



March, 2008

Dear Albany Resident:

The Albany City Council wants your opinion. During the next few months, we will be preparing the City's capital improvement plan and annual operating budget. To help the City Council do the best possible job of meeting community needs and desires, **we need feedback** from citizens like you.

You are one of 2,500 randomly chosen registered voters in Albany to receive this community attitude survey. I encourage you to complete the survey and return it so that the City Council can get a true picture of how Albany residents think. There is no substitute for the information you provide.

Your answers will be completely confidential. Your name will never be placed on the questionnaire or any other record of your answers.

Results will help the City Council prioritize City programs and services and determine the best ways to allocate City resources. Please complete the enclosed survey and return it promptly in the enclosed stamped envelope. A summary of the findings will be available this spring.

Citizen participation is essential to the effective operation of City government. In addition to responding to this survey, please contact your City Councilor or me whenever you have questions or concerns.

Thank you for participating.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Bedore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Dan Bedore

Mayor

Enclosure

1. How would you rate Albany as a place to live? (CIRCLE ONE NUMBER)

Poor

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Excellent

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**Don't
Know**

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2. If you were to name one thing about living in Albany that you particularly enjoy, what would it be?

3. If you could change one thing about living in Albany, what would it be?

4. Do you believe Albany is growing:

1() Too fast

2() Too slow

3() Just about right

4() Don't know

5. Do you believe economic opportunity in Albany during the past 5 years has:

1() Gotten better

2() Gotten worse

3() Stayed the same

4() Don't know

6. In the past 5 years, has the quality of your life in Albany:

1() Gotten better

2() Gotten worse

3() Stayed the same

4() Don't know

7. Generally speaking, how satisfied are you with the overall level of services provided by the City of Albany government? (CIRCLE ONE NUMBER)

**Very
Dissatisfied**

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**Very
Satisfied**

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**Don't
Know**

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8. Should the City of Albany take an active role helping local businesses create and retain jobs?

1() Yes

2() No

3() Don't know

9. Should the City of Albany take an active role helping outside companies come to Albany in order to increase economic opportunities?

1() Yes

2() No

3() Don't know

In order to provide more jobs in Albany, should the City: (CHECK ONE BOX FOR EACH QUESTION)

- | | Yes | No | Don't Know |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 10. Provide problem-solving assistance to businesses for siting, permit, and development issues? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Provide tax incentives to businesses creating new jobs? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Provide financial support to businesses in targeted areas, such as Downtown? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Provide assistance with road, sewer, and utility costs to new and expanding businesses? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

14. Please check all of the following sources that you regularly use to keep informed on city government activities:

- 1() *Albany Democrat-Herald*
- 2() City of Albany Parks & Recreation Activity Guide
- 3() *City Bridges* newsletter
- 4() Local radio
- 5() City of Albany Website
- 6() City Council meeting video recordings
- 7() None
- 8() Other: 15. _____
- 9() Don't know (SPECIFY)

16. Which three Albany streets do you think are in the greatest need of repair?

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

17. Over the next several years, the Albany City Council may ask voters to consider funding measures to repair and improve Albany streets. How likely would you be to support increased funding for street improvements?

- 1() Not very likely
- 2() Somewhat likely
- 3() Very likely
- 4() Don't know

How likely would you be to support each of the following funding sources for street improvements: (CHECK ONE BOX FOR EACH FUNDING SOURCE)

	Not Very Likely	Some- what Likely	Very Likely	Don't Know
18. A city-wide motor vehicle fuel tax	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. A region-wide (Linn and Benton counties) motor vehicle fuel tax	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. A monthly fee on each household and business	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. A property tax increase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Other funding source: _____				
		(SPECIFY)		

23. Do you have internet access at home?

- 1() Yes
- 2() No – SKIP TO Q26
- 3() Don't know – SKIP TO Q26

24. What type of internet access do you have?

- 1() Broadband
- 2() Cable
- 3() Dial-up
- 4() Other: 25. _____
- 5() Don't know (SPECIFY)

The following information is being gathered for demographic purposes only and will not be associated with your name in any way. Please mark your response to each question.

26. How long have you lived in Albany?

- 1() Less than 2 years
- 2() 2-10 years
- 3() 11-20 Years
- 4() More than 20 years

27. Please indicate your age group:

- 1() Under 25
- 2() 25-44
- 3() 45-64
- 4() 65 and over

28. Please indicate your gender:

- 1() Male
- 2() Female

29. Please indicate the highest level of education you had the opportunity to complete:

- 1() Some high school or less
- 2() High school graduate
- 3() Technical training, no college
- 4() Some college
- 5() College graduate (4-Year Degree)
- 6() Post graduate work
- 7() Post graduate degree

30. Please indicate your household's total annual income, before taxes:

- 1() Under \$20,000
- 2() \$20,000-\$29,999
- 3() \$30,000-\$39,999
- 4() \$40,000-\$49,999
- 5() \$50,000-\$74,000
- 6() \$75,000-\$99,999
- 7() \$100,000 or more

31. If there are any other comments you wish to make or any ideas you have for issues you want the city to work on, please let us know in the following space.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND RESPONSE!

Please return in enclosed envelope to:

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