

BACA TOWN SURVEY SUMMARY:40 PEOPLE RESPONDED

This survey was open to our community from Oct.28 through Nov.28,2022.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY? CHECK YOUR TOP FOUR (4) CHOICES.

Green space and National Forest Trails	78%
Peace & Quiet	78%
Dark Skies Community	73%
Interesting people, artists	55%
Fire and Ambulance Services	40%
Creative home construction	38%
Meandering gravel roads	23%
Property Owners Association	18%
Golf course	5%

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE OUR COMMUNITY IMPROVED?

11 would like more constructive community involvement

10 wanted the POA functions improved or curtailed

8 felt development needed attention, housing and natural areas

WHAT ARE THE TOP 3 CURRENT ISSUES FACING OUR COMMUNITY THAT YOU DO NOT FEEL ARE BEING ADDRESSED?

8 mentioned nature & parks

8 commented on POA management

5 cited roads & transportation

4 brought up need for better cell phone service

3 were concerned about housing

2 expressed concern about law enforcement

CONSIDERING THE GROWTH IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THE VALLEY IN GENERAL, PLUS TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION CHANGES IN OUR CLIMATE, WHAT ARE THE TOP 3 ISSUES YOU FEEL WE SHOULD BE PLANNING FOR NOW?

12 talked about water supply

9 were concerned about growth

7 discussed energy sustainability

5 called attention to nature

5 expressed concern about fire

4 brought up food sources

SHOULD PROPERTY OWNERS PAY FEES (TAXES) ACCORDING TO THEIR PROPERTY VALUE (DEVELOPMENT)?

39% Agreed. 32% Were Neutral. 30% Disagreed.

**IF A TOWN IS FORMED, DO YOU FEEL THE POA WOULD STILL BE RELEVANT?
IF SO IN WHAT WAY? WHAT WOULD THEIR ROLE BE?**

16 felt the POA would still be relevant; to maintain property value and standards

7 thought the POA would not be relevant

3 did not want a town

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THE EVALUATION PROCESS OF
POTENTIALLY BECOMING A TOWN AND WHAT SKILLS WOULD YOU LIKE TO
OFFER.**

18 answered no.

10 answered yes, help with planning, communication and leadership

**WHAT DO YOU ENVISION TO BE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF BECOMING A
TOWN.**

15 felt that governance would be better with town

11 thought a town would enhance funding opportunities

11 saw no benefit to creating a town.

**WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS/VISIONS FOR ENHANCING OUR
COMMUNITY?**

•I would like to see a town like no other that is truly meeting the needs of the entire community in terms of affordable housing, creative entrepreneurship, food resiliency, and creating a place for a more intergenerational community.

•I want to keep the BACA the wild and beautiful place it is. I want the BACA to be a place that is primarily a residential community. We should be careful to maintain our spiritual element of our community and develop in a manner that allows the "average" person to live and visit here.

•I envision an economically strong town taking advantage of our resources to improve the standard of living of our residents and increase tourism. Star parties to highlight the beauty of our dark skies, walking trails that pass coffee shops and art venues, a pedestrian only town center, greater collaboration with our spiritual centers, and educational, cultural, and business opportunities created and approved by our own residents or those we vote to represent us are not that out of reach for a creative, self-governing community.

•Let's go slow and make sure there is complete clarity, have as many members involved in the decision and not let this be driven by idealism or by a desire to dissolve the POA but by a genuine sense of creating a town with a true vision of community, support and self sufficiency.

•Allowance for Smaller homes and rent/AirBnB restrictions to keep housing affordable.

•I'd like there to be a town center somewhere in the Grants with a housing cooperative and/or affordable housing, a hotel, retail businesses including a copy/print/shipping store and a

pharmacy, a health center, a space with a kitchen for social/community events, a park with shelters, tables, playground equipment, sports fields, and drinking water, and more. I want to be able to get there on my bicycle without having to ride on roads with high-speed car traffic (that is, not on T-road).

- solar farm, business center, smaller home footprint, less covenants , more encouragement to homestead and build, equitable taxes, a town ordinance that protects the environment, more community involvement,

- A more equitable system would enhance the community through trust and recognition of all property owners, not just a few.

WHAT SERVICES AND AMENITIES DO YOU THINK WOULD ENHANCE OUR COMMUNITY? (CHECK YOUR TOP SEVEN (7) CHOICES)

Medical/Mental Health Center	55.88%
Additional Emergency Evacuation Route.	50.00%
Law/code enforcement	47.06%
Car/truck repair services	47.06%
Some kind of transportation service, ride share	44.12%
Gym/fitness Center	41.18%
Coffee shop/restaurants	35.29%
Dog Park	29.41%
Swimming Pool	26.47%
Expanded Fire Department	26.47%
Dentist	23.53%
Retail center with art galleries	23.53%
Skate Park	20.59%
More paved roads	14.71%