

**DRAFT  
Working Paper #1**

**Pontiac Public Input  
At  
Four Visioning Town Meetings:**

**Tuesday, September 25, 2007:  
UAW Local 653 – 670 East Walton Blvd.**

**Thursday, September 27, 2007:  
Holland Center – 469 MLK, South**

**Tuesday, October 2, 2007:  
Bowens Center – 32 Bagley**

**Thursday, October 11, 2007:  
Howard Dell Center – 345 Edison**

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## Background Information

Following is a record of all the public input received at four Visioning Town Meetings, conducted in Pontiac between September 25 and October 11, 2007. The agenda for each meeting appears on the next page. The MSU students who volunteered their time to participate (without a grade or extra credit incentive) include:

Jason Bell	Urban Planning (URP)	Masters
Tyler Borowy	CARRS	Masters
Sara Colunga	Hospitality Business	Bachelors
Michael Forsyth	Urban Development	Masters
Erica Fiasky	URP	Masters
Jennifer Gamber	URP	Masters
Chen Li	URP	Masters
Katilyn MacDonald		
Nathan Powell	URP	Masters
Brian Shockley	Marketing	Bachelors
Jeffery Stivenson	URP	Masters
Lindsey Stolkey	URP	Masters
Brandon Wilcox	URP	Masters
Stephanie Willavize	URP	Masters
Casady Wyckoff	Engineering (UofM)	Bachelors
Jie Yan	URP	Masters

In addition, at the Bowen Center session, recording assistance was also provided by Madhu Oberon, and David Breneau, Pontiac City Planners, Payson Tilder, member of the Citizen Advisory Committee and an unidentified resident.

The public input was solicited using standard brainstorming methods where all ideas were recorded without censorship and eventually the people at each table were asked to vote for their favorite prouds and sorries (3 each) and preferred images of the future (5 each). Altogether about 125 persons participated. The City planning department has a record of those citizens who signed in.

The following pages are a list of all the prouds, sorries and preferred images of the future offered by citizens. A bar with reversed text separates the responses for each town meeting. Each item that received a vote is noted, along with the number of votes. The "category" column indicates the general category within which the idea was classified for further analysis. A separate report tabulates that analysis.

## **A FUTURING SESSION**

**To Establish A Common Vision for the Future  
of the City of Pontiac,  
as part of the preparation of an  
Updated Comprehensive Plan**

### **Agenda**

- 7:00-7:05 **Welcome**  
Purpose: Why are we here?
- 7:05-7:15 **Activity 1: Looking At The Past**  
• Participants are taken on a journey into their community's past
- 7:15-7:45 **Activity 2: "*Prouds and Sorries*"**  
• Introduce recorders  
• Each group identifies what makes them "*proud*" about their community and what makes them "*sorry*." The group will select three of its "*proudest prouds*" three of its "*sorriest sorries*."  
• Groups reconvene and recorder presents the "*proudest prouds*" and "*sorriest sorries*" identified by their group.
- 7:45-8:00 **Activity 3: "*Trends & Conditions*"**  
• Local trends and conditions are presented.
- 8:00-8:15 **Break**
- 8:15-9:30 **Activity 4: "*Imaging or Visioning*"**  
• Recorders begin the "*imaging*" session, where participants are asked to imagine what they would like to see happen in the community over the next 20 years.  
• Each recorder summarizes the common visions of their group.

## Category Codes

ARC	=	ARCHITECTURE	LAK	=	LAKES
ART	=	ART & CULTURAL FACILITIES	LDR	=	LEADERSHIP
BIC	=	BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PATHS	LIB	=	LIBRARY
BUS	=	BUSINESS	LND	=	LAND
CDE	=	CODE ENFOCEMENT	LNG	=	LANGUAGE BARRIER
CHR	=	CHURCHES	LOC	=	LOCATION (esp. Central)
CIT	=	CITIZENS	NEI	=	NEIGHBORHOOD
COM	=	COMMUNITY	NWS	=	NEWSPAPERS, RADIO, TV
COU	=	COUNTY	PHX	=	PHOENIX
DIV	=	DIVERSITY	POL	=	POLICE
DTN	=	DOWNTOWN	PRK	=	PARKS & RECREATION
ENT	=	ENTERTAINMENT	QOL	=	QUALITY OF LIFE
FED	=	FEDERAL FACILITY	RST	=	RESTAURANTS
FES	=	FESTIVALS	RVR	=	CLINTON RIVER
FIN	=	FINANCIAL	SCH	=	SCHOOLS
FIR	=	FIRE	SER	=	CITY SERVICES
GOV	=	GOVERNANCE	SIL	=	SILVERDOME
GRO	=	GROCERY STORE	SNR	=	SENIORS
HER	=	HERITAGE	SPT	=	SPORT
HIS	=	HISTORIC STRUCTURES/DIST	STR	=	STREET MANAGEMENT
HOM	=	HOMELESS	TAX	=	TAXES
HOP	=	HOSPITALS	TRN	=	TRANSPORTATION
HOS	=	HOUSING	TRS	=	TRASH/JUNK
IMG	=	IMAGE	WTR	=	WATER
JOB	=	JOBS	YTH	=	YOUTH

**Sept. 25, 2007 – UAW Local 653 – 670 East Walton Blvd.**

**Recorder Name:** Jennifer Gamber

<b>PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
GM jobs		JOB
Community		COM
Housing stock	1	HOS
Neighborhoods, Indian Village		NEI
Oakland County seat		COL
Diversity	3	DIV
Streets (Woodward, Montcalm)		STR
Former/past police protection	1	POL
Fire department	2	FIR
Elected officials turning city around		GOV
Special events (Arts Beats & Eats)		FES
Medical facilities	2	HOP
Community pride	2	COM
New neighborhoods		NEI
Small business		BUS
Centerpoint Business Campus		BUS
Hotel (Marriot)		BUS
Bloomfield Park		BUS
Oakland Press		NWS
Democratic electorate	3	GOV
Low cost of living	1	QOL
Central location		LOC
Traffic		STR
Land (large lots)		LND
Easy accessibility (I-75)		LOC
Fire department		FIR

<b>SORRIES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Jobs leaving Pontiac		JOB
Business leaving Pontiac	1	BUS
Silverdome		SIL
Drugs		POL
Street maintenance (residential)	2	STR
Snow removal		STR
Elimination of traffic division		STR
Less policing		POL
Financial crisis		FIN
Retail decline	1	BUS
Vacant strip malls		BUS
Political wrangling	2	POL

No city manager		GOV
Schools	1	SCH
Urban renewal (Phoenix Center)		PHX
Covering Clinton River		RVR
Underused parks		PRK
Street lights need to be on		STR
Decay of district 7	1	NEI
Slumlords	4	HOS
No chain supermarkets		GRO
Other communities dump on Pontiac		IMG
Voter turnout		CIT
Used and abused		COM
Homeless	3	HOM
Oakland Press		NWS
Income tax		TAX
Restaurants		RST

<b>TOP THREE PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Diversity	3	DIV
Democratic	3	GOV
Community Pride	2	COM
Fire Dept.	2	FIR
Medical facilities	2	<b>HOP</b>
Housing stock	1	HOS
Former/past police protection	1	POL
Low cost of living	1	<b>LOC</b>
<b>TOP THREE SORRIES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Slumlords	4	HOS
Homeless	3	HOM
Political wrangling	2	POL
Street maintenance (residential)	2	STR

<b>FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Pontiac – number one school district.	5	SCH
Active downtown	1	DTN
No noise at night		IMG
Safe streets	4	POL
Thriving population		QOL
Public transit	1	TRN
Interactive communities	1	COU
No drugs	1	POL
Pedestrian friendly		BIC
Mixed-use development	1	BUS
Major chain retail & co.s		BUS

GM hiring		JOB
No income tax	3	TAX
City Govt. getting along – constructive		GOV
New municipal complex		SER
Creative community		ART
Silverdome – waterpark - casino	3	SIL
GM making flying cars at a silverdome plant		JOB
No need to plow		STR
Campus marsh style, green urban park		PRK
Grants netting the city \$mm	4	FIN
Pontiac international airport		TRN
Positive image region-wide	1	IMG
Housing shortage	2	HOS
Better relationship with surrounding areas		COU
“Livable city”		QOL
Birmingham opens homeless shelter	1	HOM
No illegal dumping		TRS
Recycling	1	TRS
City manager		GOV
Oakland Co, goes wireless	1	COU

<b>TOP FIVE FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Pontiac – number one school district.	5	SCH
Safe streets	4	POL
Grants netting the city \$mm	4	FIN
No income tax	3	TAX
Silverdome – waterpark - casino	3	SIL

**Recorder Name:** Jason Ball

<b>PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Fire dept.	1	FIR
Home neighbors	1	NEI
Location (central)	1	LOC
Hospitals – 3 in city	1	HOP
Trash pickup	3	TRS
People willing to help		NEI
<u>Some</u> elementary schools	2	SCH
General Motors	1	JOB
Auto industry	2	JOB
Arts Beats & Eats	1	FES
Dream cruise	1	FES
UAW		JOB

**SORRIES**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Roads (upkeep)	3	STR
Neglected property	1	LND
Schools (safety, education)	1	SCH
Joslyn Ave. (bad condition)	2	STR
Wasteful city government	1	GOV
Police		POL
Only Bars downtown	2	DTN
Used to be 5 theatres downtown		DTN
Closing of N. Oakland hospital	1	HOP
Summer rec. leagues		PRK
Snow removal		STR
People		CIT
Language barrier	1	LNG
Drugs / Crime	3	POL
Phoenix center		PHX

**TOP THREE PROUDS**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Trash pickup	3	TRS
<u>Some</u> elementary schools	2	SCH
Auto Industry	2	JOB
Hospitals – 3 in city	1	HOP
Home/Neighbors	1	NEI
Fire Dept.	1	FIR
Location (central)	1	LOC
General Motors	1	JOB
Dream cruise	1	FES
Arts Beats & Eats	1	FES

**TOP THREE SORRIES**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Roads (upkeep)	3	STR
Drugs / Crime	3	POL
Only Bars downtown	2	DTN
Joslyn Ave. (bad condition)	2	STR
Wasteful city government	1	GOV
Schools (safety, education)	1	SCH
Neglected property	1	LND
Language barrier	1	LNG
Closing of N. Oakland hospital	1	HOP

**FUTURING IMAGES**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Clean schools	1	SCH
Extra-curricular activity		SCH
New city parks.	1	PRK

Restored historical homes – Perry St.		HIS
Senior activities	1	SNR
Youth activities – City run		YTH
Senior newspaper		SNR
After school activities.	1	SCH
Parent involvement		SCH
New system of City Government – City Manager.	4	GOV
Theatres Downtown	1	DTN
Family friendly downtown	1	DTN
Parent teacher involvement		SCH
Clean city		IMG
Dependable busses		TRN
Streets plowed immediately		STR
Higher minimum wage	2	JOB
Lower property tax for seniors	2	TAX
More police officers	1	POL
State of the art hospitals		HOP
More senior housing	1	HOS
Less of a drug problem	2	POL
Less Crime		POL
More employment opportunities – low skill labor		JOB
Lower Dropout rates.	2	SCH

<b>TOP FIVE FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
New system of City Government – City Manager.	4	GOV
Higher minimum wage	2	JOB
Lower property tax for seniors	2	TAX
Less of a drug problem	2	POL
Lower Dropout rates.	2	SCH

**Recorder Name:** Kaitlyn McDonald

<b>PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Library	1	LIB
Services provided by the city		SER
Silverdome	1	SIL
New housing (subdivisions)	1	HOS
Parks and lakes	1	PRK
Current look of downtown	1	DTN
Historic district	1	HIS
Golf courses		PRK
Lakeside property		LAK
Bloomfield Park		BUS
Downtown	1	DTN
Arts Beats & Eats		FES

Woodward Dream Cruise		FES
Phoenix Plaza		PHX
Oakland Co. seat		COU
Hospitals	2	HOP
Grand Prix races		SPT
GM headquarters	2	BUS
New post office		FED
Nightclubs		ENT
Churches		CHR
New development (businesses)		BUS
The pancake shelter		HOM
Creative Arts Center	1	ART

**SORRIES**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Woodward loop	1	STR
Image of the City	2	IMG
Siverdome loss	1	SIL
The way the city looks	2	IMG
Parks & Recreation		PRK
Lack of residents downtown (not appealing)		DTN
Aesthetics of downtown		DTN
Public school system	3	SCH
Lack of leadership	1	LDR
2 of 3 historic districts need revitalization		HIS
Phoenix Plaza		PHX
Vacant boarded up homes and businesses	1	LND
Junk cars		TRS
Trading Oakland Co. airport for Lafayette		COU
Burying the Clinton River		RVR
Urban renewal		LND
Crime	1	POL
Outside reputation of Pontiac in other cities		IMG
District court downtown		DTN
Prevented Hudson's from building downtown		DTN
Nightclubs		ENT
Homeless people		HOM
Agencies		SER
Baldwin corridor (prostitution)	1	POL
Rental housing / Slumlords		HOS
Name brand restaurants / Starbucks		RST
Lack of Galleries		ART

<b>TOP THREE PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Hospitals	2	HOP
GM headquarters	2	JOB
Library	1	LIB

Silverdome	1	SIL
New housing (subdivisions)	1	HOS
Parks and lakes	1	PRK
Current look of downtown	1	DTN
Historic district	1	HIS
Downtown	1	DTN
Creative Arts Center	1	ART
<b>TOP THREE SORRIES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Public school system	3	SCH
The way the city looks	2	IMG
Image of the City	2	IMG
Silverdome loss	1	SIL
Lack of leadership	1	LDR
Woodward loop	1	STR
Vacant boarded up homes and businesses	1	LND
Crime	1	POL
Baldwin corridor (prostitution)	1	POL

<b>FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
City manager form of Govt.	3	GOV
A "one stop" City Hall		SER
Redevelopment of Silverdome property	1	SIL
Casino on Silverdome property		SIL
Increased tax revenue		TAX
Original downtown (traffic, river, mixed-use)	1	DTN
Revitalization/education, ag. & tourism	2	LND
Property values on par with County	2	TAX
Consolidation of services county wide	4	COU
Do away with council districts, charter revision		GOV
Cultural community development/diversity		DIV
Continued housing development both new/old		HOS
Mass transit from Detroit to Pontiac	4	TRN
Community civic space downtown (fountain)		DTN
City Council & School Board represent all population groups in the community		GOV
More tree & flowers for homes and neighborhoods	1	IMG
Develop trail system		BIC
Beautify the city and thoroughfares.	2	IMG
Collaboration of Oakland Co. and intergovernmental cooperation	2	COU
Remain as the county seat		COU
Walton Blvd stay residential w/ interspersed commercial not becoming Woodward Ave.	1	LND
Law in place to make slum lords responsible for property		HOS

School system improvements	4	SCH
Increased population, younger professionals		JOB
Create an Iris festival		FES
Pontiac as skill, trade & education center of the world	1	SCH

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**Recorder Name:** Tyler Borowy

<b>PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Downtown development	1	DTN
City festivals	1	FST
Phoenix Plaza		PHX
Sense of community		COM
DDA		DTN
Bloomfield Park	1	BUS
Strength of Seniors	1	SNR
Downtown architecture	1	ARC
Heritage / history of Pontiac		HER
Hopeful attitudes of citizens		CIT
Retention of residents	1	CIT
Lakeside property (not giving it away)	2	LAK
Stonegate)		NEI

<b>SORRIES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Sense of community		COM
Silverdome	1	SIL
Lack of youth activity		YTH
Mismanagement of funds		GOV
Lack of community centers		NEI
Bloomfield Park		BUS
Transient housing	1	HOM
Lack of accountability for some city employees.		GOV
Property values (all)	3	TAX
Lack of things to do Downtown for families	1	DTN
Lack of diverse industry	1	JOB

No tax base		TAX
City sells its prime Real Estate		GOV
Poor land use decision making	1	GOV
Vacancies of new buildings		LND
Crime and safety		POL
Lack of pride	1	COM
Stonegate		NEI

<b>TOP THREE PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Lakeside property (not giving it away)	2	LAK
Downtown development	1	DTN
City festivals	1	FES
Bloomfield Park	1	PRK
Strength of Seniors	1	SNR
Downtown architecture	1	ARC
Retention of residents	1	CIT
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Transient housing	1	HOM
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Poor land use decision making	1	GOV
Lack of pride	1	COM

**Recorder Name:** Nathan Powell

<b>PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Architecture	2	ARC
Diversity (people, neighborhood settings)	1	DIV
Active church congregations	3	CHR
New urban infill projects	2	NEI
Parks	1	PRK
Business investment	1	BUS
Number of service organizations		COM
Multicultural diversity	3	DIV
Number of young families	2	COM

<b>SORRIES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Prostitution	4	POL
Homelessness	2	HOM
Vacant lots	1	LND
Panhandling		POL

Slow police response	3	POL
New urban infill projects (property values)		TAX
Parks (safety)		PRK
Buried Clinton River		RVR
Schools	2	SCH
Slum Lords (regulation)	2	CDE
# of Service Organizations (over institutionalization)	1	

<b>TOP THREE PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Multicultural diversity	3	DIV
Active church congregations	3	CHR
Architecture	2	ARC
New urban infill projects	2	NEI
Number of young families	2	COM
Schools	2	SCH
Slum Lords (regulation)	2	CDR
<b>TOP THREE SORRIES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Prostitution	4	POL
Slow police response	3	POL
Homelessness	2	HOM

**Recorder Names:** Tyler Borowy & Nathan Powell

<b>FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Mass transit		TRN
Revitalized downtown	2	DTN
Awesome Schools	3	SCH
Walking spaces / Bike paths	1	BIC
Multicultural diversity	2	DIV
Beautiful parks		PRK
More safety		POL
Consistently increasing property values		LND
Transform existing industrial facilities		BUS
Convention center	2	DTN
Bloomfield Park		BUS
Shopping		BUS
Addressing prostitution & crime		POL
Invest in housing		HOS
Increase home ownership		HOS
Need transitional housing that is beautiful and regulated		HOS
Increase median income of Pontiac residents	1	POL
No City taxes for those who work in Pontiac		TAX
No city wage tax	1	TAX
Only have 3 council members (less Govt.)	1	GOV
Sports teams to promote city pride	1	SPT

New Community Center	1	COM
Mining natural gas from GM Power Train site		BUS
Unbury Clinton River (waterfront in city)	2	RVR
Historic district		HIS
Tours of Indian Village		HIS
Have more tourist attractions		BUS
Family oriented downtown, not just bars and nightclubs		DTN
Theatres		DTN
Diverse business in downtown Pontiac	2	DTN
Farmer's market		DTN
Attractive facades on all buildings	2	ARC
Urban plantings, beautification		IMG
Improved parks, more facilities.	2	PRK
Dog parks		PRK
Increased public safety	2	POL
Better engagement of service organizations		COM
Combine efforts between church (faith based) organizations and city		CHR

<b>TOP FIVE FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Awesome Schools	3	SCH
Revitalized downtown	2	DTN
Multicultural diversity	2	DIV
Convention center	2	DTN
Unbury Clinton River (waterfront in city)	2	RVR
Diverse business in downtown Pontiac	2	DTN
Attractive facades on all buildings	2	ARC
Improved parks, more facilities.	2	PRK
Increased public safety	2	POL

**Sept. 27, 2007 - Holland Center469 MLK, South**

**Recorder: Stephanie Willavize**

<b>PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Citizens	4	CIT
Good strategic location		LOC
Silverdome – past	2	SIL
Arts, Beats and Eats Festival	4	FES
Pike Street restaurant		RST
Ultimate soccer	1	SPT
New housing in district #7		HOS
City golf course	1	PRK
Parks	1	PRK

Main St. streetscape	1	DTN
Lighthouse		DTN
Community agencies	1	COM
Community centers	1	COM

**SORRIES**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Blight – District 7	4	CDE
Poor sidewalk condition	1	SER
Loss of Silverdome		SIL
Housing affordability and rental vs. home-ownership 1		HOS
Saginaw doesn't connect to Phoenix Center	1	PHX
Lack of leadership in public institutions – self interest instead of community interest	7	LDR
Potholes – District 7	1	STR
City finances	1	FIN
Homeless		HOM
Inadequate street lighting		STR
Crime rate - drugs	1	POL
Vacant lots		LND
Lack of community centers		NEI
Lack of private sectors – except GM	1	BUS
The Loop	1	STR

**TOP THREE PROUDS**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Arts, Beats and Eats Festival	4	FES
Citizens	4	CIT
Silverdome – past	2	SIL

**TOP THREE SORRIES**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Lack of leadership in public institutions – self interest instead of community interest	7	GOV
Blight – District 7	4	CDE
City finances (emphasis on education)	1	FIN

**FUTURING IMAGES**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Education	6	SCH
-every student graduate have opportunity to attend 4 year college		
-Campus style education; new schools centered in one location		
-Meet county's level in higher education		
More local jobs to support families	2	JOB
Saginaw street connected once more through Phoenix Center and retail re-established downtown	1	DTN
Attitude and adjustment from self-interest to community	3	COM

interest and leadership		
Reopen Clinton River	2	RVR
High tech library	4	LIB
Open up Silverdome to other uses	1	SIL
More collaboration with surrounding cities		COU
More upscale homes		HOS
Homeownership rates in Pontiac equal Oakland County rates		HOS
More green in residential streetscapes	1	IMG
Stronger leadership		LDR
More attention to parks and recreation restoration	2	PRK
Police per capita equals national standards	1	POL
GM adopt Pontiac	1	BUS
Fixed rail to Detroit	1	TRN
Training in healthcare		SCH
One huge community center with family education opportunities and fine arts		COM
New structure of government	2	GOV
Downtown retail		DTN
Auto museum for GM		ART
More downtown loft conversions		HOS
Free downtown parking	1	DTN
Replace sidewalks		BIC
Designate bike lanes		BIC
Fill potholes and repair streets		STR
Better city services	2	SER
More community involvement	2	COM
Increase voter turnout		COM
More attractive entrance to city – all entrances	1	IMG

<b>TOP FIVE FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Improve education	6	SCH
-Every student graduate have opportunity to attend 4 year college		
-Campus style education; new schools centered in one location		
-Meet county's level in higher education		
High tech library	4	LIB
Leadership: Attitude and adjustment from self-interest to community interest and leadership	3	COM
New structure of government	2	GOV
More community involvement	2	COM
Better city services	2	SER
More attention to parks and recreation restoration	2	PRK
Reopen Clinton River	2	RVR
More local jobs to support families	2	JOB

**Recorder:** Brian Shockley

**PROUDS**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Haven't filed bankruptcy		FIN
Police services		POL
Fire		
Emergency		
Fixed roads	1	STR
New transportation center		TRN
Good postal system		FED
New sports system	1	SPT
Proud of youth showing interest		YTH
Shelters / New Bethel Grace		HOM
New housing		HOS
Community Organizations		COM
-Lighthouse		
Senior center		SNR
Libraries	1	LIB
Garbage pick up		TRS
Water		WTR
Good bicycle trail	2	BIC
Silverdome when it was active	2	SIL
Community comes together	2	COM
Good neighbors		
Local goods purchased and improved		BUS
Boys and Girls Club g	1	COM
-Park youth program		
Block grants	1	HOS
Events	2	FES
-Arts, Beats and Eats		
Downtown	1	DTN

**SORRIES**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Current administration		GOV
-Leaders don't do their job		
Lack of vision	1	LDR
Bad school system	2	SCH
-Closing schools		
Quicker repair of roads and sidewalks		STR
Lack of sit down family restaurants	1	RST
Too many churches	1	CHR
Don't work together as a community	1	COM
Shelters in wrong location		HOM
Oakland Press		NWS
-One-sided (no minority coverage)		

-Biased		SNR
Senior center could be much better		LIB
Outdated material in library	1	TRB
Garbage pickup doesn't do vacant lots	1	HOM
Pontiac is a dumping ground for homeless and rehab centers		SER
No set date for water bill		SER
Utility bills are not on the internet		NEI
Community centers closing		FIN
Deficit takes everything away		SIL
Silverdome vacant	5	POL
Increased crime rate messes up the community		YTH
No place for kids		
-No city intervention		GOV
Block grant money never accounted for		FIN
Lack of understanding where is revenue is coming from and what its being used for		
Special events distributed better over time		FES
Downtown vacant	1	DTN
-Only for upper class and not for regular people (all incomes)		
-Not enough uses for residents		

<b>TOP THREE PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Good bicycle trail	2	BIC
Silverdome when it was active	2	SIL
Community comes together	2	COM
-Good neighbors		
Events	2	FES
-Arts, Beats and Eats		
<b>TOP THREE SORRIES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Silverdome vacant	5	SIL
Bad school system	2	SCH
-Closing schools		
Don't work well together as a community (voted winner of tie breaker)	1	COM

<b>FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Mass transit – more regular, wider routes	1	TRN
One main street	2	DTN
Turn Silverdome into mixed-use center	3	SIL
-Restaurants		
-Sports		
-Youth center		
-Shopping		
-State of the art		
-Hotel and convention center		

Parking structures downtown	1	DTN
New downtown		DTN
Top rate schools	1	SCH
World class libraries	1	LIB
-Technology		
-New books		
-Similar to Bloomfield		
Mixed-use downtown	1	DTN
Main street supermarket	1	GRO
Bring in more entertainment		ENT
-Movie		
-Bowling		
-Roller skating		
Youth Centers and boys & girls clubs	1	YTH
Hotels	2	BUS
Eliminate homeless	1	HOM
More rehab for homeless and incarcerated		HOM
Mental health facility		HOP
Nursing homes (affordable)		SNR
Lower gas prices	1	BUS
-Increase technology for cars		
More trade schools		SCH
Middle college (dual enrollment high school and college)	2	SCH
Surplus budget	1	FIN
Better government	1	GOV
Entrepreneurial programs in high school and college		SCH
Winter-centered activities	2	FES
-Ice skating		
More local business owners		BUS
70% home ownership		HODS
100% graduation rates (HS)	2	SCH
Better teachers		SCH
-Master degrees		
Blue ribbon schools		SCH
Mentoring program at schools for kids	2	SCH
Mandatory parenting workshops		COM
Major companies with diverse workforce		BUS
Retain auto industries		JOB
Increase professionals		BUS
-Engineers and nurses		
Senior citizen centers	2	SNR
-Activities		
-Exercise		
-Schooling		
State of the art transportation center	1	TRN
Museums		ART

-Art		
-Science		
Bring back things from the past	1	HER
Better bicycle routes		BIC
Technology center		BUS
Becoming environmentally conscious		QOL
Headquarters of major companies in Pontiac	4	BUS
College or university	1	SCH
Still county seat		COU
Better city planning	5	SER

<b>TOP FIVE FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Top rate schools	7	SCH
+100% graduation rates (HS)		
+Mentoring programs		
+Dual enrollment (HS and College)		
Better city planning	5	SER
Headquarters of major companies in Pontiac	4	JOB
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-Exercise		
-Schooling		
One main street	2	STR

**Recorders:** Chen Li & Casady Wyckoff

<b>PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Wisner Stadium		SPT
Community Center and gyms		NEI
-Staff		
Downtown entertainment	1	DTN
Charter schools	1	SCH
Historic architecture also historic homes	3	HIS
Diversity	3	DIV
3 hospitals (also 2 are excellent)		HOP
Intellectual ability of young crowd		YTH
Good natural resources in the area - lakes and water		LAK
Neighbors – offerings from surrounding areas	1	NEI

Ability to speak at City Council		CIT
Silverdome – beautiful		SIL
Arts, Beats and eats festival	2	FES
Pontiac garden club		COM
Lighthouse	1	COM
People want to fight for the city – to improve its future	1	CIT

**SORRIES**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Phoenix structure	1	PHX
-Money wasted because proper things weren't put in it when it was built		
Money wasted in the city in general	1	GOV
Response to animal abuse absent	1	CDE
Bad roads – pot holes	1	STR
Lack of police funding	1	POL
Closing of recreation center		PRK
Don't listen at city council		GOV
Silverdome		SIL
Deplorable conditions of neighborhoods	3	NEI
Not enough done with crime and drugs		POL
Foreign merchants monopolizing markets	1	BUS
Festivals need to be more than carnivals	1	FES
Re-location of auto plants		LND
Not enough pride and up-keep of buildings	2	COM
No more pride and beautification		COM
School system	3	SCH
Lack of community feeling in neighborhoods	1	COM
Vacant industrial lots	1	LND

**TOP THREE PROUDS**

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**TOP THREE SORRIES**

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Deplorable conditions of neighborhoods	3	NEI
School system	3	SCH
Not enough pride and up-keep of buildings	2	COM

**FUTURING IMAGES**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Sell abandoned homes for \$ and demolish and build new or reuse for lower income homeless		HOM
Save old, interesting buildings		HIS
Keep big lots. Don't want housing stacked on top of each other		LND
Bring in young people		YTH

Government that collectively works for everyone	3	GOV
-School board. Council, state reps, etc. all work together.		
City manager must live in city and be well qualified		GOV
More public and open spaces downtown	2	DTN
In 20 years Pontiac is known as a special place		QOL
Keep technology up to date		ENT
-Inform and educate citizens		
-Wireless in parks and outdoor public places		
Small theater – Indie films, not aggressive		POL
Safe city	2	COM
Friendly city		POL
Police on bike and foot – with the people		IMG
Well groomed neighborhoods with more front porches	1	COM
Want to know the paper boy on his hovercraft		DTN
Walkway from city hall to downtown		DTN
More people		QOL
Great transit system	1	TRN
Downtown alive during the day also	2	DTN
-good shops		
-Hotels		
-Art galleries		
-Designers		
-Art		
-Tie in with education system		
Have own professional team		SPT
-Potentially soccer		
Don't take away industry but make sure workers have something to gain outside of work		QOL
Increase public safety – increase community involvement		POL
Market good things of the city		IMG
Best school system in Michigan	2	SCH
Pride in homes, including historic homes	2	HOS
More and better entertainment (variety)		ENT
Outdoor parks – in downtown		DTN
Barnes and Noble		BUS
Arts + Designers welcome		ART
Better use of water resources		LAK
Another homeless shelter		HOM
-Facility to help get homeless on their feet		
Better access to the city	3	TRN
Re-open river		RVR
Beautiful city land	2	IMG
-Look more inviting		
-Add benches and park like setting near city hall		

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**Recorder:** Michael Forsyth

**PROUDS**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
County seat		COM
Center of Oakland County		LOC
History of Pontiac Central	1	SCH
Identifiable and unique business community	1	BUS
Lakes		LAK
Diverse neighborhoods that accommodate a variety of lifestyles	3	NEI
Diversity	3	DIV
-People		
-Acceptance of different lifestyles		
Small town feel	2	COM
Architecture	2	ARC
Downtown development		DTN
Property on Crystal Lake (lakeside homes)		LAK
Mixed-use (land level)		LND
History and culture	3	ART
Accessibility	1	LOC
You have to go through Pontiac to get pretty much anywhere in the region		LOC
Parks and potential		PRK
Festival	1	FES
Medical center		HOP

**Votes Category**

**SORRIES**

Image of urban city		IMG
Police harassment	1	POL
Lack of public funding for safety		FIN
Homeless		HOM
Mental illness		HOP
County jail		POL
Brownfields and contamination		LND
Inadequate retail		BUS
Library	1	LIB
Environmental condition of lakes		LAK
Public transit		TRN
City government	1	GOV
Cultural activity		ART
Nothing for youth to look forward to		YTH
Dumping ground for bad development		LND
Development steered by personal and political agendas	1	GOV
School system	4	SCH
Covered up Clinton River	1	RVR
Lack of people downtown		DTN
-Not active		
Widetrack drive (Woodward)	1	STR
Blight	1	CDE
Mixed-use	1	LND
Property on Crystal Lake		LAK
Some roads are hard to find		STR
Parks and current conditions		PRK
60% rental property	2	HOS
Phoenix Center and tent	1	PHX
Medical center changed ownership		HOP

<b>TOP THREE PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Diversity	6	DIV
-Diverse neighborhoods that accommodate a variety of lifestyles		
-People		
-Acceptance of different lifestyles		
History and culture	3	HIS
Small town feel	2	COM
Architecture	2	ARC
<b>TOP THREE SORRIES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
School system	4	SCH
60% rental property	2	HOS
City government (voted winner of tie breaker over Clinton river, Woodward, blight, mixed-use, Phoenix Center)	1	GOV

<b>FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Silverdome converted to University of Pontiac and houses Oakland University Medical Facility	2	SIL
Create atmosphere and activities to attract and retain young, educated residents	3	QOL
-Use talent to attract knowledge-based businesses		
Responsibility of citizens of all generations to create and maintain a safe and clean environment	1	COM
Visible vision with buy-in from residents and government		COM
Vibrant new schools that anchor communities	2	SCH
-Community activity and residents integrated with schools		
-New school structure and paradigm for globalization, technologies, new ways of thinking		
-Interconnected with transportation and neighborhood greenbelts		
-Life-long learners		
GM provides opportunities and quality jobs for residents without a college degree		BUS
Vision that is translated into a sound land use plan that is executed and communicated to the community		COM
-Plan and vision must be visible, residents should be able to see progress in the community		
Efficient use of money and city staff	1	FIN
Improve feelings of trust		GOV
Memorial shrine to someone who changed Pontiac	1	COM
-Tell story and share legacy		
-Appreciate those who came before and provided opportunities		
Make Pontiac the cultural center of the state		ART
-Identify unique niche		
-Foster "melting pot"		
-Create a cultural destination		
Big enough for individual autonomy but small enough for family feeling		QOL
Close gap between the "haves" and "have nots"	1	QOL
Create a community that has quality entertainment but is also a bedroom community	2	QOL
Improve compatibility of land uses geographically		LND
-New model to zoning		
-Clustering common uses		
-Mix land use is incompatible (land level not building level)		
Hub for regional transportation with new modes of transportation	1	TRN
More cooperation with Auburn Hills		COU

Regional coordination through land use and transit		COU
Clinton River unearthed	2	RTUR
Phoenix Center gone	1	PHX
Growing city with lots of activity		QOL
-People come to Pontiac and stay		
Good transportation system		TRN
-Universal accessibility		
Pontiac is interactive and user-friendly		QOL
Green the city		IMG
-People first cars second		
-Get rid of "concrete jungle"		
Create strong neighborhoods	2	NEI
-Identity and distinctiveness		
-Active		
-pocket open space and greenbelt		
Business clusters and corridors		BUS
-Example: Chinatown		
-Example: Corridor for automobile industries (car dealers, service agencies, etc.)		
Create ethnic enclaves		DIV
State of the art medical center that is accessible to area residents	1	HOP
High tech connections to the rest of the world	1	BUS
Improve recreation in lakes	2	LAK
-Marinas		
-Beaches		
-Name roads after lakes		
Efficient transportation connected with public uses	1	TRN
-Schools, community centers		

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**Oct. 2, 2007 - Bowens Center – 52 Bagley**

**Recorder:** Jie Yan

<b>PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Newly done churches	3	CHR
Heritage		HER
Wide track drive		STR
Phoenix Center and plaza		PHX
New CBD facades		DTN
Rehabilitation of old buildings to new uses	4	DTN
-Old Federal Bldg		
-Waterman Bldg		
-Kresge now POH		
POH	1	HOS
Walgreen's		BUS
Soccerdome		SPT
GM Office Building		BUS
Library improvement	1	LIB
Building on Washington Ave.		BUS
GM at South Franklin removal		LND
Habitat homes	1	HOS
McDonalds at GM/Woodward	1	BUS
Three funeral homes	2	BUS
Bowen Center	2	NEI

<b>SORRIES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Closure of Mark Twain School	4	SCH
Closure of Silverdome		SIL
New school and handicap accessibility		SCH
Wide track drive		STR
Inaccessible downtown		DTN
Loss of business	1	BUS
Loss of K-Mart in CBD		DTN
Poor parking downtown		DTN
GM tech center move		BUS

Vacant businesses	1	BUS
South Blvd. Centerpoint	1	BUS
Lost Pistons and Lions	2	SIL
District Court not renovated	1	SER
Shelters		HOM
Clutch Cargos	2	ENT
Dilapidated Buildings need to be torn down		DTN
Vacant buildings	1	LND
Strand Theatre		DTN
Un-united Clergy for all faiths		CHR
Schools	2	SCH
Boys and Girls Club closed		COM
City claiming to be broke		FIN
City management		GOV

<b>TOP THREE PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Rehabilitation of old buildings to new uses	4	DTN
-Old Federal Bldg		
-Waterman Bldg		
-Kresge now POH		
Newly done churches	3	CHR
Three funeral homesL	2	BUS
Bowen Center	2	NEI
<b>TOP THREE SORRIES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Closure of Mark Twain School	4	SCH
Lost Pistons and Lions	2	SIL
Schools	2	SCH
Clutch Cargos	2	ENT

**Recorder:** Jie Yan & David Breneau

<b>FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Cheaper rent according to income – progressive		HOS
Better health care for the poor – insurance coverage		HOP
Casino in Silverdome		SIL
Agriculture – urban gardens and farms in backyards and vacant lots	2	LND
-Tie in with early education		
Tourism – history based		HER
-Heritage of auto industry		
-Indians		
Sound government	4	GOV
-no mayor, council only		
Sound schools	1	SCH
-Better management		

-Better teachers,		
-Locally raised teachers		
-Involved parents		
-More regular-full time teachers		
Recreation centers for children	1	PRK
More democratic government with more citizen involvement		GOV
Unified church leaders	1	CHR
No homelessness	3	HOM
- Improve shelters		
- Put homeless to work		
-More jobs for homeless		
Better transportation	1	TRN
Efficient mass transit	2	TRN
-For senior		
-Between cities (Pontiac and Detroit)		
People communicate with clergy		TRN
-Town hall meeting with them		
Put business in CBD		DTN
-Retail/services		
Hotel on Lot 9 (2 hotels)	1	LND
Phoenix Center		PHX
-Use for ethnic festivals		
-Concerts		
More restaurants	1	RST
Independent restaurants - upscale		RST

<b>TOP FIVE FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
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-Tie in with early education		
Mass transit	2	TRN
-For senior		
-Between cities (Pontiac and Detroit)		

**Recorder:** Payson Tilder

<b>PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Pontiac golf course		PRK
Historic homes		HIS

New houses on vacant lots	3	HOS
Home Depot		BUS
Manageable size of the city		COM
Phoenix Center	2	PHX
Black owned businesses of the past		BUS
Acquisition of Silverdome	1	SIL
Manufacturing base	2	BUS
Integrity of education in the past	1	SCH
Sense of community fellowship	4	COM
People have stories and history		COM
Sound infrastructure	1	SER
ATT communication switching stations	1	BUS
Athletic success	1	SPT
County seat	1	COM

**SORRIES**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Loss of Pontiac Mall		BUS
Drug and crime rate	2	POL
Low income per capita	1	QOL
Fewer black owned businesses	1	BUS
Closing of Silverdome		SIL
Loss of manufacturing base	1	BUS
Degradation of education	1	SCH
Lack of mentoring	2	COM
City leadership lacks vision in all sectors	5	LDR
Numerous party stores and billboards	1	BUS
Lack of development on lakeside homes property	1	LAK
Busing		SCH
Lack of small business training		BUS
Lack of recreational programs for youth	5	PRK
Loss of airport, AA office, Courthouse and others		COU

**TOP THREE PROUDS**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Sense of community fellowship	4	COM
New houses on vacant lots	3	HOS
Phoenix Center	2	PHX
Manufacturing base	2	JOB

**TOP THREE SORRIES**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Lack of recreational programs for youth	5	PRK
City leadership lacks vision in all sectors	5	LDR
Lack of mentoring	2	COM
Drug and crime rate	2	POL

**FUTURING IMAGES**

**Votes Category**

Outstanding education system	5	SCH
Descent standard of living	1	QOL
Diverse economy	1	BUS
Entrepreneurship		BUS
Better city leadership	3	LDR
Cleaner city		TRS
Youth development and mentoring	2	YTH
More investment in senior citizens		SNR
No drugs, no crime	2	POL
Well-maintained housing stock	1	HOS
Completely environmentally sound and clean water		SER
Opportunity	1	QOL
Sense of trust and fellowship of all in community		COM
Neighborhoods like the 50s and 60s		NEI
No liquor stores, but a major grocery store	1	GRO
Replace Sliverdome with Casino resort		SIL
Housing improved	1	HOS
Better police management		POL
State championship soccer team		SPT
Better city parks		PRK
Better health services	1	HOP
State of the art retail stores		BUS
Cultural centers		ART
State of the art community center	3	COM
No pitbulls		QOL
Boys and girls club	2	YTH
Technology up to date – hub for technology and training center		QOL
More minority owned businesses		BUS
Health education	1	SCH
Transportation system		TRN
Open Clinton River	2	RVR
Automotive training center	1	SCH
Close-wide track – open Woodward		STR
Open strand theater		DTN
Develop the Old Pontiac State Bank Building		DTN

<b>TOP FIVE FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Outstanding education system	5	SCH
City Leadership	3	LDR
State of the art community center	3	COM
Youth development and mentoring	2	YTH
No drugs, no crime	2	POL
Boys and girls club	2	YTH
Open Clinton River	2	RVR

**Recorder:** Lindsay Stolkey

**PROUDS**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Own district court		COU
Had great recreation centers/facilities/parks		PRK
Was an All-American city	1	COM
-top notch social, economic and politically		
County seat	1	COU
Long-time residents	2	COM
Rich heritage		HER
City of promise and funding sources	2	FIN
Involved citizens with government and school districts	3	COM
We have what we need – need to put it together	2	COM
Location – 30 minutes of any culture	1	LOC
Rich athletic history	3	SPT
-winning teams		
-gold medal winning athletes		
Street repairs		STR
Phoenix Center	1	PHX

**SORRIES**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Incarcerated people		POL
Government branches can't get along		GOV
People thinking we're the problem		COM
Not enough resources for children	1	YTH
-Parks closing, no improvements or maintenance leads to crime and safety issues		
City fails to acknowledge the people resources are already here	2	GOV
Kids not getting the education they need to be leaders	2	SCH
School closings	1	SCH
Receiverships	2	GOV
Couldn't continue to be All-American city		COM
Failing academics – 2 <sup>nd</sup> lowest in county	4	SCH
People who don't care		COM
Loss of high paying jobs		JOB
Cant keep the bright young people		JOB
Need more intellects... be more progressive and proactive	1	LDR
No more downtown for public "donut mentality"	1	DTN
Gave away airport and hospital	1	COU
Lack of long-term planning – often selfish motives to get money fast	1	LDR
Blighted homes and buildings		LND
Lack of respect for each other – culture and age		COM
Lost the "village" concept	1	COM

<b>TOP THREE PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
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-winning teams		
-gold medal winning athletes		
Involved with citizens with government and school districts	3	COM
We have what we need – need to put it together	2	COM
City of promise and funding sources	2	FIN
Long-time residents	2	COM
<b>TOP THREE SORRIES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Failing academics – 2 <sup>nd</sup> lowest in county	4	SCH
Receiverships	2	GOV
Kids not getting the education they need to be leaders	2	SCH
City fails to acknowledge the people resources are already here	2	COM

<b>FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Increase teaching of foreign languages	1	LNG
-foreign exchange programs		
Mode of quality transportation for everyone	1	TRN
Alternative fuel vehicle production		JOB
Attract big industry	1	BUS
Young assertive, intellectual, aggressive leader		LDR
Change in form of government – of, by and for the people		GOV
Provide better services		SER
Beautiful homes for lakeside property		LAK
Incorporate Bloomfield Parks development	1	BUS
City planners and leaders work together to be sure that there is continued improvement – always moving toward a vision		SER
Every neighborhood has neighborhood organization	2	NEI
Reopen up the Clinton river		RVR
-enhance		
-utilize		
Fountains	1	DTN
Futuristic through strategic planning use national beauty of the city	1	IMG
No Pontiac people in jail		POL
High graduation rates – high school and college	2	SCH
Improved academics, good schools	4	SCH
High-tech city and schools		SCH
100% home ownership	1	HOS
-Proud residents who maintain their homes		
City has leadership with great vision and expertise		LDR
University or college (big)		SCH
No more blighted, vacant homes		LND

Better public safety – police and cameras		POL
-Community policing		
New school buildings		SCH
Community involved with schools		COM
-Organizing services for kids		
-Partnerships		
Stable housing stock	1	HOS
Technical school		SCH
Virtual offices	2	BUS
Once again be an All-American city		COM
Balanced, surplus budget		FIN
Full employment	2	JOB
Highest performing school district in SE Michigan		SCH
Will be a beacon for other people to come in - see how to use resources		QOL
High tech employment base		BUS
All people will have health care	1	HOP
Provide free higher education to high school graduates	1	SCH
“Middle college”		SCH
Stellar school districts, academics		SCH

<b>TOP FIVE FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
High-tech city and schools	4	SCH
Reopen up the Clinton river	2	RVR
-enhance		
-utilize		
Improved academics, good schools	2	SCH
Once again be an All-American city	2	COM
Highest performing school district in SE Michigan	2	SCH

**Recorder:** Madhu Oberoi

<b>PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Seminole Hills (HISTORIC DISTRICT)	1	HIS
People help each other in Seminole Hills		
Diverse population with different age groups	2	DIV
Was one of the best school districts	1	SCH
Excellent location and heart of the richest county		LOC
Millage that passed in 2006		SCH
Silverdome	2	SIL
Crestwood neighborhood area		NEI
Downtown	1	DTN
Old architecture and historic homes	2	HIS
City parks		PRK
Parents take care of children	3	COM
Proud of people who pick up trash	2	TRS

Bowen Center – they vote	1	COM
Kids do well after so much hardship	2	YTH
New housing	2	HOS
Woodward estates	1	HOS
<b>BH</b> Neighborhood association	1	NEI
Pontiac garden club		ART
Volunteers that help with schools		SCH
People participating in Union movement		COM
People participating in civil rights		COM
District #1 visionary		COM

**SORRIES**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Schools	4	SCH
Deception by city leaders – millage	1	LDR
Disillusionment		COM
Government hasn't delivered		GOV
No urban planning		GOV
Downtown not diversified	2	DTN
Downtown needs daytime activity		DTN
No bus transportation	2	TRN
Businesses don't keep up property – should be accountable	1	BUS
Abandoned cars		TRS
Rental property	3	HOS
Junk on property		TRS
Poor leadership – city government and schools	7	LDR
Disconnect between city and schools		GOV
Parents don't take care of children		COM
Police response slow	1	POL
Bad economy spurs crime		JOB
Signs on telephone poles		IMG
Garbage on streets		TRS
Trash		TRS
Limited pride in neighborhood		COM
People don't vote		COM
Parents don't stress education		COM
No activities for children – no place to go		YTH
No grocery stores, coffee shops, fashion stores		BUS

**TOP THREE PROUDS**

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Parents take care of children	3	COM
Kids do well after so much hardship	2	YTH
New housing	2	HOS
Proud of people who pick up trash	2	TRS
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Silverdome	2	SIL
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Poor leadership – city government and schools	7	LDR
Schools	4	SCH
Rental property	3	HOS

<b>FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Car/history museum		ART
Cultural activities		ART
Integration of city/municipal and school buildings		DTN
Community centers	1	COM
Civic center with new library and auditorium	3	LIB
New mayor from Dallas, TX- a Rhode scholar with integrity	3	LDR
City manager form of government		GOV
Exemplary schools, teachers, parents and students	2	SCH
Municipal and non-municipal employees will live in the city	1	COM
98% of Pontiac school students accepted in college of their choice	3	SCH
System of walkways, bike paths linking recreational areas	2	BIC
Express lane for bicycles		BIC
Schools and city work together	2	GOV
New school buildings – architect who specializes in school buildings	3	SCH
Unearth the river downtown – lined with restaurants and shops		RVR
Educated population – jobs		JOB
Medical center at Silverdome site	1	HOP
Lot 9 – New development		LND
Social service agencies that deliver		SER
Motivate people to be self-sufficient		COM
Diverse community workforce		DIV
Comparative to Reston, VA or Columbia, MD		QOL
Tourism		BUS
Restoration of historical buildings	1	HIS
-Central school		
-Downtown occupied		
-Adaptive re-use		
Diversified sports program and facilities	1	SPT
PGA event at city golf course		SPT
Market lakeside homes property	1	LAK
-Rate housing and recreational facilities		
Completion of Clinton River drain #3	1	RVR
Stop selling ourselves short		COM
People living downtown		DTN
Better leadership that is more concerned about the city	2	LDR
Clean and modern city (model city) with good services	1	SER

No crime	2	POL
All-American city	1	COM
Better land use – separate industrial from residential land uses		LND
Limit rental units (no more than 1-5%)		HOS
Tree lined streets		IMG
Environmentally safe cars		QOL
Wind turbines at GM Validation Center	1	BUS
Use ground water – green technology		QOL
Own airport		COM

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Schools and city work together	2	GOV
Better leadership that is more concerned about the city	2	LDR
No crime	2	POL

**Recorder:** Jeffery Stivenson

<b>PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
New and low income housing	4	HOS
Dream cruise and arts, beats and eats		FES
State representative	4	LDR
New city council	1	GOV
Golden opportunity club	1	COM
2 new school board members		SCH
School uniforms	1	SCH
Teachers	2	SCH
Fixing streets		STR
Good response EMS, Fire	2	FIR
People who care about the community		COM
Snow removal		STR
2 new city council members	1	GOV

<b>SORRIES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Inactive mayor (with people)	5	LDR
Silverdome closed	2	SIL
Schools closing	3	SCH

Mayor and council note working together		GOV
Police and fire department		POL
City staff not friendly		SER
Parents not active with students	1	COM
No school kids (at visioning session)		YTH
Community centers closing		COM
No leadership for young men	1	LDR
Kids (male) acting up	3	YTH
Not enough 2 parent families		COM
Too many rentals	1	HOS

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New and low income housing	4	HOS
State representative	4	LDR
Teachers	2	SCH
Good response EMS, Fire	2	FIR
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Inactive mayor (with people)	5	LDR
Schools closing	3	SCH
Kids (male) acting up	3	YTH

<b>FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
More cops	4	POL
Better entertainment	1	ENT
More recreation for youth		YTH
Recycling pickup at noon	1	TRS
No thugs on corners	1	POL
Better wired schools		SCH
More person to person contact		COM
Better schools in appearance and quality	1	SCH
Better leadership		LDR
More educated city staff	1	SER
Public transportation	3	TRN
Better medical facilities	3	HOP
Better health care		HOP
Better race relations	1	DIV
Respect for seniors		SNR
More respect for teachers	1	SCH
Family gathering		COM
More traditional families		COM
More environmentalism	2	QOL
0% illegal drug use	5	POL
Less crime	1	POL
Other social services for seniors		SNR

More courtesy between citizens		COM
Big grocery stores	1	GRO
More morals	1	COM
More + better convalescent homes		SNR
Better restaurants	1	RST
More church hours during week	1	CHR
Cleaner city	1	IMG
Tear down bad and vacant homes	1	LND

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Public transportation	3	TRN
Better medical facilities	3	HOP
More environmentalism	2	QOL

## Oct. 11, 2007 - Howard Dell Center 342 Edison

**Recorder:** Brandon Wilcox

<b>PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
General Motors, employment, financial	2	JOB
Job link program	2	JOB
Tree lined streets in older neighborhoods	2	IMG
Good location, easy access	2	LOC
New home development	1	HOS
Golf course	1	PRK
Lighthouse non-profit org.		COM
Churches	3	CHR
Community pride towards upkeep	1	COM
Dream cruise/arts, beats & eats Phoenix amphitheater	1	FES
Rich heritage/history (governor mansion, Elizabeth Domison Ford)		HER
Proud of school activity (homecoming, sports, music, )	4	SCH
High school student council	2	SCH
Pontiac Silverdome		SIL
Senior citizen club		COM

<b>SORRIES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
No teen programs	1	YTH
School district	5	SCH
No parks & rec center/activities		PRK
Library needs updating	1	LIB
No major retail options	1	BUS
Lack of restaurants	3	RST

Housing upkeep & codes enforcement	1	CDE
Lack of family owned business	1	BUS
Downtown lacks retail, restaurants	1	DTN
Downtown not family oriented	1	DTN
River doesn't exist- Widetrack drive	2	RVR
Lack of Oakland Pres coverage	1	NWS
Lack of school spirit	3	SCH
Pontiac pride for younger generation	1	COM
Pontiac Silverdome		SIL

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Good location, easy access	2	LOC
High school student council	2	SCH
<b>TOP THREE SORRIES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
School district	5	SCH
Lack of school spirit	3	SCH
Lack of restaurants	3	RST
River doesn't exist-Widetrack drive	2	RVR

<b>FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
New automobiles, w/Alternative fuel	1	QOL
High rise residential buildings	2	HOS
Riverfront, boardwalk, green grass		RVR
Improved schools w/technology	3	SCH
Every household has PC w/internet		QOL
Citywide wireless internet	1	QOL
More community involvement/pride	1	COM
Diversify the local economy w/jobs	2	JOB
Change in work schedule, more hours @home		QOL
More pre-K activities, more head start		SCH
Higher pay increases		QOL
More preservation of natural resources		QOL
More conscious elected official	2	LDR
Need for higher security in neighborhoods		POL
Interconnected City with school		GOV
Walkable school districts	1	BIC
More community pride		COM

Better park & recreation system	4	PRK
More cure/treatment for diseases		HOP
Build new school buildings	3	SCH
Better communication between citizens, workers, teachers		SCH
More outdoor trails, walkways		BIC
Community centers for activities (YMCA)		COM
More facilities for the handicap		DIV
More rec. options (Swimming, courts, nice soccer)	1	SPT
New home options where Silverdome is located	2	SIL
Top notch schools	1	SCH
More security technology & employment		QOL
Community college		ART
Better pay jobs, health/community centers for single-family	1	TRN
Bring the arts back into the city		TRN
Train from Detroit to Pontiac	1	GRO
Reliable and fast local "tram" service		BUS
Large retail/grocery store located within the city		BUS
Need more small business friendly tax breaks (like GM)	2	BUS
Grow population to bring in stores		BUS
More affordable stores such as 50¢ stores		BUS

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**Recorder:** Erica Fiasky

<b>PROUDS</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Integrated city	4	COM
Central location in Oakland county	2	LOC
Variety of architecture	2	ARC
Mature infrastructure	1	SER
Great city historically	1	HIS
Housing renovation		HOS
Pride in home	1	COM
Arts, Beats n Eats festival	2	FES
Sense of community	2	COM
Landscape mature		IMG

Revitalization of downtown		DTN
Streetscape downtown improved	1	DTN
Raingarden @city library		LIB
Continuity of pancake breakfast		COM
Good Clinton rivertrail	1	RVR
Lighthouse & Habitat for Humanity building houses	1	HOS

**SORRIES**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Change of river	1	RVR
Decrease of police force	1	POL
Crime	4	POL
Poor political leadership	2	LDR
Lack of city manager	1	GOV
Too many vacant structures	3	LND
City doesn't enforce codes		CDE
Lack of pride in home		COM
Need community centers		COM
Educational funding	1	SCH
Transportation limited		TRN
Closing of train station?		TRN
Lack of maintenance in landscape		IMG
Lack of funding for library		LIB
Poor schools	4	SCH
Lack of professionalism on city staff	1	SER
Too much emphasis on low income housing to detriment of high-income		HOS

**TOP THREE PROUDS**

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**TOP THREE SORRIES**

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Crime	4	POL
Poor schools	4	SCH
Too many vacant structures	3	LND
Poor political leadership	2	LDR

## FUTURING IMAGES

	Votes	Category
Well preserved historic houses	2	HIS
Vibrant downtown	2	DTN
Clinton river re-opened	1	RVR
Many new houses constructed, full multiple income needs		HOS
System of non motorized transportation options	1	TRN
Reduce crime rate	2	POL
More retail, more commercial	3	BUS
Fewer vacant buildings		LND
More people		QOL
All properties well maintained PRIDE		COM
Up-to-date bill paying processes		SRE
More festivals		FES
Educational programs/system linked to businesses	1	SCH
Public transportation (linked to regional)		TRN
more industrial base (clean & green)		BUS
Better schools	1	SCH
Leaders that are qualified to serve	3	LDR
Professional city staff	2	SER
Wireless connectivity		QOL
Computer technology in every home		QOL
Starbucks	1	BUS
Do away with city income tax	1	TAX
Efficient continuum of care for less fortunate		HOM
Better library	2	LIB
Bike path to Dodge State Park		BIC
Good hospitals, to grow & thrive		HOP
Educational systems linked to hospitals		SCH
Civic center (incorporate library, city hall, rec center	2	LIB
Lighthouse expansion & continued success		HOS
Renovation & revitalized parks		PRK
Police properly funded		POL

## TOP FIVE FUTURING IMAGES

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Leaders that are qualified to serve	3	LDR
More retail, more commercial	3	BUS
Civic center (incorporate library, city hall, rec center	2	LIB
Better library	2	LIB
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Do away with city income tax	1	TAX

**Recorder:** Sara Colunga

**PROUDS**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
New housing around golf course		HOS
New housing around Galloway Lake		HOS
Sterlings Lake estates		HOS
Ethnic community	4	DIV
Wisner stadium – Astro turf		SPT
Old buildings downtown (historica homes)		HIS
Has 9 lakes & 3 other ponds	2	LAK
New soccer area on south blvd		SPT
GM power train HQ		BUS
Post office		FED
Orchard Lake Road		STR
Baldwin		SER
EMS, in the city 3-5 min	3	FIR
Nice city parks		PRK
3 hospitals	2	HOP
Notre Dame high school		SCH
Sports teams (H.S.) Pontiac Northern		SPT
Restaurants-downtown	1	RST
Bloomfield Park	2	BUS
People in Pontiac, neighbors, lots of good people		COM
City keeps roads clean in winter	1	STR
Planning department		SER
Golf courses		PRK
New garbage cans not many skunks or raccoons	1	TRS
Trees on neighborhood streets	1	NEI

**SORRIES**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
School district-empty buildings	3	SCH
City income tax (1967)	1	TAX
New housing around golf course.		HOS
All the cars parked on street		STR
Neighborhoods		NEI
Housing, houses boarded up	1	HOS
Empty Pontiac Silverdome	1	SIL
Lack of Development	1	JOB
M-59 needs help FIX IT UP	2	STR
Millage just passed City residents to pass, Adm didn't follow up	2	GOV
Laid off police officers	1	POL

Lack of direction	2	LDR
City manager not good		GOV
Graffiti		IMG
# of rental properties	1	HOS
Halfway housing		HOM
Homeless shelters		HOM
Homeless people wandering streets, by library		HOM
Growth all around city, but not in		JOB
Lack of positive recreation for youth		YTH
Dog license fee everywhere else Dog neutered price		SER
Unlicensed dogs		SER
Abandoned cars		TRS
Used to clean side streets in winter – not anymore		STR
Don't pick up leaves		STR
Shabby houses	1	IMG

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Ethnic community	4	DIV
EMS, in the city 3-5 min	3	FIR
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Riverwalk downtown	3	RVR
A revolving restaurant atop the Pontiac State Bank Bldg.		STR
A boulevard down Huron Street		DTN
Luxury condos in downtown Pontiac, gated		TAX
No more income tax	2	DTN
Strand Theater finally open		SER
Leaf pickup		STR
Ikea Store & Cracker Barrel restaurant by Silverdome		SIL
Nice park, walking paths		BIC
Industrial park at the Silverdome, type like off a University	2	BIC
Clinton River trail – complete it		BIC
Well run city government	1	GOV
Finally abolish Pontiac school district/divide it around area	3	SCH

Tidy neighborhoods	2	NEI
School buildings – use for vocational training, senior centers		SCH
No more graffiti		IMG
City sidewalks repaired		BIC
Traffic control, better way to get thru the city		STR
Get rid of Woodward avenue around downtown		STR
No more homeless people	1	HOM
Black museum – lot of history		ART
Automotive museum		ART
Recreation for the kids		PRK
Money for neighborhoods to repair homes (grants)	1	NEI
“A City of Lakes” a slogan for the city “A City of Trees”	1	IMG
Plant more trees		IMG
Bloomfield park completed-new housing & retail		BUS
Development of Silverdome site	1	SIL
Decent rapid transit system-less cars on the road		TRN
Bike path		BIC
Downtown shopping		DTN
Starbucks		BUS
All city parks in good condition	1	PRK
Strand movie theater		DTN
More electric cars		COL
Share services w/surrounding communities	3	COU
Better service in the city government		SER
Whole city wireless internet		QOL
Our own water system tied w/Flint instead of Detroit		SER
Swimming pool w/programs to teach kids to swim		PRK
Festivals/events		FES
Continue to develop for downtown area		DTN
City recreation department		PRK
Sufficient police officers & firefighters	1	POL
Efficient incinerator-produce electricity		TRS
International park, bring in other countries (China, booming)		BUS
Ice arena		PRK
Sports complex		SPT
Fruit market		GRO
Poppa Joes		BUS
Science Museum	1	ART
Expand art center		ART

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All city parks in good condition	1	PRK
Sufficient police officers & firefighters	1	POL
Science Museum	1	ART

**Recorder:** Nathan Powell

**PROUDS**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Festivals	6	FES
Pancake shelter		COM
Historic districts	1	HIS
Neighborhoods	1	NEI
Silverdome		SIL
Strand Theater		DTN
Central Location	1	LOC
Network of Social Service		SER
Schools	2	SCH
Residents that adapt	1	COM
Diversity of people	3	DIV
Development potential	2	LOC
Stakeholders		COM
Getting rid of unwanted businesses (adult bookstore)		IMG
Golf Course		PRK
Independent Restaurants	2	RST

**SORRIES**

	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Teen pregnancy		YTH
Lack of Code enforcement	2	CDE
Historic district in poor areas		HIS
Silverdome	2	SIL
Strand Theater		DTN
Leadership (political)	4	LDR
School District	2	SCH
High Taxes (Income & Business)		TAX
Poverty rate		QOL
Lack of recreational opportunities (teams-youth)	1	PRK
Library		LIB
Absent landlords	1	HOS
Nightlife in downtown (not for families)	1	DTN
Stakeholders		COM

Vacant land (homes & business)	2	LND
Lack of shopping (grocery, restaurant)		BUS
Woodward Loop	1	STR
Clinton River	2	RVR

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<b>FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Clean neighborhoods	2	IMG
No vacant homes, lots		LND
A riverwalk		RVR
Vibrant downtown	1	DTN
School District w/waitlist (children learning respect)	1	SCH
Safe place to live	3	POL
Redeveloped Silverdome site semi-pro sports, convention ctr		SIL
City manager government-innovative	2	GOV
Light rail public transportation	1	TRN
State of the art community center	1	COM
Library		LIB
Economic investment, GM & other	1	BUS
Green buildings	2	QOL
All American reputation		COM
Lower poverty/unemployment	2	QOL
Industrial focus on producing alternative energy		BUS
Innovative park facilities		PRK
A model for ethnic diversity		DIV
National/regional grocery store		GRO
Restored historic district	1	HIS
Central government complex		GOV
Less homeless population/panhandlers		HOM

Feature-iconic building in downtown		DTN
Respect between neighbors	1	NEI
No gangs – prostitution		POL
Baldwin Road a grand blvd	1	STR
Better way finding street signs		STR
Welcoming gateways	1	IMG
Less auto dependency		TRN
Remove Widetrack/loop		STR
Remove Phoenix center		PHX
Lot 9 to Farmers Market		LND
Local food network		LND
More cultural attractions		ART
Small town community feel		COM
Business incubators		BUS
Riker building removal/renovate		DTN

<b>TOP FIVE FUTURING IMAGES</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Category</b>
Safe place to live	3	POL
Clean neighborhoods	2	IMG
City manager Government-innovative	2	LDR
Green buildings	2	QOL
Lower poverty/unemployment	2	QOL
Respect between neighbors	1	NEI
Welcoming gateways	1	IMG
Baldwin Road made into a grand Blvd	1	STR
Restored historic district	1	HIS
Economic investment. GM & other	1	JOB
Light rail public transportation	1	TRN
State of the art community center	1	ART
Vibrant Downtown	1	DTN
School District w/waitlist (children learning respect)	1	SCH