

## **Answers from Youth Expo on May 2, 2018**

### **– 17 people polled**

#### **What do you like about Durango?**

- Not too big or small
- Easy to get around
- Lots to do
- Not complicated/makes sense
- The outdoors (3)
- Fun to bike, ski, hike
- Small town, people know each other (3)
- Outdoor recreation
- Close to mountains and desert (2)
- The people
- The college
- Safer than a big city
- Activities
- Weather
- Opportunity to be involved in lots of programs like the library and sports
- So much to do, something always happening
- Vibrancy (funky vibe)
- Sense of community
- Small but deep movers and shakers

#### **What are challenges/Issues in DRO?**

- I'm not super great at some activities
- Not a lot to do if you've grown up here and if not outdoorsy or have money
- Opportunity to find services like counsellors
- Weather (winter)
- Time management
- Transportation
- Pressure to always do
- Homelessness
- Closed circles – hard to meet others of diverse backgrounds
- Traffic in the morning
- The blinking yellow light
- Remoteness for someone who travels for work
- Landlord issues
- Suicides and mental health

**What does living in a diverse community mean to you?**

- Everybody can be together
- Work like a clock
- Important
- Inclusion
- Accepting everyone
- Where everyone is welcome and accepted
- Lot of different types of people
- Like the diversity, learning not one type of person out there
- Separate
- Freedom
- Can be creative with what you do
- Being accepting
- In thought, race, culture (need a place to intersect)

**Any message to the City Council?**

- More bear proof trash cans provided for free
- Not enough shopping opportunities, mall is too small
- Help out the transit center for low income
- Spend money on sidewalks not just open space
- Warehouse 21 in Santa Fe is a youth hangout place that one person really liked