, kiosks, etc., to make delivery of services cheaper. / 3) Address the parking elephant that seems to exist - all traffic in the city (buses, cars, bikes) would move a lot better if on street parking was reduced, if parking laws were enforced and if cars that were in violation were towed rather than just getting a ticket yet remaining where they are, impeding the flow of traffic. Create parking zones for street parking where pricing is the same within the zone. / 4) Adopt a system similar to Montreal's snow clearing that forces parked cars off the streets during snow clearing or they're towed.
53.	The need to be compassionate and caring as well as trying to save money. Do not save money by reducing EMS, Police or Fire services or funding to the Toronto Animal Services. Caring about our sick, elderly and homeless as well as homeless animals makes us all better and makes our City a better place to live
54.	Cut TTC staff. The ticket vendors jobs can be done by machine. Then maybe the TTC will be able to afford to clean the stations. Stop charging me money to put out garbage. I live above a commercial property. People like use should be able to put out one bag of garbage without having to pay \$5 a bag.
55.	If you are going to cut city services, you should cut your salary first (not office budgets, that's immaterial). Unless you are willing to make a sacrifice of your own, you do not have the moral authority to cut others benefits. / Unless you are prepared to tackle big ticket items like the police budget and TTC, you will NEVER balance the budget and should give up on the false pretence and lies that you can balance the budget through 'efficiencies'. This is a fools game.
56.	Getting people to engage in local communities to reduce crime as people feel stronger ownership of their neighbourhood.
57.	Lets not go giving anyone any raises until we have a solid plan in place on how we are going to save money. I'm sorry but that includes the police.
58.	Mayor Ford promised us no cuts in services - please remind him of that. / Police is the biggest item on the City budget - there are private security companies who are mostly staffed by young people who have police training and would love to be police officers for much less than \$90K/yr. Then nothing else would have to be cut and taxes could stay at a reasonable rate. / / / It is a sad statement that you have put the option "don't care" - if we are filling out the survey, this means that we DO care.
59.	To stop prioritizing Police services and increasing budget there. The increases could be better spent and better distributed to other less costly services.

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60.	Outsourcing can maintain quality services, or reduce costs, but probably not both. I do not trust the current mayor or council to exercise good judgment when issuing RFPs or contracts. / The police budget keeps going up while the crime rate goes down. We could cut the police budget and direct that money to other programs that support vulnerable neighbourhoods, thus reducing crime.
61.	Look first for ways to cut costs; then for ways to improve service. Turn accountability from a pat phrase into an everyday action. Hold everyone providing services to the public to the highest possible expectations. Demand appropriate behaviour from those in positions of authority, starting with the Toronto Police Service. Apologize when mistakes are made and take responsibility for correcting them quickly, effectively and fairly. Don't get drawn into making decisions on the basis of emotion, or responding to on- off situations with a over reactive knee jerk response. Treat the City of Toronto like it is your family; show courtesy and respect, and you will get respect in return.
62.	Start having the police and bylaw officials fining people caught spray painting the city with graffiti with heavy fines. This could be a small revenue source for the city but more importantly save the city, businesses and homeowners the cost and hassle of removing graffiti.
63.	Council should consider uploading police services to the province, might scare Queen's Park into giving Toronto more money.
64.	I'd be happy if I got the feeling that common sense was being employed when decisions about funding/services were being made. As it currently stands, from the top-down, that is not the case (why do we have a graffiti patrol when we could be putting money into services that would actually HELP people?!?!). I also want to see City Council making decisions that benefit people on a long-term basis, even if they aren't popular in the short-term, and to be willing to spend more now with a view to future savings.
65.	Examine sources of waste not listed: / - street speedbumps were ground down and replaced unnecessarily, a huge cost an annoyance / - water is cleaned and pumped but an unknown amount is lost in city pipes; a priority should be placed on leak detection and repair / - construction workers routinely tear up roads and sidewalks replacing communication or other wires, yet only infill with asphalt, leaving the City to restore. Require the companies to do restoration. / - consider congestion charges levied on 905ers coming into the city (or tolls) / - maintain heritage buildings and increase density in the core by providing incentives for developers to do restoration work / - automate TTC fare systems (smart cards) to enhance commuter experience and prevent lines at old-fashioned ticket booths / - Harbord 94 bus is rarely used. Street should be for cars and a dedicated bike lane (use savings from bus line...bloor line and college can take extra passengers) /
66.	Cops cost too much.
67.	Seriously, cops are important but they are no the be-all end-all of everything in the city. Fund them wisely, and not out of fear.

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68.	I do not support privatisation and "contracting out." We need to maintain the low crime rate and success of our city. We will put both in jeopardy if Mayor Ford's short-sighted schemes are put in place because now is the time for the city to be hiring more people and creating more good, family sustaining, unionised jobs instead of trying to cut them. I urge all city councillors to stop trying to manufacture a crisis where there isn't one and just increases property taxes by at least the rate of inflation. Also, I'm very disappointed with Mayor Ford's decision to give the already over-paid Toronto Police a massive 11 per cent salary increase.
69.	YES. Consider how hard the non government employees work to earn their pay cheques. Consider the benefit packages they have in comparison. Consider the working conditions, sick days, job protection etc. Consider all of this when negotiating with the government employees. IE subway employees, the police, etc. Respect my taxes.
70.	Services should be looked at in the long term, not short term. Cutting after-school programs has been shown to increase crime. Cutting availability of pools and sports fields has been shown to increase medical costs. Cutting funding for arts decreases our stature on the world stage and negatively impacts tourism. These are examples of short-term gains which have much higher long-term costs. If governments 10 years ago had spent a little more in these and similar areas, policing and health care costs could be much lower now. I will gladly pay more in taxes now to improve the city not just today but for decades to come.
71.	Investing in social housing and decreasing poverty will automatically decrease crime and save money.
72.	No more police raises!!
73.	The City should refrain from hiring right-wing who wipe out \$300 million in surplus. / Also, fire some cops.
74.	Don't just go with the flow and support a Mayor who makes bad decisions for the city. Stand up for your constituents and have a backbone. We don't want police to have a raise, subways that drain our money when there was a solid TTC plan already in place, and cuts to programs that make this city a viable place to live.
75.	Yes. If they keep everything as it is would be better than changing anything. It seems they cannot avoid their convictions make a right pluralistic decision for the citizenry and future generation. How can you ask people if it is better to contract out public property such as TTC or Park? And why there was no increase in fines, car licensing, and such as they drain the cars drain much more than anything else and harm us most, perhaps stop the 11% income increase for the cops.
76.	Stop cutting taxes in order to create a budget crisis and then force people to choose between their parks, emergency services, supports for low-income communities, housing, etc. It's juvenile and disrespectful to the people you're supposed to be serve.

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77.	It is important to keep things equal so I don't understand why police are getting raises when others in the province and city do not and maybe we need to look at how much funding they should get for their salary - especially when doing menial work such as watching construction sites.
78.	The focus shouldn't be on reducing cost as much as providing more value for tax dollars. Toronto has a considerably lower tax rate than other surrounding towns, the taxes at my parents cottage are the same as my condo, yet they receive ZERO services. the taxes at their home north of toronto are similarly higher than mine, for less services. Services can be improved without cutting jobs and cutting pay. Contracting out will only make corporations richer, the workers poorer. if it didn't, the company wouldn't bid for the contract. there is nothing wrong with city jobs being enviable jobs, the onus is on the city to make sure that value is there for the \$\$\$. \$100k ttc ticket collectors aren't good value for the \$\$, city-employed garbage men who have a pension and a decent wage so their children don't have to be garbage men is good value.
79.	Consider the overall costs (e.g. opportunity costs and costs associated with not providing services). The overall costs of poverty on health, safety, police and other services are much higher than dealing with root problems (e.g., homelessness, mental health, etc.)
80.	I like that the City is in great control of some of the public services, i.e. Police, Fire, EMS, Libraries, Parks and Recreation, TTC. I find it hard to make a decision based on the information given in regards to contracting everything out. I feel the above are being run in a great way and I would have no issue's paying a little more in user fee's/property taxes in order to keep them at the same level of service, and also run by the City. I would like to believe that an Officer, Medic, Fireman, Librarian, TTC driver would feel a lot of pride being a city employee and servicing their peers. I know people that work for the city, and they hold themselves accountable for the work that they do, knowing that it is important to represent the taxpayers with the best service they can possibly provide. I also feel that if we contract the city out, we lose control of many factors, including holding individual companies responsible for lack or quality of services.
81.	I will repeat that I think that providing adequate and affordable housing for all, and access to recreational programs for young people and green spaces will reduce the need for increased security services, save money, and increase the quality of life in the city.

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82.	Think long term and what is best for the city rather than making decisions because of political ideology / A truly great society is determined by how it treats its most vulnerable / When there is extreme distance between the privileged of this city and those in need, that is when we run into trouble / Funding Programs for Youth (i.e. Parks & Recreation) is more important than Policing them / Improving health inequities helps make a safer city / There is a significant problem with racism and oppression in this city that desperately needs to be addressed / You desperately need to address the TTC issues in the extreme northeast & northwest....subways just don't make sense to those areas...you need to look at the TTC service to York University / Garbage pick-up by city workers is definitely cheaper than contracting out...you treat them with such disdain...it is a really hard, physically challenging job where workers are prone to injury...they need our support not our condemnation / It takes an entire city to work co-operatively together (that includes all voices and especially those of people in need) to make this city great / Stacking consultations doesn't lend itself to us hearing everybody's voice...the most disenfranchised of this city (and those who access and need the services the most) are the ones whose voices won't be heard...that is unconscionable /
83.	Have to think long term - what do we want city to look like in 5 years time, not just next year. Must increase economic activity, transit, and PREVENT crime (not just police it!). Penny-wise approach may result in increased costs down the road as the affects of some cuts are seen.
84.	Socialism is good - it means we have police protection, fire fighting services, public parks, public schools, public libraries and roads and traffic systems. Think about it- "socialism" root word is "society". Do we all want to go it alone??? Isn't that the alternative? My values include helping those who are less fortunate to enjoy a civilized lifestyle... not just helping my own family members but also helping my larger family - my fellow citizens in Toronto. I believe there is too much selfishness in the current trend towards cutting services and cutting public service jobs.
85.	contracting out city services does not always mean higher quality services. if we have lots of people working contract, low-paying, low-security jobs - this does not help to sustain or improve the quality of our city.
86.	Remember, that when you make poor people poorer - we all pay..Insurance crime safety....
87.	Please stop giving more funding to the police services. Their budget is pretty big already.
88.	stop allowing paid duty policing , so there are enough active police officers on duty
89.	taking care of the vulnerable in our city decreases the need for police services and decreases the need for additional services in the future. recreation centres, child care services can prevent future homelessness
90.	Stop increasing the police budget. /

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91.	With the recent recession, it is vital that there be more affordable housing. There have been people that have been laid off from their jobs after being with the companies for many years (myself being one of them) and it is very difficult to obtain another job. People have lost their homes and have been evicted and are forced to live in rooms with their families because they cannot afford to live in an apartment building or their previous eviction does not allow them to secure a unit in another building. Some of the places they are being forced to live in have deplorable conditions that have not only maintenance but, safety issues.
92.	why is the police service using up such big proportion of the city budget, there should be ways to reduce the cost of police services or some police service can be delegated to lower cost options e.g. police watching traffic for construction sites, or religious services. Why does Toronto police has to be the highest paid police force?
93.	On the issue of private vs. City delivery of services, I am not dogmatically bound to one or the other in general, but whatever path is chosen the City must retain a very strong administrative and regulatory role, which cannot be yielded as private contractors inevitably press for cost-cutting through self-regulation. / / It is also critical to me that the City continue to maintain ownership of the infrastructure, and ensure that it is well maintained. I would not want to hand over responsibility for things like water quality, road safety or pandemic planning to private companies because errors made to cut costs could have profoundly negative or even lethal consequences.
94.	Please remember that when you contract out things, the tangible quality and personal responsibility and respect for things goes down the tubes. A security guard working for a security company is just one piece of the corporate puzzle and leads to apathy. A security guard *working for the city* has a different level of respect, which results in better quality and sense of duty. Certainly some things can be contracted out, but please keep in mind their role in how the city operates. / / My own personal experience is with the contracting out I see at my work place. Janitorial staff are external workers with no connection to everyone they interact with - they end up being bitter and introverted. The cafeteria staff are strictly controlled who try to squeeze every last penny from us and feed us garbage. They know they can get away with it because they have a monopoly. The chefs are depressed because they spend their days sitting in front of a microwave, and our employees are depressed because it's the same crap day in and day out. is happy with their easy profits - contracts only work when there are multiple, active participants. Please do not allow monopolies to take control of city services!!!
95.	Stop being so afraid of the Toronto Police Association. As they proved during the G20 and during the post-G20 investigations. Let the OPP bid on policing the city.

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96.	I think the city should improve it's relations with federal and provincial governments to address certain of it's funding issues. Address Immigration on the influx of unskilled labour from the Caribbean and some other regions. We have 4 generations of these immigrants living in community housing which was not the intent of community housing. A statistical analysis of their use of support services and levels of small crime tells the whole story.
97.	Yes, Ask the Provincial Government and the Federal Government to subsidize the TTC. Stop privatization of public services except the Police Service. Go ahead to privatize the Police Force. This is the only public service I agree to privatize! The Provincial and Federal Government should also subsidize the social assistance.
98.	Community centres, and free programs in high needs areas significantly improve the quality of life in low income areas - this needs to be continued. We pay far too much for policing in this city considering the crime rate is steadily decreasing. Police budgets should not be increasing, and in fact should be decreasing. Ensuring access to services and protecting vulnerable people should be a city priority.
99.	The City of Toronto appears to be rushing headlong into privatization from an entirely ideological standpoint. It's clear that these decisions aren't being informed by sound policy or study / We have a government that is desperate to eliminate as many good city jobs in favour of putting taxpayer money in the pockets of private corporations. At the same time, when a city service like the Police comes up for negotiations the same people have no problem making our police force the highest paid in the province? When people question the insanity of spending millions to pay officers to stand idly by construction sites, the same people who raise hell over \$10,000 say they're not going to sweat the small stuff. This is dishonesty and it is absolute lunacy. / / Torontonians deserve quality services. These services cost money, and those of us who can afford to pay more should be happily footing the bill. The payoff is worth it.
100.	DO NOT CUT SERVICES! DO NOT CUT ARTS! OR ANY OTHER FUNDING! DO NOT INCREASE SALARIES FOR COPS!
101.	Please cut the police. Crime is at an all-time low and still falling rapidly across North America, and it is the largest item in the budget. I'm also ok with slight increases in my property taxes. I know the anti-tax folks are very loud, but they do not represent me. I would much rather have higher quality services then lower property taxes.
102.	Get practical. Get innovative. / / Our neighbourhood had many first-time homeowners and young families. But after 6 years of non-delivery of key city services (enforcement of North York's bylaws regarding illegal conversions/lodging houses) the community is disordered and unsafe. / To any proposed increases in residential taxes and user fees one has to say: "We support paying our fair share. We believe that taxes that are prudently allocated to taxpayer priorities represent a public necessity and a public good." The question remains, of course, whether / or not the city has a good plan. / / In addition to being next to one of Canada's largest post-secondary institutions, my neighbourhood is next to one of Toronto's priority areas for socio-economic and justice services, some call it University Heights, others Jane

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	<p>and Finch, and the Keele-Finch Fuel Storage tanks. These serious realities must present City staff with significant planning and program challenges. / / Three quick items to draw to your attention as you deliberate about whether the City has a good idea of the right priorities: / / 1.) Personal safety and security. You may recall that the neighbourhood was the location of several sexual assaults in the recent past and the murder of Qian Liu in April 2011. Detectives at 31 Division of the Toronto Police Service have had to respond to an increasingly worrisome 'Break & Enter' trend as well. In December 2009 dozens of houses were hit by anti-Black, anti-semitic, anti-female, anti-gay graffiti. The neighbourhood needs attention. / 2.) Fire safety and public health. I invite all Councillors and city planners to visit our neighbourhood to witness how quickly fire safety and public health can become compelling issues. Many homeowners have converted their properties into numerous tiny apartments and rooming houses. Few, if any, of these conversions will conform to approved Ontario Building / Code standards. Few, if any, were ever completed with a building permit. Students and other low-income residents are at risk of unscrupulous landlords and unsanctioned electrical re-wirings. This was the subject of a recent Toronto Star expose. What will the City do about this other than wring its hands or sit on its hands. Nothing has been done about the illegal rooming houses "explosion" in my neighbourhood since 2007. Various Councillors seem bereft of any practical ideas or interest in getting something useful done. Why is this? When will this get fixed? / 3.) Emergencies. Our proximity to a significant fuel storage area also requires greater City attention. The Sunrise Propane Gas incident south of our neighbourhood should have been a wake-up call. Has it been? / / Does the City have the right priorities. Does it allocate the right level of City / resources to the right priorities? Will the neighbourhoods in this city – this city known as the city of neighbourhoods – be the beneficiaries of improved critical services funded by our residential taxes and user fees? I hope so. / / We want: / / • Toronto's Police to better monitor and prevent property crime and / violent crime in our neighbourhood; / / • Municipal Licensing & Standards staff to conduct more timely / property inspections and faster enforce of by-law infractions out of / Toronto's North York Office; / / We expect that Council is properly resourcing its Office of Emergency / Management and the Fire Department's Emergency Response Plan. We / expect that Council learned lessons about our collective preparedness / for industrial explosions within the City. / / We want the Toronto fire Service to have what it needs. / / In short, we expect our leaders to pay attention to the basics and target our resources accordingly. The focus must be on people. / / A couple of years ago, the Board of my Residents Association reviewed some of the Budget documents. Page two of the Executive Summary of the Municipal Licensing & Standards document was worrisome. It said that one of the key challenges facing the City's Municipal Licensing & Standards staff is "advancing the Dog and Cat Licensing Strategy while meeting service / delivery responsibilities arising from [staff] involvement in the Multi-Residential Apartment Building Strategy". If City staff officially advised the Mayor and Council that they / could not effectively</p>

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	inspect and enforce property standards and multi-residential housing complexes if they are also required to simultaneously focus on promoting a safe and healthy environment for pets then Council should have reconsidered whether they had too many / priorities and should have decided whether they were allocating enough for Municipal Licensing and Standards to inspect substandard housing and enforce by-laws. People must come first. Perhaps cat sterilization is a very important municipal issue but surely it is not as important as inspecting firetrap rooming houses. Rooming houses need not be unsafe for those / living in them and for those living next to them. / We need real city leadership. / / Clearly Torontonians expect good government. Most believe we have a / right to good government. Of course, there is no such right. We / will not get good government unless we all do more than support our / own particular self-interests and pet projects.
103.	Transit is important, The environment is important. Social services are important. The mayor's agenda for reducing the "gravy train" is an embarrassment. Especially in light of the huge increase in salaries to the police services, and paying police to stand around construction sights.
104.	I would like to see City services more equitably funded. Currently residents are paying 25% to Police Services & Board, compared to 0.003% to City Planning. I would like more spending on Toronto Public Health, and other services that make our communities healthy and stronger. / / Thanks for this opportunity.
105.	Honour fare system for the TTC with ticket inspections. The buses and streetcars will move faster because the driver can concentrate on driving. Also, let's have 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7 day TTC passes as is done for transit in other cities in the world.
106.	Toronto's transit is already woefully behind. Good transit is needed to take the city into the future - our population is only going to grow. Don't be bullied by the police union. Everything needs to be realistic, fair and proportionate. Avoid fear-mongering.
107.	If you want to contract out, you should start with the useless paid "duty" function currently filled by Toronto police. As far as I can tell, there is no "duty" in these assignments at all. They don't even direct traffic. There is usually some guy (who I am sure is paid much less than \$65 an hour) with a sign to do that. The cops basically just stand there all day, collecting their gravy.
108.	Toronto is one of the safest metropolises in the world thanks to its history is good social services. Improving support to low income communities would reduce crime. This can be funded by reducing the bloated police budget.
109.	I would like decisions about services in the future to include safety and responsibility. Example, privatizing garbage collecting will be cheaper in the short term but will create an unhealthy city for Toronto that will be dangerous and expensive to fix.
110.	Council should decide early on whether Toronto is a business, or a city, and whether it is a city they like to live in the way it is now, or whether they would like to alter it significantly. I would also like to see the City Council appear to be less frightened of the Police services board

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111.	Healthy communities are vibrant, active, engaging, and sustainable. The more we can build healthy communities, the less poverty, disease, and crime we will have in the future. We need to be long sighted in our decisions, instead of only looking to what will save us a few bucks in a few years. Beautiful cities are built over time, and with passion. Green space, art, sport, and culture, walkability, public transportation, cycling, community centers are integral pieces of the fabric of a city.
112.	cut the police budget and give some of that money back to community initiatives to improve communities. DO NOT charge user fees in communities that cannot afford them. This will only undo all the good work that these community centers have been able to accomplish.
113.	Don't be afraid of the police at budget time. They can't shoot you just because you cut their budget.
114.	There should be fewer laws at the local level and less bureaucracy at municipal level. The mayor's office (this applied to Miller and his group too) should stop trying to micromanage such things as minor spending transgressions, graffiti and the like, and strip out a few things like laws regulating the height of the neighbour's lawn. Getting rid of such archaisms would not only help to force people to talk to each other about problems they have with each other, it would free up city staff to manage larger issues.
115.	Focus on the neglected LGBT community, on TTC, garbage and cleanup, health services, and security. Everything else - zoos, theatres, cultural programs - it's all icing and not necessary. If you need to cut something - cut cultural programs not health services like the Hassle Free Clinic. If you need to increase user fees, do it for non-essential cultural programs not something like TTC.
116.	Crime, Health, Safety and expeditious snow removal on sidewalks and roads should be priority. / Contract out things like garbage, TTC and any other service that cannot be deemed "essential". The people of Toronto have to be able to continue living without being held hostage by striking unions. There are plenty of hungry people out there willing to get paid for a days work.
117.	Try to trim the bloated police budget which takes far too many of our tax dollars. Stop using expensive police at construction sites, etc. Stop giving the police huge raises at the expense of everyone and everything else.
118.	Historically, several city services, such as the TTC and garbage collection, have run poorly in their current condition. It would make sense to try contracting them out to see if we can see an improvement. By contrast, services such as the Toronto Police and EMS have run well while being managed by the city. Therefore they should stay in city hands.
119.	Do not cut the services that serve the GENERAL PUBLIC as opposed to special small groups. Services such as: police, fire dept., emergency, public libraries, TTC, garbage should be top priority for the city. The rest, such as community based programs, heritage, theatres) should be considered second priority.

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120.	It costs money to make a great city. I hope that the city keeps in mind that reducing taxes and cutting services will not make the city a better place. What differentiates Toronto from comparable cities are the services it provides to all of its residents, allowing even those without much money to participate in the cultural and recreational activities the city offers. It is also a safe and relatively clean city to live in, with much less crime than most North American cities of this size. Toronto is also famous worldwide for services such as its public library, and services like these, that make Toronto a great place to live, should be valued and protected, even if they require a rise in taxes or fees to maintain them.
121.	IT HAS TO BE POSSIBLE TO TAX CORPORATIONS THAT LIVE IN OUR CITY, NOT JUST PROPERTY OWNERS. ALSO, CREATING A SECTOR OF POLICE THAT GO OUT LOOKING TO BUST AND HEAVILY FINE BIG INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL POLLUTERS WOULD GREATLY INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE PUT TOWARDS ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE CITY OF TORONTO.
122.	The city provides services which some individuals and groups believe to be "necessary". Most of these are in reality, services which a city should not provide because they are not core municipal services. For example, cultural or heritage services, day care, etc. are services that should be provided by others. Core municipal services such as road repairs, sewage treatment, garbage collection, police and fire services have been neglected in order to pay for services that are not necessary. Simply put, the Toronto has lost its way. It is trying to provide something for everyone and in the process, taxes have increased and service has gone down.
123.	Yes. Remember Walkerton and similar situations re when services that NEED to be publicly provided are privatized. Undoing the damage after the fact is much messier and expensive. Call me if you need more convincing about the gong show outcome that is privatization (e.g. building inspection in Alberta that was privatized = occupied buildings that aren't actually safe at all), leaning / downsizing (turning a full time work force into part time with two jobs a la nurses pre SARS = not enough human resource capacity to manage the crisis), merging as cost saving (mid 1990s merging of hospitals into larger geographic health units cost more than actually running those hospitals) etc etc etc.
124.	Public Services and Cultural services are important. If you do not have culture or public services your city will suffer. Not only are the cultural services tourist attractions, they are a positive release for your population. The more that your population can be entertained with affordable entertainment, for all, that you will see a decrease in crime. More police are not the answer, more public services are.
125.	It is important to engage youth, keep them off the streets & into programs. This will make our streets safer in the long run. There is a direct correlation with cutting programs / support to people in need and crime rate.
126.	Cutting costs in administrative areas should be a priority. Cutting costs in front line services, especially parks, transit, police and fire services should be avoided by increasing property taxes.

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127.	Please control the escalating costs of all city services, especially employee compensation. I am all for cost efficiencies but this needs to be applied equally to all services (i.e., police included). Any decision to increase for one group just becomes fodder for others to seek the same. It also becomes a vicious cycle when comparing against other jurisdictions. / / These tougher decisions on services can be mitigated by controlling costs up front in both good and bad economic times.
128.	Cut police services. We are overpoliced and they are highly paid.
129.	promote fundraisers for certain services. The residents of Toronto already have enough financial burdens to consider. The city should no longer endorse events like the G20 or other major events knowing that the well-being of its citizens and the future services of this city are at risk. Job wages for the common citizen have increased, but along with that so have food, living, and transportation expenses have increased, so in the end it even outs just to survive on a monthly basis with little hopes of improving one's livelihood.
130.	Again, far less money should be spent on policing and police salaries.
131.	Stand up to the police union. Cut their pay and benefits. Outlaw police overtime.
132.	Some cuts cost money in the long run. Cutting access to community recreation, for example, drives up public health, policing, EMS and social assistance costs. Cutting public health programs to deal with pests and infectious diseases make the city worse and are more expensive to deal with in the long run. Prevention saves money, even in the short term. In addition, when people have access to community recreation programs for their kids, safe and affordable housing, clean and efficient public transportation and affordable child care, they can move forward with finding and maintaining employment. Cutting services and creating a precarious situation for many will affect everyone.
133.	Plan for a healthy and efficient city with great infrastructure for the ecologically responsible businesses for the future. Contracting out services like garbage limits the city's ability to improve services and the environment. Increase citizen involvement. Ban all police from work outside of their duties. The city should end all private use of police. Stop competing with private security firms and stop bribes of police. Having the police approve public events and controlling security levels is wrong. The police should work for the people.
134.	Start thinking longer term e.g. paying for affordable housing/supported housing now will save money in health, crime, drug use, human misery etc in the long term. / Stop pandering to greedy & selfish people who want to reduce their taxes and damn the rest. Remember what happened in Walkerton when we all got our \$100 cheque in return for closing water inspections. I'm willing to pay more property tax to help the less fortunate and so should we all be.
135.	Swimming pools and ice rinks do more to reduce youth violence than large police forces.

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136.	As mentioned previously, reduce the Toronto Police Services budget!!!! It's way, way too high and the wage increase you just gave the police, at 8.5%, is also WAY OUT OF LINE with any other public body/service!!!!!!
137.	Don't cut everything! There are many SUBURBAN taxpayers such as myself who are willing to pay more on their taxes to prevent the gutting of everything. and special note: I think the PROVINCE should take back the funding for subsidized housing and welfare for the poor. THAT is what has cost this city dearly. They dumped it on we taxpayers! that and an incredibly inflated police budget. Police that no longer even walk a beat on our streets!
138.	The quality of life and jobs in this city is profoundly affected by the cuts you lead me to believe you are about to make. My safety and security is increased by libraries, recreational and other community programs, not by fattening police budgets. Cut the police budget before you cut out recreation for children and teens and you'll save on policing down the road. Cutting public services is short sighted..
139.	The MFP scandal was not long ago. I am worried that this whole exercise is so slanted to privatization and no other alternatives other than raise taxes or cut services. Ford agreeing to the huge increase with the police sets the tone for all other services
140.	I think there needs to be a hard look and review of how staff time is allocated in some of the "sacred cow" organizations in the city; specifically emergency services . For example, when ever I see police on extra traffic duty they are spending their time talking to one another on the side walk. I often see EMS supervisors taking a coffee break. Why does EMS have an in house psychologist when police have contracted out this service; and why does the City still have an in house counselling service and EAP services. Some one needs to look at how our money is spent; is there is duplication of services or wasted time in these departments. While I strongly believe that most of our city staff are providing more than we pay for; there is, I believe the "sacred cows" services have not been reviewed and there may be more waste there then realized.
141.	More expensive policing is not better policing.
142.	Keep to providing core services. There should NOT be any sacred cows in terms of wage negotiations. Police/Fire budget is one of the highest and they seem to always get a free pass.

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143.	<p>As I was just saying: / / Please, please, please, STOP ALL THE MYOPIC, SELFISH LEFT/ RIGHT WING POSTURING AND THINK ABOUT OUR GRANDCHILDREN'S TORONTO BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE. EVERY BODY has to pay. Slash the salaries and benefits of all public servants to fit the times, which would bring everybody down by at least 30%, ESPECIALLY the Mayor, all council (more like 45%) and their support staff. They shouldn't even have support staff. Make all businesses pay for themselves. If they can't provide a service that keeps them in business, too bad. SLASH all arts funding. Arts will continue the way they have for unsubsidized millenia, but with less ego and whining. If you can sing, or paint, sing and paint for your neighbourhood in your spare time. And for God's sake, keep the fee for plastic bags as a pathetic little starting point and move quickly to DRASTICALLY increase fees for ANY environmentally damaging practices or uses of materials, in every direction. This includes CARS - the use of cars should be incredibly cost prohibitive (an increase of at least 200% through a CAR TAX in the inner city, as well as drastically increased parking fees and fines). Either dramatically improve TTC and garbage collection customer service or contract it all out. They are spoiled and rude brats. Throw out all the expensive police gadgets and cameras and SLASH the bloated police budgets just as brutally as everything else – we're talking 30% (use some of the savings to retrain them out of the hi-tech black OPS computer game mentality the cops under 40 seems to have been raised with). Above all, do everything we can to dramatically reduce the involvement and influence of large multinational corporations, big government and big union interests in our cities and decentralize by dramatically increasing engagement of community members at the local level so neighbourhoods increasingly decide on important neighbourhood decisions wherever possible - NOT council or city hall. We should all be growing our own food on city streets that are increasingly abandoned by cars. Almost all residential streets should be converted to food production by 2030. If we don't do these kinds of things and all make sacrifices and come together, the generations to come will be cursing our monumental, ideological, self-involved stupidity. /</p>
144.	Get the police under control.
145.	<p>Contracting fundamental services out is not in the best interests of the City. Private contractors are out to MAKE money, that is what they do. Sure they can bid low to get the contract, but after that their first objective is not to provide the best service, but to make money for themselves - not to provide equitable pay for the actual service providers or to provide excellent service for us, the citizens and tax payers in this city who are paying for those services. Also, I've mentioned this before, but an 11% increase to the police budget, especially after the G20 debacle is a ridiculous.</p>

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146.	I love Toronto. I have always lived here and I strongly believe that our citizens deserve good jobs with decent pay and benefits. I think the city needs to continue to deliver services and retain staff. Contracting out means more and more people living on low wages with little security for the future. This city is expensive and citizens should be able to work and live here, NOT in poverty. Really think about what you are doing - and think about the future implications of all of this slashing. Toronto's citizens deserve access to services, good services and a city that cares about them.
147.	improve safety for visually disabled
148.	Toronto Police budget for salary and benefits is extremely high and should be looked at for cost savings. TPS has a one billion dollar budget that the majority is for pay and benefit costs. Asking them to reduce the cost should be a priority of the City.
149.	Money will not resolve the crises we face people will and the city can be the builder of this or continue to be the road block with out vision. The City Hall I want to support is taking a leadership role in building our future not asking closed question to make change but truly engaging people as leader to bring forth new idea and take part in the care of their city. I believe a co-op model is a process to reduces cost and build pride of all citizens. You will see reduced crime and increased prosperity across the city.
150.	education is key to the future of a city, services such as public libraries should never have user fees I feel looking at services / that are sometimes duplicated is a important issue for example parenting classes can be found through Public Health, board of / ed. and community centres / support for the aging population is also so important and suppliers of much needed items - hearing aids, diapers, drugs can do so much more to make these items more cost effective
151.	Community matters: the vulnerable must not be left to look out for themselves. Our community has a visible growing gap between the rich and the poor which risks undermining it. Given that socio-economic factors determine health, safety, and security from crime, the city's social justice role only makes sense. Given that cities are where most Canadians live, they are where there will be success or failure to make critical changes to reduce carbon emissions and avoid catastrophic climate change consequences. A fair, green, integrated community will attract more investment, leaders, and creativity. The car and cut-backs mentality, at any cost to sustainability and community will undermine Toronto's success as a city.
152.	Equity, access and safety are crucial. Transit, housing, childcare are essential. / Contracting out can work well for Partnerships with Not for Profit agencies/community partners. Mixed model of delivery works well.
153.	tax fee cuts should never happen before corresponding savings or revenue increases have been signed into law
154.	Reduce police # as crime rates are reducing and use prevention services for youth, those in poverty

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155.	update and train all staff particularly those just coming from certification to keep everyone in the loop. Equal and opposite, stay-in house (i.e. inspectors, by-law officers)
156.	Consider what is essential services to the public i.e. police, fire services, and reduced unnecessary management with pay over \$100,000.
157.	First, input from citizens is critical and needed at each point in the process. Second, if the city wants to lower costs, it must address policing costs that occupy 1/4 of city spending. The answer doesn't lay in cutting small programs while allowing the police budget to continue to bloat.
158.	Focus City Hall on policy, legislation and licensing, and police operations. Everything else should be provided by the private sector. Lock public sector cost increases to the rate of increase in CPP payouts.
159.	1) I think it's vital that City employees live where they work. This is especially important for policing staff, but also for other concerned with City programs (City planners, librarian staff, e.g.) Engagement concern and understanding greater if one lives and plays where one works (by this, I mean, in City of Toronto, and not Vaughan, Mississauga, Oakville) (see City of Boston policy in comparison with city of Boston/ohr/residency asp) / 2) Improve TTC fare-paying system to ensure control of cheaters.
160.	Police staff being used to assist with construction safety or work social projects under no circumstances should be services provided create overtime payment for police officers.
161.	By law officers should serve many issues - not single jobs - how many anti-smoking officers do we still employ when in fact the problem has gone away. All new programs should be subject to sunset role - COLA increases should only apply up to the 50,000 base salary current policy keeps the poor door and dashes the uppergroup away from the middle.
162.	not spend so much on consultants / not pay police \$65 per hour for babysitting a hole in the road
163.	Overall crime rate is dropping. Police services should be considered for cuts as that is where the gravy is flowing.
164.	Cut funding for police and spend it on TTC, recent 11% raise for police services is a contradiction of City Hall. They're picking and choosing what they want to fund.
165.	Focus on the core responsibilities of providing police, fire and EMS, then transportation including the TTC, and maintaining our infrastructure and parks. Eliminate spending in areas that should not be paid for by the city ratepayers such as arts, culture, and theatre, as examples of items that should be entirely privately funded; these are nice frills, but do not rise to the level of commanding support with public tax dollars.

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166.	Once again, I think it would be important to keep services for less-advantaged. Even though I am an immigrant, I've been fortunate enough and happy with my life in Toronto. The gap between rich and poor has increased and hopefully it can remain in a fair proportion. I came from a city in Brazil that we see how that increased gap can really damage a city - violence, social chaos, corruption in pandemic levels - I don't wish that to happen here in TO and to preserve our well-being, I believe it would be important to keep on supporting those less-advantaged and vulnerable people.
167.	Making sure that all services are provided by a government body who is accountable to its citizens is absolutely crucial. Contracting out services is not a blanket solution to cutting costs - sometimes it raises costs, usually not on the books of the elected official who moved to privatize. Good governing means taking a sophisticated approach to revenue that does not over-simplify and ignore viable alternatives that do not fall on the backs of citizens. This municipal government should provide services for its citizens, especially those most in need. They should also support programs (such as environmental programs) that benefit the health, safety and accessibility of this city. Decisions about services should be guided by the needs and concerns of citizens (very different from customers, by the way), not short-sighted, school-yard politics.
168.	what happen to the gravy train-- cop budget is 1 billion \$\$\$ a year. 700 million should be cut from policing, and corrupt city dopts, who are feeding on the gravy train
169.	I feel that the city needs to look at Police services which is one of the highest costs for efficiencies & cuts - especially the misuse of tax payer dollars for monitoring construction sites and traffic management - surely the former is not needed to extent it is provided today and also traffic calming & parking monitoring could be done by non-police personnel who's pay would be commensurate with the lesser level or responsibility and risk. As well, I feel outsourcing or contracting out of TTC like services in other cities has proved to be disastrous. The need for elected officials to behave in a manner that is transparent, open and accountable is also very important - the mayor should and must respond to and speak to media (as it is not reasonable or feasible for him to speak directly to each resident in the city).
170.	Stop paying police so much. Replace their oversight committee with fully empowered, non-police alumni persons. allow city final authority in terms of whether it allows future G8/G20 conferences.
171.	I would like our council to consider a full investigation into the personal actions of Bill Blair, and the actions of the force he leads during the g-8, g-20 summits in Toronto before any increase in funding or hiring for Toronto Police
172.	Investments in city services save the city money in the long run. For example, people who can go to work easily and efficiently on public transit provide a good labour force for the economy.

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173.	WE NEED AN ARCHITECTURE SPECIALIST TO VETO BAD DESIGN - IT SHOULD BE LAW THAT EVERY DEVELOPER PAYS FOR THE EXTRA INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED TO BUILD AND THEY MUST PROVIDE SET BACKS, HSORT CUTS AND AMENITIES IE DAYCARE SPACE, MEETING SPACE, PUBLIC ART WORKS AND EHNHANCING THE STREET LEVEL ESPERIENCE SEE LISA rOCHON'S COLUMNS ON THIS ISSUE in the Globe and Mail / Transit - start building subway on Bathurst Street !!!!! Have you seen it during rush hours? north and south?? / How do you stop road rage when these traffic nightmares are a daily part of working people's existence? / You must dedicate Bus Lanes and triple the number of them to take people to work and get them out of their cars - and move the carless quickly to and fro work play etc. / Stop Sprawl / Stop Sprawl / It will be our demise one day / / Police and Fire - huge wastes of funds - when I see 3 or 4 trucks at a non event - why do so many respond to a non fire event? / forget 2 officers in cars / and again - why do I see 4 or 5 cars resooinding to a homeless person - 5 officers hovering over a person who is helplessly drunk / Can they not distinguish who will go - send one car? not 3 or more / their salaries are a disgrace / they are not trained well / they should be walking the beat -0 get them out of their cars and onto the s=treets / and the accountability is not even close to being there / the Parks Dept. is qauite a fiefdom / too many managers and layers of managers I know I have dealt with Parks ongoing for more than 3 years / and sub managers / too few enforcement staff / for parks and animal services / /
174.	The decisions should be evidence based over long term versus knee jerk reaction to cut. / For example, the services providing HIV prevention information and/or providing clean syringes to people who use drugs will have a radical impact on preventing future costs in health care needs and strains on other services.
175.	If we provide good services for Youth and they have opportunities for advancement and jobs, then there will be less crime. I believe that we could reduce the Police budget by a small amount to give more to youth which will keep youth out of gangs and therefore increase the safety of our communities and reduce the need for Police services. Crime is already dropping so there is no need to increase the number of Police. / Many of the options before were biased against increasing or maintaining services if that means a property tax increase. No-one wants to pay more; that is human nature. However my friends who live in Durham pay as much in property taxes as I do although their houses are worth much less. There are other ways to support those who are unable to pay higher property taxes which are already in place: for instance seniors could defer a portion of the increase until their house is sold.
176.	Work with Federal govt. on child care/full day kindergarten program to reduce the burden of parents and provide affordable housing. Put the policy or law in place to reduce the monthly rent of apartment buildings cause currently at least 40-50% city dwellers have to spend more than 70% of their income on housing putting their livelihood in measury.

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177.	Think very hard before you cut something that may save money in the short term but will probably only increase costs in the long term (i.e. privatizing city services, cutting anti-violence or literacy programs, etc.). Think of the people who will be paying for your changes in 40 years, either in taxes or in less tangible ways--not just the people who voted you into office.
178.	do not assume that everyone is for lower taxes; most of us want fair taxes. / do not assume that everyone has a car; most of us want cheaper and healthier alternatives. / do not assume that everyone loves police services; most of us need them to be more sensitive to people's real security needs.
179.	There is plenty of fat to be trimmed, especially in cops and sanitation services. Garbage should be contracted out. We MUSN;T make fare hikes in public transit - our city is too large to deny poor, hard working labourers the right to affordable ways to get to and from work. We need the TTC to be efficient, safe and reliable. A world class affordable system for a world class, busy city.
180.	Spend less money on the Police.
181.	Please consider and account for vulnerable populations. People who have financial security can look after themselves. Part of government's role is to provide for people who are not in a position to provide for themselves.
182.	Create jobs that are more inclusive of people that are on public assistance. Social Services and their business model do little for people on OW who have varying difficulties in accessing gainful employment. They need social workers, not case managers or other workers who can't really help them and are not required to be registered as social workers. If you hire social workers to roll up their sleeves and do the work that psychologists and psychiatrists won't do (due to access and costs) things will improve. If the goal is to truly get people off of assistance, you're going to need to hear the real stories of people on assistance from qualified trained professionals dedicated to improving the overall quality of life for individuals. Some of the issues these people on assistance face don't cost as much as you might think. / / As for people on ODSP, their stories are different. Employment supports are there but once again, it's a waste of money if no one is addressing the actual barriers (usually accommodations) beyond the hiring process. If 1/10 people have a hidden disability that requires specific kinds of work (location, settings, time), how is it equitable that they compete for the same positions with the City against 9 other people that don't require accommodations. I think I saw that in Hamilton, they have a special area for posting jobs SPECIFICALLY FOR people on different types of assistance. The key to being a leader in such an initiative in Toronto is that the jobs should be positions in every department with the City of Toronto and equal pay. I know too many qualified professionals with tons of degrees sitting at home on ODSP all because employers and HR don't have a clue as to how to really be equitable. No one wants to accommodate these people because they don't think they have anything to offer. After reading some of their resumes, some of them are more qualified and educated than the people serving them in social services. That's pretty

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	<p>disgusting. / / One other thing the City needs to consider is the general cost of having people sit at home because they can't work (accommodation needs, lack of access to healthcare, and childcare). A single parent who is qualified to work in a particular profession can only do so between 9-5 which is unrealistic in this day and age. Now consider that single parent and their limitations going up against the hundreds of other applicants who are not limited to the hours they can work. It's almost impossible to stand out and the few that do get a job are nothing compared to those who are either forced to work menial jobs or stay home. Having children in this City should not be a crime. The City needs to understand that a person's ability to work is directly linked to their sense of self worth. The more time a person is prevented from gainful employment, the lower they feel as an individual and the harder it is for social services to 'rehabilitate' them. / / Extend childcare hours. Permit business to open childcare facilities that run evenings and weekends. / Hire people with disabilities who can work (ODSP). Understand that the blurb about accommodations during an interview does not make the job market accessible. Tell them that the City wants them, knows they're valuable and wants to develop groundbreaking accommodation solutions that will help them to fully compete for jobs and participate in gainful employment. The City of Toronto can and should be at the forefront of job accommodations that are cost effective etc. / / Hire 'Social Workers' not employment counsellors or caseworkers or anyone that is not professionally regulated to care for vulnerable populations. Social Workers provide case management, counselling, crisis intervention, financial planning, credit counselling, marriage counselling, youth work, research, program evaluation, program planning, etc. They do a lot of things other than just clinical work which the City should be capitalizing on.</p>
183.	Awarding contracts with increases to city employees that are in excess of inflation and clearly out of line with the current economic situation of the country and the city - increase in pay to police would be a prime example. No increase should have been given this year.
184.	Do not contract out services that are essential to the city such as police, EMS, garbage collection and libraries
185.	Please be disciplined and consistent. There can be no special cases or vested interests. The lack of discipline in dealing with the current police budget is hypocritical. Lose the ideology and focus on benefits for costs, and be prepared to raise taxes to cover costs.
186.	Have staff take a look at full cost recovery, environmental costing and subsidies in all services -- especially motorists who create unsafe streets, foul the air, drive up policing costs. Make them pay full cost through road pricing and parking fees.

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187.	I would like the city to truly consider the long term impact of the 5-to-10 year impact of their decision. I fear that knee-jerk responses to the current economic climate have clouded the judgement of many and have forced them to think of short-term savings at the sacrifice of the safety and prosperity of the future. For example, the cancellation of the \$60 vehicle registration tax (which averages to be the cost of ONE tank of gas for an SUV) has resulted in many shortfalls for the city.
188.	Lower budget for Police services, lower pay for Toronto Police,
189.	Current mayor campaigned on finding gravy--there's plenty in police services. It was a good move to have councillors have reduced budgets and tighten expense policies. However, the disparity between union and non-union staff (wage freezes for latter group) is divisive. Why can't wage freezes apply to union staff? / Real estate--what's the long term plan for City staff in terms of employee count and space needs? Are there underutilized City buildings? Is the City renting private office space instead of using its own spaces? What real estate does not need to be held? / Refund policies for strike periods--during garbage strike, there were payments to City community centres and other dept. that were affected by the strike i.e.. no programs ran for what was paid. Time to get into 21st century and update the refund policy for payments held up during strikes in the future. / Toronto a la cart program--vendors who entered the program need to be given a financial break for having listened to and invested in that program. Not a New York moment of varied foods but red tape and hassle. Learn from the mistakes! What about BIAs that are banning food vendors i.e.. Bloor-Yorkville BIA? Can council do something to salvage the affected vendors' businesses? / Follow-up on outstanding road/sidewalk/utility cut issues--it's a shame that columns like the Fixer in the Star or Urban Decoder in Toronto Life have to exist to get action on old issues or dangerous conditions in the City. Where is the departmental awareness of what is going on with its inventory of facilities? Is there a current policy regarding utility cuts and timeliness of repairs? It seems that Toronto has lanes blocked forever for construction.
190.	Try to maintain services that are going to be health and safety issues -- so water, roads, policing, fire, health services. But get rid of programs that are more luxury items.
191.	The city council should not make the knee-jerk decision it often does when an issue is in the news, for instance the gun ranges in the city limits.
192.	1) Research on what can increase street safety in the future / 2) Anything related to sports, recreation, environment and transportation is highest priority / 3) Redevelopment of waterfront should keep in mind accessibility for recreational purposes and all existing recreation facilities should be saved (clubs, beaches etc)
193.	I see policing as major concern. There is not enough presence of police officers in the city and as a result any resident can witness unlawful activity daily. I believe we have a good yet understaffed force

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194.	Make sure Toronto remains a liveable city, where people at all income levels can live a full life. If you cut back on public , open, access to community services, such as libraries, parks, free sports for children and community centres, the city will have social unrest, Those with money will leave and Toronto will become like one of those run-down, violence-ridden American cities. / / We pay almost twice the average property tax and it is becoming a financial strain, but we enjoy a wonderful city -- we walk the dog through three small parks several times a day, we walk every day along clean, safe streets, we visit our local library several times a week, our friends use the elder care support in a community centre, our kids play sports in city parks, garbage is picked up regularly, the Forestry department has very dedicated arborists who look after the old trees, and we use the TTC. So, we get great service for those taxes. / / The biggest disappointment is the TTC. Bus and streetcar service is absolutely unreliable so we often drive and pay high parking fees, just to be sure that we will arrive on time. Subways are more reliable, but the stairs and stations are really dirty.
195.	Cut police and fire budgets by 10% each. Force major rationalization of what work these departments do and what resources they really need to accomplish that. These sacred cows have been unsupervised for a long time. Require value for money.
196.	Stop talking about cuts to our services. There is no justifiable reason to cut our services or force us to pay higher user fees. Please don't ruin our beautiful city.
197.	police services is always left untouched yet they are biggest cost for value of service i.e. not great value for cost -they need to be held to provide much better service for less cost
198.	PLEASE stop the race to the bottom that is achieved by contracting out. All it means is that some fat cat will get contracts, pay workers minimum wage with no benefits, no security, no pensions, make profits on the backs of working people and "customers" (us). / How can anyone think this will lead to a peaceful, equitable society? / The mind boggles.

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199.	<p>The city needs to look after the needs of its citizens regarding housing, public health, transit, emergency services, infrastructure, water etc. in a manner that is accountable to its citizens and where they can vote out of power any councillors/mayors who are not looking after their best interests. Services that make money should have the profits put back into maintaining the services that do not and never will. People who can afford to are willing to pay their taxes for these services with the understanding that they improve the lives and safety of everyone in the present and have for themselves/family in the past and will do so in the future. People also use different services at different times in their lives. If you charge user fees for services to people that have no money you are denying them a public right. If you allow people to pay their taxes only for those services that they personally are currently using you are creating a society of great inequality and denying a public trust. I do not have children but believe that I have an obligation to support family and children's services. I don't have a car but will support roads if transit is also supported by those who do not use it etc. / / I also do not see that it serves anyone to put thousands of public sector workers out of a job or working as low paid contract workers for companies that will end up charging whatever they can get away with once they have the contract and have dismantled the public sector infrastructure. / / If however you are going to insist on contracting out some services, they should be where where quality, fairness of application, security of information or an ability for prejudicial treatment would not be an issue e.g. parking tickets and lots. They would also be those services where profits could be made or no one would want to take it on. Most of the services for low income people, emergency/fire/police/environmental services/infrastructure/libraries do not fit into this category so this survey is not a useful indicator of what and how the city should be doing. / / / There are some services that could be contracted out where quality, fairness of application, security of information or an ability for prejudicial treatment would not be an issue e.g. parking tickets and lots. They would also be those services where profits could be made or no one would want to take it on. Most of the services for low income people, emergency/fire/police/environmental services/infrastructure/libraries do not fit into this category so this survey is not a useful indicator of what and how the city should be doing. /</p>

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200.	I believe the City should have an overall statement of goals or policy. Perhaps this exists already? / / As Canada's 6th largest government, our overall goal should be to improve the social and environmental health of our city for future generations. / First of all, our government should be democratic, in other words major decisions should be made or approved by our elected council, not by appointed committees. Any changes to our electoral process should be made by public referendum to protect this structure. / Next, we need to protect the social health of our city for future generations. As the gap between rich and poor increases, this threatens the social health and security of our city and it becomes more costly and a less friendly place to live. Social programs and issues like wide public transport are critical to this health and security. / We need to protect the environmental health as well. Parks, clean air, efficient recreational services are critical to this. / Last, we need to avoid irreversible decisions that take resources out of public hands, such as the 407. The private sector may be an excellent means of delivering public services, but the overall control and ownership of these resources should not be reduced. /
201.	Other than essential services (e.g. ... fire, police ems etc), every other service should be evaluated on a cost/benefit level. If the costs outweigh the benefits then we should either reduce it or get rid of it.
202.	significantly reduce excessively high police budget [now approaching \$1B]
203.	The Police Services Budget is in danger of destroying the city finances. TPS is already the best paid and best funded police force in Canada. Save money by imposing wage and hiring freezes for the next 2 to 3 years like other levels of government e.g. provincial civil servants.
204.	Audit police and fire and make it more efficient, contract out functions that the police and firemen don't need to be doing themselves.
205.	I resent that the survey continuously asked whether I think reducing costs is more important than maintaining quality - why do these things have to be mutually exclusive? Did we not learn anything from Walkerton? Quality is ALWAYS the most important factor when it comes to the health and safety of the population, and the majority of the services in question here - from waste disposal to tree maintenance to libraries to housing to public transit - ARE FUNDAMENTALLY ABOUT HEALTH AND SAFETY. To compromise on the quality of ANY of these services is a betrayal to the entire population and - as the largest city in Canada - to the entire nation. It is offensive and deeply troubling that the bottom line would ever be considered more important than health and safety.
206.	Increase Public Involvement. Volunteers can help reduce costs; introduce new ideas; build enthusiasm for city / Hire students to manage traffic around construction sites, rather than pay police at very high wages /

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207.	Yes. Don't be short sighted and small thinking. Toronto is much more than the basic services such as roads, sewers, police, etc / Have some vision about creating a vibrant, liveable, inclusive city--and this will mean investment in--not cuts to-- the "softer" services such as arts, libraries, parks,, public space, good architecture, the environment, childcare, services and support for vulnerable people / Improve public waterfront access and facilities / And very very important important invest in and significantly expand public transit--not just subways and buses-- but light rail with right of ways that take them out of traffic. The suburbs should have and need excellent transit options-- and planning for and providing these should take precedence over continuing support of the car culture. A huge effort has to be made to get people out of their cars and to give them real options for doing so
208.	1. Take care to prevent corruption, insider dealings and fraud whenever contracting out. Efficient oversight by the city should accompany all private contracts. Conflict of interest rules should be strengthened. / 2. Toronto police is overpaid and seems to have a stranglehold on city budget planning.
209.	Good public health services will eventually reduce the cost of providing other services. Same to education and social assistance. Think about increasing job opportunities and reducing crime rates as a way to reduce cost of policing instead of merely increasing property tax and/or users fee, or lowering the level of services. Think about more innovative way to reduce cost while maintaining good quality of services, such as better collaboration between departments and different community stakeholders.
210.	Reducing the cost of the police! / Reducing the cost of our deficit!
211.	Do not just think about budget cuts. Think outside the box - increasing revenues. Invest in prevention and education programs to prevent crime and addiction. Do not increase funding for police service. Our police service is too expensive.
212.	The growing gap between rich and poor is a safety and security issue. We need a good quality of life and positive opportunities for all people.
213.	better roads, no tolls, a subway to the airport, more control over the police department and its budget
214.	Our environment is very important. Please don't cut back on funding that will help us clean our water, air or land. In general, Toronto has a lot of smog (we could use some more trees to clean that air!) and the lake water is not clean enough to swim in. I think we could increase tourism if we could offer swimming, boating etc. in water that is CLEAN... Let's invest and make harbourfront more beautiful! / / I'd also like to see more security with TTC. There are people who get on there that scare me sometimes...

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215.	Consider cutting the police budget to enable the city to provide higher quality services. The police budget accounts for over 25% of income made on property taxes, while all the other services that I commented on take a small fraction of property taxes and should not be in danger of being cut. / I truly believe that if our city offers services that help alleviate poverty, offer support to the marginalized population and contribute to the strengthening of communities, there will be an increase in a sense of community and solidarity within the city, there will be less crime and police services will not be as crucial in order to maintain a safe and secure city.
216.	There is huge waste in not co-ordinating road work with gas, water, sewage, electric, etc. Our neighbourhood of Roncesvalles has witnessed huge waste in this area. Huge numbers of social workers could do a lot of the current work of the police at a fraction of the cost. Police should only be used for serious crime.
217.	Don't be "penny wise and pound foolish". For example, while the City might save money by cutting some transit services (a bus route here or there), that negatively impacts the ability of citizens to move around the City, thus decreasing quality of life. Similarly, while it may reduce budget expenditures to cut support and funding for programs low income neighbourhoods or at-risk youth/individuals, in the long run that will result in more people being pushed into poverty and possibly into crime. We need to invest in our City. The problem is a revenue problem, not a spending problem. Eliminating the Vehicle Registration Fee was a mistake that only drove the City \$65 million further into a budget shortfall.
218.	We need a clear vision of what city we want to have in 2015, 2020 etc. And having such goal, we can plan for it by RAISING TAXES I making sure that all Torontonians can fully benefit from living in "livable"(!) city. Some things (transportation, culture, arts, environment, housing) have to be expensive and focusing on cuts is only slowing down the progress. / Police budget has to be lowered significantly - it's simply unacceptable the proportions between the police expense and other obligations paid by the city. If we invest in safer communities where youth can be motivated, educated, and employed, we will not need to spend so much on police, but to see that the long-term goals and vision have to be established and worked towards.
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221.	The police costs are way too high. We do not need officers acting as pylons. Get some control over the police budget. Invest more into youth community programs that in the long run will be money better spent on crime than the police. Put tolls on the city boundaries. Why should residents of other cities like Mississauga be able to drive into Toronto every day to go to work and pay nothing to use our roads. We do not have to gouge them, but they need to pay something. Bring back the motor vehicle tax. If you can afford a car you can afford \$60 a year and use that money for public transit
222.	Please look to the cities of Scandinavia and mainland Europe. Some of them are clean, efficient, energy conserving, community driven cities that make people want to live there. Transportation, public health and safety and environmental awareness such as renewable technologies should be the focus of our city.
223.	more community policing
224.	All Services and Councillors, must take an immediate pay freeze for at least 3 years. No new City hiring, unless that department can show a safety issue to public will occur if not enough employees in that dept. The City must not take on any event (i.e. G20) where they have to pay a huge tab for the event. As I said before, a small property tax increase should be implemented to keep all services at present levels. But as a taxpayer I expect all City Councillors and City employees to give a 100% in their job, which I help fund and find ways to do that job in a productive and economical manner, by finding administrative cutbacks within their departments.
225.	City should fund all programs and services that increase the health and safety of the community.
226.	Do not cut services to the individuals who cannot afford them. / Why do you think the youth are resorting to gangs, drugs and violence? It is because the rich are getting richer while the poor are getting nothing. / Please provide a supportive environment where people are nurtured and cared for.
227.	All, that is each and every dept must cut spending. / Reduce employees by attrition. / Too many uniformed police/100,000 populations in the City. / / Establish uniform rules for procurement by BIAs. Procurement of goods and services, contracts and RENEWAL of contracts

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228.	Toronto needs MORE police not less. I am a single mother working very hard to do what I can but I live in a "high risk" neighbourhood and right now we have less police presence than I would like (and I live down the street from 42 Division) given that my 12 year old has to take the ttc to and from school. She has a healthy and positive view of the police as she has had good interactions with them in the community during crises (murders) and at school. Please, please do not take away our sense of security which goes directly hand in hand with the presence of officers.
229.	Police budgets should not increase. Stop attacking public sector workers and public services.
230.	Please do not respond to a manufactured crisis. The city is healthy, liveable, and prosperous. While it is truly important to do a service review to reconsider what is necessary and what is not, we also have to realize that taxes contribute to a vital, beautiful, energetic and safe city. Also, it is incredibly important to push back on Police Services. Those cops with everyone getting free parking as a perk, and gyms in their stations, etc. have it really, really good. They do a very, very tough job, one that I would not want, and the fact that they are paid so well attracts good people. But really, they are a public service that CAN be cut, reduced, and there are things that CAN be eliminated, especially as Toronto's citizens get OLDER and, in fact, crime decreases. Please respond to the reality of our city.
231.	There is a serious lack of out-of-school programs in the greater city of Toronto. The marginalization that is happening is negatively affecting not only individual communities but that greater success and capacity of the city . / / A report was conducted by Middle Childhood Matters Coalition: An Inventory of Full-Week After-School Programs for Children 6-12 in Toronto provides a baseline measure of the type, location, number of children that can be accommodated, and number of full-week after-school programs that are available across Toronto. Working with city staff, coalition members and community advocates, we identified organizations that operate full-week after-school programs for 6 to 12 year olds in Toronto. These programs accommodate just 9.5% of children 6-12 in Toronto. The further one travels from the city centre the more difficult it becomes to find quality child care. In the seven neighbourhoods with the largest number of 6-12 year olds (where 15% of Toronto's middle years children live), programs can only accommodate 5% of local children. / The middle childhood years are an important developmental period for children, and quality child care programs can have a significant impact on children during these years. Spending time after school unsupervised leaves children facing increased risks for academic difficulties, delinquency, injury, physical and sexual assault. The Roots of Youth Violence report by Roy McMurtry and Alvin Curling noted: "Given the relationship between undiagnosed literacy problems and behavioural problems later in life, including incarceration in many cases, effective early learning programs can play an enormous identification and prevention role." / After school programs benefit children and provide positive learning environments as well as supervision. Children who participate in after school programs are more self-

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	<p>confident, have better social skills, and are more likely to succeed academically. These programs, however, are in short supply for children aged 6 to 12. Further complicating the issue is a lack of affordable child care and after school care: more than 3000 middle years children are waiting for a child care subsidy in Toronto. A problem clearly exists in terms of the capacity and location of full-week after school programs in relation to where the greatest need exists for those programs. / While we realize that the current recession may seem to present barriers to funding these programs, a recent study by University of Toronto economists showed a 2:1 payback on public funding for developmentally enriched child care created from the increased taxes paid by working parents, coupled with reduced social service and compensatory education costs. In Quebec, over 40% of the public cost of the province's early childhood program is covered by the tax revenues from mothers who otherwise would not be working if low-cost child care was not available. Investment in child care is cost-effective and benefits the public. The OECD recently urged Canada to increase funding for child care in part because of this issue. They have recommended that Canadian governments increase spending on out-of-school hours child care. Our research has led us believe that after school programs would provide long-term benefits to the economy, children, and families. / The Middle Childhood Matters Coalition urges the federal government to respond to these urgent needs and recommends: / / • The creation of a national child care strategy for all children 0-12 to ensure comprehensive access to quality, affordable early learning and child care services. The provision of national child care is essential to Canadian prosperity, a crucial support for children and parents and a common sense response in an era where every public dollar invested in quality early learning and child care programs returns \$2.54 in benefits to society. / / • Increased funding for early learning and child care programs for children 0-12 yrs. There has not been an adjustment in funding for inflation to municipalities in over fifteen years. That means every year we have less money to fund vital programs and qualified staff. Because of the lack of provincial funding, licensed child care is very expensive. Many parents pay \$40 to \$60 per day or \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year, per child for child care. The cost of child care is now more than most families can pay - fees cannot continue to rise. A lack of subsidies means many low income families can't access high quality child care. We need a new funding model that does not rely on ever-increasing parent fees. / / • Increased numbers of quality programs for children 6 to 12 years of age and the provision of adequate resources in order to hire, train and maintain qualified, experienced staff to create a comprehensive and integrated network of services that includes early learning and care, education, child welfare, health, recreation, and family supports. / / To ensure that children 6-12 years of age, along with their families, have access to a wide range of high quality, developmentally and culturally appropriate services and supports in their communities, the above recommendations must be considered. Most importantly, parents, caregivers, agency stakeholders and the Middle Childhood Matters Coalition need to be at the decision making table. /</p>

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232.	Please consider that most of the residents in Toronto value good public transit, a livable city with affordable housing, and good community services that respect the diversity of our city. The police services don't need a raise but public health, the libraries and the community centres need more and sustained funding.
233.	DON'T CUT PUBLIC SPACES SUCH AS PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENTS. HAVING THESE SPACES GIVES KIDS AND FAMILIES LOWER COST ALTERNATIVES AND WILL CREATE A SAFER CITY DOWN THE ROAD. CITY MUST REDUCE POLICIING COSTS. THEY ARE EXORBITANT AND THE CITY IS BEING HELD HOSTAGE TO POLICE. THE CITY IS A SAFE PLACE AND WE SHOULD RE-ALLOCATE POLICING TO HIGHER RISK NEIGHBOURHOODS AND NOT KEEP HIRING MORE POLICY EVERY YEAR. ALSO THE CITY SHOULD ELIMINATE THE VERY COSTLY DECISION TO MAKE TTC ESSENTIAL SERVICES AS IT WILL CAUSE HUGE COSTS DOWN THE ROAD WITH ARBITRATED SETTLEMENTS.
234.	Management must be trained and empowered to deal effectively with contacts and unions to allow them to run their divisions more efficiently. Too many managers are afraid of grievances etc to the detriment of taxpayers. The city must support and train their management to be better managers and to reduce their costs. Increase use of bicycles for police and reduction of vehicles.
235.	Transparency. I want annual, above inflation increases to the Police Service budget stopped. City Council never considers the danger of various occupations and the fact that that is a sensible way to rate remuneration. Danger of being a police officer? 37th. Firefighters? 3rd.

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236.	<p>Cut back on private duty work by police officers, and overtime. We need them to be alert on their regular jobs at regular pay. / Don't let police demand bigger pay hikes than other essential workers. / Monitor construction workers - often there seem to be two guys standing around for every two who are clearly working. Make the supervisors justify how many workers they need for each job. / Ban idling by city vehicles: it's bad for the air and it costs us all too. / Encourage city planners to travel to European cities (especially Scandinavia and Germany) on their vacations to see how things are done there. We can learn smarter ways of doing things. Offer raises and promotions to city staff who come up with better ideas that save money. / Go solar (or other renewables) for energy on all city buildings, just as the school board is doing. / When building or renovating city buildings, install pipes and filters to use roof water or grey water (i.e. soapy water used in sinks and washing machines) for toilets, to reduce the use of good drinking water. / Sell rain barrels to homeowners at cost to encourage use of roof water for watering lawns and gardens. Or install them, with diverters, at a fair cost to the owners. / Money invested in services like libraries and community centres is essential to all neighbourhoods as it affects the health and intelligence of growing young people. / Extend efficient public transit to the NW and NE corners of the city, so people living there can get to work and back safely and in time to look after their kids at night. / The wealthy can pay plenty of property taxes. Those who live in homes that cost over \$1 million can afford it. / Insist on senior governments forking over gas taxes, to pay for street repairs. / Charge industries the full cost (treatment and disposal costs) of the water they use, so homeowners aren't subsidizing their water costs. / / /</p>
237.	<p>Consider how one department maintains the usability of others: / / Trees, and parks, environment, waste management and indeed culture will create good health, and lessen the need for security. Do these as long term interrelations. / / Safeguard the integrity of planning processes that have been established through participation and expertise. Use and maintain the level of human resources that the city has - these people have seen what occurs, but also must be up to date on what might occur - bring in others to assist them, do research. / / Who best can provide for street people, day care, and the aging - what government infrastructure can best 'see' what is going on, regulate and monitor these actions? Before cutting or changing go to the individuals best informed - public, Nonprofits, experts and those benefiting. / / Do not waste effort and money redoing projects that have already been planned if they can be salvaged at all. / / Do not put the weight of an economic failing on those that can ill afford to lose money or services. / /</p>
238.	<p>Quality over lowest bid. You get what you pay for. Leaking compost collection trucks from my private trash pickup in Etobicoke is not value for money (the company was also charged for illegal dumping in 2002). The private contractor hired to fix my sidewalk not only tore out my TV cable (just thankful it wasn't a gas line) but workers didn't wear safety equipment like ear protection when using jack hammers.</p>
239.	<p>Go back to basics. Water garbage police fire ems</p>

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240.	Services are for ALL people. Large pay increases (such as to the Police) are not.
241.	Yes, consider the quality of life as a priority specially the quality of life of low-income families and individuals; this should be a priority over fiscal policy. Anything that contributes to a good quality of life for residents is not a waste. Only expenses that don't contribute to the quality of life of residents should be investigated for cuts, e.g. providing most police officers with a gun is costly in terms of equipment maintenance and training and yet doesn't contribute positively to people's quality of life.
242.	Cuts to any of our emergency services will compromise the safety and security of Torontonians
243.	Only that being a tax paying citizen, I don't want to feel fearful(by-law officers) and angry joggers/bike riders giving family owned, friendly dogs an enjoyable outing, where they can do what dogs were designed to do, run and play! / / Thank You
244.	Toronto needs 911 Services, with increasing crime, fire and medical. Toronto needs to make sure these services are not touched
245.	The City needs to maintain quality services for its citizens. Safety is paramount for a vibrant city and provides an excellent place for people to live, work and play.
246.	Keep the essentials public like fire, police, garbage water and sewer. Along with Public Health and Long term care. There are departments that could be contracted out. Except not the above!
247.	REMEMBER how valuable and important Fire, Police and Ambulance Services are....they HAVE to be there 24/7 and provide the best service possible. That includes up to date equipment such as their vehicles, personal equipment, etc. We should do whatever it takes at whatever cost to make sure we have top notch and reliable services.
248.	Police, fire and EMS are vital.
249.	Safety related services are most important. They are services that are needed by everyone. Their cost should be covered by property taxes with emphasis placed on the commercial properties. An increase on personal properties would also be acceptable.
250.	I don't mind paying more for quality service. However, I want accountability and response from my representatives. I want to ensure that issues that are important to me are within our jurisdiction. The environment, our water, fire and police.
251.	DO NOT CUT CORE SERVICES LIKE FIRE, POLICE AND EMS!!

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252.	Two issues surrounding policing have been in the news lately. / 1) I strongly suggest that the City look at markedly reducing the costs of extra duty police for events, construction sites, etc. In most instances it should be sufficient for security guards to provide this service, except in instances deemed to have substantial crowd control risks / / Finally I think that the City should come to grips with the unequal provision of services across the City. For example I think the City should get out of sidewalk snow removal, except for seniors and the disabled. In light of the tough political choices before us, this strikes me as a responsibility that individual homeowners should bear. / / 2) Increases for police officers should be in line with that offered to other city staff. I find it astonishing that the Police Services Board could offer the police an 11.3% increase over 4 years in a time of substantial budgetary constraint. I had expected a proposed increase in the range of 6-8% over 4 years. This struck me as a highly political move by the police services board that will make it more challenging to rein in settlements for other city workers. This was a very poor move and I hope that it can be corrected.
253.	Consider this: If you start privatizing essential services like Libraries and the Police, why in God's name would any sane person choose to remain in Toronto? We will leave. / This isn't Robocop.
254.	more user fees for those who continue to use waste city services such as calling 911 and requesting an ambulance for non-life threatening emergencies.....and for all those who abuse all emergency services.... / cut back on services to local community groups and immigrants- there are more than enough in place right now.....we need to discontinue being a welfare state....that starts at the municipal level.....
255.	reduce property taxes, and increase user fees. If I want to use a service I will pay for it. If it is a service that I don't use I don't want to pay for it. Fund community - wide services (policing, etc) with property taxes.

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256.	Based on my use of the 911 service ,far too much money is spent on the paramedic program when the city has numerous hospitals close by and a quick transport is usually preferred. The paramedic program is designed and vital for a rural community .Not urban. / The Fire service is trained by Sunnybrook for Prehospital critical care and all ready delivers several services to the city efficiently . Medical care prior to transport to hospital is only one service. / From a tax payers perspective , it would appear that we already have the multi service firefighters in place on the street and doctors at the hospital. The obvious mandate should be to get the patient to doctors as soon as possible. / I see an opportunity for the city to enhance firefighters role in patient care and use regulated private ambulances to quickly transport the patient to a hospital. / The main roll of the EMS is to transport the patient quickly to a doctors care. The paramedic program does not deliver this agenda. / / I'm sure private companies would be able to hire several EMS staff and simply get the patients to a hospital right away. / The savings on eliminating EMS buildings and vehicles along a cut in their staff and wages, while at the same time using Fire and private sector to deliver a better service seems obvious. / It would also take the budget pressure off areas that are more difficult to cut back on. / /
257.	Consider that the crime rate has been dropping steadily while the police budget goes up constantly. While I realize that the victims of crime don't attach a dollar value to their suffering, and neither should we, I think we can find more intelligent ways to run the force, like using flagmen instead of pay duty officers at construction sites. Too much pay duty is going out to cops.
258.	Health and safety services should be city-run and paid for by property taxes.
259.	if the city fosters more bicycle traffic they should fund more police to ticket non helmet wearing riders or our health care budget will climb dramatically to support all the expensive head injuries/
260.	Consider us a community, full of people who are interdependent and reliant upon each other for health and happiness. Channel your inner Federal government in the sense of Peace, Order and Good Government. And by Peace and Order, I DO NOT MEAN more police services.
261.	Transit capital investment decisions should be made on the basis of efficiency and need. Increasing subsidy to 40% of operating costs will increase ridership, reduce traffic, and create productivity by reducing time lost due to traffic delays. Don't build expensive subways where land LRT can save billions of dollars. / / G20 fiasco shows police obviously have more funds than they need. Cuts need to happen in the most expensive departments. Police need to focus more on actual reported crimes, less on harassing randomly-encountered non-criminals on the street. Police need to respect constitutional rights on freedom of peaceful assembly (protest), freedom of association, and equal treatment on the basis of race, gender, and sexual orientation (insults and special harassment of minorities, as happened during the G20 summit, should result in suspension or termination).

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262.	Police should not have paid duty for city projects or court duty - it should be regular pay
263.	Keep at a high level, the services that make cities great. Police, Fire EMS, Transit, Garbage Recreation.
264.	Building great cities takes investment. It is not the fault of citizens that the police are overpaid, and trigger raises for other city employees. And not the fault of citizens that CUPE is out-of-touch. Why should valued projects to improve the lives of citizens suffer because the mayor and council refuse to rein in bloated over-spending, starting with the police service?
265.	Consider public safety a priority
266.	First, this survey oversimplifies a lot of the services provided and has a clear focus on cutting city services instead of increasing them. I would see this city grow, not retract. Second, feedback from citizens is a critical component and ever stage of budget planning. I hope that the isn't cut in the name of budget savings. Finally, the city needs to get control of policing costs. Rationalizing costs won't be effective if the focus is only on the small services when policing takes more that 1/4 of city spending.
267.	reduce the defined benefit plan of city staff, including fire department, police department, garbage disposal, city planning staff
268.	It is very hard to measure quality. It is also hard to resist union demands for increases and parity with other jurisdictions. So any increases need to be carefully analysed - including for the police. In general zero based budgeting (allowing for inflation) should be the rule. Also, cut out the FAT - theatres, poets in residence, grants to NGOs.
269.	The politicians should be held accountable for any fiscal improprieties. I believe most politicians receive "kick backs" for contracts issued, which lead to higher costs and decrease service levels. I would support a thorough review of this process, including prosecution of anyone breaking the law.
270.	concentrate on core services - policing, safety, transportation. All other 'social' frills will come to the safe, clean city with good transportation. Artists like to leave where they can sell to rich people.
271.	WE have heard that the Fire and Police may cut 300-500 positions using last on first to go. Have they explored pensioning off those with enough service. A new firefighter gets less wages and only 3 weeks holiday while a firefighter with 28 years on gets 9% recognition pay and six weeks holidays and could retire at any time

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272.	Please stop requiring police to attend job sites, or provide mall security. Toronto Hydro should provide ebilling - this option has been broken for at least a year. I would like to see the number of departments reduced significantly, with a goal of reducing duplication and waste. I would like to see less construction near the waterfront, burring the Gardiner, and more parks. Please have the police crack down on panhandlers, particularly in the financial district and in tourist areas - I would have more pride in the police and in city government if I wasn't accosted by panhandlers every day. I would like to see the libraries reduce the number of physical books, and significantly increase their collections of ebooks, plus allow citizens to register for a library card from home over the Internet.
273.	Emergency Services are an important part of the city, and retaining the excellent EMS. FIRE ad Police Service is a Must. Cut Backs to these 3 essential services will affect lives and property, as these individuals truly take their profession seriously and work for the citizens of Toronto.
274.	Plan long term. Seek stable funding sources. Constantly changing where money is spent creates a lot of waste. Think about what the police are actually supposed to be doing (solving & preventing crimes) and pay them only to do that and find more efficient ways to do it. The police budget is going to be over a billion soon. That is unacceptable in a City that is cutting all other services.
275.	There is a myth that Torontonians are over taxed and the City is rife with waste. Most people want to pay for good service. One other point: The overtime pay for the police (e.g. at construction sites) is a huge burden. If anything is to be cut, start there.
276.	Please consider reinstating the Transit City proposal, especially putting the Eglinton LRT line above ground. This will save a good chunk of money that could be used to fund the proposed LRT line along Finch Ave. There are bridges and overpasses on Eglinton which will have to be raised up to fit a subway underneath, which may prove to be extremely expensive. Surface rail on its own right of way will have little impact on traffic, and will allow the city to redesign, say, the left turns on Eglinton at Leslie and Don Mills to allow more efficient traffic. / / Cars are not going away soon, but if gas prices continue to rise---and they will---people will be unable to afford personal vehicles. Torontonians will need less car infrastructure and more mass transportation in the long term. City planning should also consider how to shorten commute distances to encourage walking and cycling, as well as relieving a major headache for those who drive. / / When reducing service, consider the larger effects on the community to be sure that the cost reduction isn't cancelled out somewhere else. E.g. community programmes for youth help deter gangs; cutting them to save money means that extra money will need to be spent on policing, or on other anti-crime measures.
277.	excel at the basics: heath, safety, infrastructure; and the rest will fall into place.

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278.	Services for marginalized people are extremely important to the health of the city; support services and recreational opportunities for children, youth, low income residents and seniors are also extremely important. These services help improve community safety and reduce health costs and policing and court costs.
279.	When services are privatized, it oftentimes makes them more accountable. The Toronto police service is getting 'big/scary', the reason is (I fear) TPS don't feel as accountable as other services. / /
280.	North Americans expect their cities to provide a large array of services at minimal cost, all funded by property tax revenues. / / What might make more sense is to increase user fees, so that demand for city services can be better analysed. / / Additionally, the city should consider outsourcing most of its activities outside of policing, the courts, public health, planning, engineering and a few other core areas. Services such as transit, waste collection, employment services, housing, water treatment and recreation should be considered for outsourcing where quality standards and cost target (set by the city). The role of city staff would change to one of tendering, contract supervision and planning. Many of the city services that are most vital to the functioning of the city (water treatment, transit) are entirely contracted out in Europe, with the result that quality is improved and cost is constrained.
281.	Policing services have been sacred cows in the past. There is a lot of grandstanding but in the end the police service always gets the funding required. Since policing is the costliest service provided, there is a serious need for auditors to review the services and funding allotment so that taxpayers indeed get value for their tax dollars.
282.	Toronto's neglect of public transit especially LRT and subways over the past several decades must be addressed. / The police service is taking too much of an increasing share of the budget. /
283.	Do not let the budget cuts effect the safety of myself and the rest of the city of Toronto, I would rather pay an extra \$200 a year in property taxes to keep my family safe.

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284.	Maintain Toronto's current service levels and look for efficiencies so that service levels can increase, so that our City continues to be one of the best in the world to live, work, and grown in. This means providing funding for local communities and organizations through community development initiatives, supporting environmental improvements (clean water / water saving plans, tree planting, green spaces, and initiatives that encourage residences and businesses to adopt more environmentally friendly practices), helping those most in need in society (the homeless, unemployed, youth, elderly, ethno-racial minorities, new immigrants, etc) by providing direct services that will improve their education/ skill sets, employment opportunities and social ties to the City at large. Don't lose sight of the importance of investment in City infrastructure, parks, recreation, libraries, arts, and culture as a means of maintaining a healthy, clean, safe and vibrant community. Ensure that the City addresses the systemic issues that lead to crime, so that we support programs that prevent crime rather than those that merely enforce the law after crime has already occurred. To truly be efficient, you must think about the best ways to prevent future problems; an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.
285.	<p>Answering this questionnaire was a learning experience for me. I was astonished at the number / variety of services City Hall is supposedly providing at the present time. Is this why City Services have deteriorated so much over the last 7 or 8 years? Is City Hall trying to be all things to all people? The sad thing is that city services desperately needed by the people at large (like road maintenance, public transit, garbage collection) have become a joke, while City Hall bends over backward to invent new services it can provide to a select few (subsidized theatre, bicycle lanes and green roofs come to mind). / / I think it would be productive to think of city services not only in terms of what needs to be done by the city and what does not, but in terms of what services are not needed at all. Some services can and should be privatized and others need to be eliminated altogether. / / For example, in my view the city should provide water / garbage / paramedics (EMS) / police / public transportation / road maintenance. The city can contract out these services in some cases. I am strongly for contracting out garbage collection, and some security services currently provided by the police for instance. I think that allowing jitneys would be great as the TTC is a disgrace and competition would be a nice wake up call for TTC management/unionists. Just to be clear, by saying that a given service is needed and should be provided by the city, I do not mean that no cutting should be done. Actually, I see wastefulness everywhere I turn in this city. Why are road crews of 6-9 men seen everywhere when 3 would do the job nicely? Some repairs done two years ago by the city on my street were eye-opening. Nine workers were sent out by the city. At any given time, only one or two were working. Disgusting. And Miller wondered why we were so angry at his tax increases! / / Other services don't need to be done by the city at all and/or need to be pared down drastically. The TCHC has become a giant entity, totally out of control. It needs to be contracted out, and then reduced. Impoverished families and individuals should be able to rent apartments</p>

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	<p>where they wish and private landlords can be paid by the city. We also have an overlong waiting lists of subsidized housing so lets put some rules in place as to how long any one tenant/family can remain in subsidized housing. Five years is long enough for people to better their circumstances. Then they get bounced out to make room for others. / / Draconian cuts are also needed at City Hall. There are far too many civil servants, doing precious little. The 311 service is a nice convenience but not a necessity and I shudder to think of how much glorified phone clerks get paid. / / A couple more words: / Toronto Public Health needs to be uploaded to the province. The city can save a few dollars that way. / A layoff of at least 10% of our police force is in order. We are an aging society and violent crime is on the decline. Also, construction sites/road crews should hire private security staff, not police officers. Or put up pylons. / Environment is not a municipal issue properly speaking. It falls under the domain of the Federal government and should be treated as such. / Toronto's subsidies to the arts community have become a vile way for the establishment/civil servants to funnel taxpayer dollars to friends and relatives who pretend to be artists. Those rewarded with "grants" are nearly always frauds, not genuine working artists. I would like to see this practice discontinued. Real artists sink or swim on their own merit as we always have. / Citizens should not be subsidizing the living costs of Toronto Island residents. They should pay for their own ferries and their own police services. / It has become apparent that councillors need to be told what is and is not appropriate in the way of expenditures. I'm not pleased that 12 Toronto City Councillors are going to Halifax for the Federation of Municipalities conference. Frivolous expenditures should be disallowed. (They can still go, but on their own dime.) / / Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to participate in this process.</p>
286.	<p>Please keep in mind that in order to have an educated and civilized society governments at all levels need to provide an environment that keeps its citizens safe and encourages growth. This means we need to have adequate levels of policing, fire and EMS services. We also need to have strong public libraries and good quality arts activities in order to encourage the people to better themselves and their communities. Libraries are a relatively inexpensive way to offer the public enriching programs and literary services for those that cannot afford it themselves. DO NOT cut these services for the sake of reducing the bottom line.</p>
287.	<p>Police, Fire, EMS, Roads, are the important things - I agree that if the service can be obtained for less than the city should contract it out - get rid of the bloated public servants.</p>
288.	<p>More streetcars and subway cars for existing lines. Less money for cops who forget citizens' rights.</p>
289.	<p>Public safety is paramount. Reductions to policing, fire and EMS cannot be accepted. While balancing economic growth and stimulation must be considered with it's bearing on property tax rates, simply put, Toronto's taxes are too low. /</p>

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290.	Think about the long term effects of the decisions that are made. A cut to a service or privatization of a service or an increase in user fees to the point that it makes important programs, services, and public spaces inaccessible to citizens can end up costing the city more in the future. The provision of community services, recreation programs, health services, newcomer services, resources for families, affordable housing, etc are essential services for people of the city of toronto, and if access to these programs is removed in an effort to save money, the social ramifications of this will end up costing the city more in crime, unemployment, poverty, homelessness, etc.
291.	Spread social services evenly throughout the city. Concentrating them in particular neighbourhoods is not a good strategy. It makes one area of town undesirable, with constant loitering and it can lead to more crime. Let every neighbourhood help out a bit. / Don't cut social services. It makes cities into awful places and the misery spreads. / Let's try to be forward thinking. Let's try new things that work in other countries. / Our city's long-term success will depend on how clean/green it is, how smoothly our social services run and how responsibly we've approached development.
292.	Do not assume that privatization is the only way to save costs and concentrate on providing a range of services that are not only mandated by law, required for the safety and health of citizens but also services that improve the quality of life of citizens.
293.	Hold the line on spending, even for the sacred cows like TTC and the police service.
294.	Cut large police raises. Make benefits more in line with private sector. Get rid of overtime with police Use cross guards at construction sites instead of police. Charge more for special events marathons etc.
295.	There needs to be a paradigm shift in thinking about how to solve challenges such as garbage collection, TTC and crime rates for example. If we all felt that government was truly transparent and effective in using our tax dollars we would all benefit from happier, more productive people. Programs to create a cohesive, effective city council and city hall could save money and deliver better services.
296.	Reduce the size of the police force - crime rates are falling. Build more community centres for kids to focus on crime prevention. Increase overall taxes by whatever is needed to balance the remaining budget deficit.
297.	Too many highly paid by-law enforcers I had to deal in the past - for example, people ensuring my backyard grass is under 20 cm in height (!); a forestry dept. 'arborist' who spent 1/2 day analyzing my digging near a city tree in my front yard which then triggered other people involved in taking a tree deposit as penalty and issuing a building permit for soft landscaping!!...
298.	Emergency services are of highest priority. Public health and safety must never be compromised and always taken seriously, increasing the general publics' knowledge and education is the most effective way to prevent accidents from happening.

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299.	In considering any cuts to City programs I would ask council, and his lordship the Mayor, to please remember why it is the budget shortfall has occurred in the first place. A good portion of it is legacy fadoodling by the Mike Harris conservative agenda dumping social programs like subsidized housing and other ridiculously expensive items on municipal shoulders. If the Province mandates these services by law, the Province needs to fund them. Period, full stop. If the Province will not fund then the City should not offer these services and that's the way the citizens should understand it. "It's not a municipal responsibility to provide this service. Talk to your MPP." If I have to choose between a pre-existing City Program or the post-Harris Provincially mandated obligation - the City mandate shall ALWAYS come first.
300.	If you didn't CUT TAXES (VRT, LTT), then you wouldn't have to raise taxes or user fees. Stop privileging car drivers over transit users. Stop prioritizing wealthy home buyers over tenants. Stop attacking working class city employees. If you have to cut something, cut the police budget. The G20 debacle proved they're not responsible or transparent.
301.	Community safety
302.	Maintaining and increasing youth programs in our Parks and Recreation Centres will do more for peace in our city than increasing police pay or the number of police. Without these recreational services more youth, particularly in the economically challenged social strata, will turn to gangs.
303.	I think that it is a bit absurd that this survey suggests funding things like 24 hr police response, or feeding the homeless, with user fees -- but nowhere do I see the suggestion of user fees in the form of tolls for transportation services.
304.	reducing the number of police expenditures. Putting more police officers on bicycles rather than driving around in costly fuel vehicles. Why are off duty police officers who are contracted to perform private duties such as filming, use police cruisers and other resources which benefit the police officer rather than the city?
305.	Before Mayor Lasman Toronto was known as "Toronto the Good". This was considered a boring thing by Mayor Lasman. Tourism would be better if we changed our image. Well he succeeded. Toronto is not boring and it is not good. We need to keep our safety standards if not increase them. Difficult times are ahead let us be prepared for them. I moved out of Toronto 24 years ago to Mississauga. The same valued house in Mississauga the taxes are about \$1,000.00 more.
306.	Trash collectors should make as much as cops. They put themselves in danger on a regular basis, and it's a dirty job that needs to be done right or we all suffer.
307.	keep the quality of public safety and emergency services as the highest priority -- public safety includes a non-toxic environment.
308.	In my household if I can't balance the budget, I reduce cost, even if I have to cut a particular service. The city should do the same. Fire, police, EMS, water systems are important services they cannot be touched (perhaps cost reduced), but if I am at a budget constrained I should not be spending money on Environment issues, theatrical venues because we can't afford it!

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309.	Cutting staff or budget for the emergency services (Police, fire, EMS) should not be considered.
310.	No cuts to Fire, police or Ambulance
311.	need more firefighters and police!
312.	Cutting 10% across the board is a short-sighted, especially for provincially mandated and funded programs. Some programs are funded by the province at 75% to 100% of cost, meaning the City's contribution is negligible. The police and TTC budgets are outrageous as is the number of employees in both those organizations who make more than \$100,000/year. It's time to look for efficiencies of scale, reduce the size of management and package out some of those who should have retired by now.
313.	DO NOT, under any circumstances, contract out Police, Fire, EMS or TTC.
314.	Maintain or improve service but reduce cost by eliminating waste, inefficiencies, or poor management. / In some cases "find a better way". e.g. don't pay a cop \$68/hr to "stand" by construction sites. Have the contractor direct traffic if required. (Like a school crossing guard. / / I disagree with the statement that it cost more every year to maintain the same level of service. There is always a cheaper, better way.
315.	Each of you members of City Council has a responsibility to improve Toronto - not only for the present generation but future generations. It makes me sad when I consider the disgraceful state of Toronto transit, police, infrastructure and planning.
316.	ensure that core services are protected: / education, public health, public safety and senior care along with ensuring that Toronto maintains tourist attractions and historical buildings
317.	No contracting out emergency services like 911 or ambulances. That is very scary! No contracting out of anything because it is too expensive and the City cannot afford to waste money. When services are contracted out, the City pays for the profit that the contracting company makes. That is a BiG waste of money!
318.	A city is not unlike a living growing organism. it has life, heart and soul. It lives, breathes and feels. It changes and adapts. Each one of us is like a cell in this organism performing a function. In our greatest capacity we have the ability to aid in the healthy activity and growth of this great city or act as a deterrent, a roadblock or virus that detrimentally affects its health. The federal government has as one of their initiatives a desire to educate Canadians in their ability to make personal financial decisions. This of course stems from the astronomic amount of debt that each Canadian currently carries; and it indicates that people do not quite understand the importance of financial planning and decision making. In addition, this lack of understanding similarly points to the reality that people may not understand a city budget. The reality here is that people need to understand that prices do not decline for governmental services or products in a general static fashion as "wallmart" products can. To maintain current services, expenses must go up to cover rising costs. Consider only one expenditure related to fuel and energy costs. Just the yearly increases we have been experiencing on energy would cause budgetary costs for running vehicles, heating, ventilation and airconditioning of City buildings and

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	<p>offices(to name a few) to rise. Of course there are several ways to deal with this budgetary increase in order to maintain the same budgetary expense as the previous year. 1. We could reduce the energy usage that would be needed to make up for the shortfall; 2. We could cut expenses elsewhere in others services by making 10% cuts or 15% cuts across every division. Or we could just fire people and or contract out to NGOs (Less money does to always ensure similar service standards). By making cuts elsewhere we can maintain the same energy output. In any of these scenarios services are reduced. And please don't point to garbage collection services whereby private collection levels keep getting reduced and the time between pickups keeps increasing (they take less garbage and pick it up fewer times per year; is this the maintenance of service levels?) There are several other choices which could be combined to aid citizens in making such decisions; which would help over the long term. First, public education - Why are cuts necessary. what is causing the deficit or has caused the deficit, i.e. increasing: salaries, energy costs, program enhancements, taxes increases not keeping up with inflationary values, etc. A full understanding of what cutting costs across the service provision infrastructure does to services and the actual cost to keep existing service levels. What does a layoff of 500 Police officers actually do to the security of the City (specifically, not in one line media jargon). What would it cost per taxpayer to maintain current service levels i.e. \$150.00 per taxpayer or \$250.00 per taxpayer? Reports on each service, division or program in plain english as to stated short term and long term objectives and goals; and outcomes as to whether or not these divisions or programs are achieving or reaching program creation needs, objectives and goals. Non political committee (Auditor General's Office) to review and comment and provide assessment for council regarding these reports. In addition, the citizens should be supplied with comparative information supplied by an unbiased source. This information should include cities with similar social, economic and cultural populations along with similar service provisions and governance. This report should also include comparative costs on services as well as each service's customer base goals or program achievement levels or outcomes. Decisions which will affects thousands if not hundreds of thousands and or millions of people should not be made hastily. If involvement of the population in the decision making process is going to take place it should be done in a holistic fashion and use "forced inclusiveness" over a minimum period of 18 to 24 months. As we have seen to our dismay, our control over the economy is illusory at best. We ride economic waves with peaks and troughs. There are those politicians who will speak of Keynesian or Supply side (trickle down) economics yet always (with very few exceptions in history) fail to fully follow the "steps" laid out in such theory. This has always lead to major swings in social and economic health where one thrives and the other dives. Toronto has always maintained a balance which has led to its reputation as one of the best cities in the world to live. Let us not forget where we came from; the families where we nurtured love and provided support, the communities where we shared, played and supported our neighbour and the City where we work, live,</p>

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	and love. As councillors to one of the greatest cities in the world, you have major decisions to make which will affect the lives of millions of people. Please be thoughtful in your decisions. God Bless you.
319.	In regard to the potential cuts being made to city services, I believe that it is paramount to consider which services are necessary to the city to keeping its residents safe, as security of person and property is a fundamental right in the city. It has recently come to light that potential cuts to Fire, Police, and EMS services are in negotiation, which in my view are both unfounded and open the public to great risk. Our first responders are members of the community that have put the welfare of others before their own day after day. It would be an egregious error to implement cuts to their resources, and put them at even greater risk, when they do not have the necessary tools and personnel to protect the people of Toronto. Moreover, one of the greatest strengths of this city is the safety that one can feel in such an urbanized community, and the people of Toronto take pride in this protection and deserve more than to be put at risk, in order to rectify overspending.
320.	This survey was a dreadful example of binary thinking and pandering to populist ideology. There is need for nuances between 'city provides' 'Contract out'; 'user fees' or 'property tax', 'quality' or 'cost' - There is nothing said about overall vision, overarching policy choices. For instance the police budget is bloated and should be cut, but it does not mean that we need lower quality of policing; we need a different kind of policing and we need the city not to be hostage to the police force. We also need to have the city realise that there is less need for policing, mental health care, subsidised housing when people have easier access to / -jobs (public transit issue), / -recreation such as sports, recreation and arts resources (community centres) / -reliable and high quality child care and senior care / -affordable and non-discriminatory housing. / Societies with a bigger gap between rich and poor are bad for everyone including the well-off. The level of fairness and equality in a society affects more positively life expectancy, decreasing violence, mental health problems and illiteracy than the society's wealth.
321.	The biggest problem is the gap between rich and poor. This affects crime, health, transit, housing, parks, the environment, you name it.
322.	A city is only as good as its beauty, its charity, its transportation system, its culture, its safety, its institutions be they scientific or cultural, its inclusiveness of all
323.	Invest in transit. / Invest in active transportation. / Invest in services to improve the living our less fortunate, disabled, and elderly. / Reign in Police Services spending. / Punish polluters with taxes/fees. / Maximize green space w/ low cost community gardens.
324.	Keep important, key services such as Police, Fire, EMS and infrastructure and roads as priority, city run services.
325.	Get rid of the Parking Ticket department. This would save us lots of money.

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326.	I think we should consider getting people more jobs and educating people. Why? If the people who do not have jobs, have jobs the city will be in a better state. The people with jobs can buy what they need. But we also need to provide for those with the less fortunate.. Educate if possible. People with mental illness can get jobs too we need to find proper employment that they can do. / We need to help kids who are becoming violent..so we do not have violent individuals in the future as adults. We need housing for people, and food. If people have no food and can't afford it that will increase crime because they have a necessity that isn't met. Some mental illness is founded by lack of food. We also need to train parents to be proper parents.. lots of education and job foundation. Libraries help individuals on places to go to read and educate them selves.. They help people research. Parks and forests help with relaxation and hiking. It provides a release from the city stresses that happen daily.
327.	This survey has ignored an important aspect of who does what: whether it makes sense to regionalize certain services. The Zoo, City-run theatres, and special police investigations, for example, are services with a regional impact, and would be more appropriately lodged at the GTA level. MetroLinks is the first step in this direction for transit. The same model could be applied to other policy areas.
328.	Consider the importance of police to the overall well being of the city and how we can redirect some of the financial support they receive yearly to more pressing issues.

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329.	<p>Great services make great cities. A reliable and accessible public transit system benefits everyone, whether they use it or not and is consistently cited as one of the most important ingredients in creating a business friendly environment. Instead of asking how we can cut corners, we need to be asking how do we invest in our city to make it a place that is friendly to its residents, newcomers and business to encourage sustainable, long-term growth and investment that will assist in ensuring a balanced budget for years to come. / / The city needs to set the tone that taxation isn't about the city stealing your money for no good reason, it is a question of value for money. Businesses/people don't mind paying taxes if they feel like they are getting something for their money. The dialogue around services in Toronto needs to shift and start emphasising all the necessary and life-improving services the city provides at a much lower cost than if each citizen were to be individually responsible for procuring such services or managing the consequences of the lack of service (for example, an increase in property crime relating to fewer social services). People think they want lower taxes because that's what politicians tell them they want. I'm sure most people who properly understand how taxation works actually just want good value for the money they contribute. It's also about social responsibility and people accepting that living in a city means paying for services according to ability in order to deliver a healthy, livable community that meets the needs of everyone. / / Contracting out isn't the answer to all Toronto's problems. The city needs to recognize that most of the services it provides, it provides because it is not profitable. Garbage collection isn't about making money, it's about public health - that's why it is a city service. Most studies show that contracting services out actually costs more in the long term. Also, city jobs have typically been well-paid and secure positions - exactly the type of jobs we want our citizens to have. It benefits us all to have a skilled, well-paid workforce living in our city.</p>
330.	<p>The city is really into events that are for specific communities e.g.. heritage events for various immigrant groups, events for pet owners etc. I don't want to fund events and services that I am not eligible to use. Services for the homeless etc are different, I don't need to use them because I don't have a mental health problem but I recognize that anybody could have a mental health problem. / / There should be more done to recoup costs caused by individuals, groups or businesses breaking the law. / / Affordable housing is important for those who can afford to pay rent, are working, and want to live in the city, not just those who are extremely low income and can live rent free or with a huge subsidy. We should care about those who are contributing members of our community as much as we care about those who are unable or chose not to contribute.</p>

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331.	Communities make city life beautiful. Encourage local festivals, farmers' markets, walking and socializing. Bike rallies and fundraisers. Close off streets during the summer for pedestrians. Encourage people to come out (and tourists) and spend money at cafes, stores, restaurants, etc. Bixi bikes are great. Street parties. Toronto is a city made up for so many communities. Less isolation and more socializing. The Mayor and City Hall should engage with the public - consultations, BBQs, attend festivals, open a dialogue, listen to all the stories, embrace locals - you'll see an increase in the economy, decrease in crime, friendlier city. Listen to the homeless and less advantaged. We teach our kids all these positive values and then send them out into a city that doesn't embrace those values - let's be proud of our diversity and sell out city on them.
332.	Hiring police officers to monitor construction etc. Overtime pay for police officers is to high. Would like the city to consider hiring other people to do these functions at a much lower cost to the tax payers of this city. I feel Police officers are making to much money.
333.	How can Toronto Police abuse the citizens of Toronto with impunity ? A crown inquiry is necessary to resolve the Mess made by the Toronto Police service during the G8G20
334.	Reduce the police budget == 20% is possible right away.
335.	I think the city wastes money by "over-policing" peaceful protests. The police are obviously there to intimidate dissent. It is more cost effective to hear the dissenting opinions than to pay police to frighten people into shutting up. I have attended several peaceful demonstrations in which there were as many police (including mounted) as there were protestors. That is what I call wasteful spending.
336.	You can't provide services for everyone and make everyone happy. So don't try. Keep the most important services, fire, police, medical, road repair and maintenance. The city also doesn't have to provide everyone here with jobs. Also hire people that live in Toronto not people who live outside of the city and commute back. We don't get any of their taxes!
337.	Every service that is privatized becomes subject to outside influences and motivation. It is dangerous to take services that are suppose to be of benefit to the people and hand them to corporations who wish to increase profit or exposure. These motivations aren't always in line with long term benefit to the people, especially essential services such as water and police services!
338.	I would like City Council to consider the future (i.e., the long term; not just the time before the next election). Also, consider that investing in our communities is both revenue generating (increasing property values, attracting business) and cost saving (i.e., reducing crime and need for police services, reducing homelessness) in the long term.

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339.	One of the key steps has to enable proper funding of services has to be breaking the grip of the public service unions (including police and fire) on the bulk of the City's revenues. Our police and firefighters are overpaid and we have too many of them for the current demands. The unionized city staff are grossly overpaid for poor quality work and effort.
340.	Please make sure you do not leave those in need: provide the basics first: food, shelter, sense of security, public transportation.
341.	city council needs to plan long term for Toronto. We can't afford to work in 5 year mandates. A course of action needs to be charted, voted on by referendum, then made into law so that in 20 years the city's services are able to accommodate the city's population. We need more subway lines, in a grid pattern that extends across and to the areas with the highest population. it will be expensive in the short term, but will save the city in road repair and environmental damage when a generation of Torontonians prefers to take the TTC than to drive. Right now, Toronto transit is sub par compare to any major city internationally, and nationally including Montreal's STCUM and BC Transit. More subways also means less buses, a huge savings is human resource expenditures.
342.	I'm disgusted by how biased this survey is. It would never stand up to a critical review. Why couldn't I find a single place to comment on cyclist and pedestrian issues? I guess we don't use roads and sidewalks? Or are tax-paying pinkos not citizens? This survey further enforces the perception that I am not welcome here. / / Stop the populism, start using evidence to make decisions. What is easy and what is right for the city are not always the same thing. A city is not a big-box store: the complexity of needs it must address do not always fit into the "business model." / Taking the easy, populist route now will further paralyze this city in the future, especially when the solutions are tried, tested and failed elsewhere. We know social programming reduces crime, we know cars cause gridlock, we know people like access to waterfront trails and parks.
343.	police and fine cyclists who ride on sidewalks endangering the life and limb of all pedestrians
344.	lower the Police services contract (I do support our cops but this deal where they must be paid more than equal to or more than any other police force is absurd).

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