

Q11 Do you have any other comments to share? (¿Tiene algún otro comentario para compartir?)

Answered: 118 Skipped: 295

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Chapel Hill/Carrboro too heavily represented. Northern part of County often able to be disregarded by the numbers from CH/C	6/22/2021 10:25 PM
2	Thank you.	6/22/2021 5:24 PM
3	1) I am surprised to see new projects with poor implementation	6/22/2021 5:19 PM
4	Questionnaire could use historical context. Question 9 should differentiate primary and general elections, as in current system.	6/22/2021 3:38 PM
5	I voted for Joe	6/22/2021 3:25 PM
6	Would love to have more conservative representatives in Orange Co.	6/22/2021 3:13 PM
7	Penny Rich should be appointed to Mark Dorosin's seat.	6/22/2021 1:49 PM
8	the "county" is over-represented, chapel hill and carrboro are under-represented	6/22/2021 1:31 PM
9	I like the at large and bigger area districts because it makes the commissioners want to represent the ENTIRE county - not just a small area of it. It helps with collaboration	6/22/2021 12:20 PM
10	nO	6/22/2021 12:11 PM
11	Think creatively. Be open to election methods, such as methods for achieving proportional representation, that may require approval from the legislature. Be mindful of previous research the county has done on this topic. Thanks for your service!	6/22/2021 11:28 AM
12	There currently is no representation for northern/central Orange County	6/22/2021 10:50 AM
13	None	6/22/2021 10:48 AM
14	I live near Hillsborough but not in city limits. I see Chapel Hill, Hillsborough & Carrboro as basically running the county. The outlying areas are underrepresented & candidates are always Democrats. I am Republican but registered as unaffiliated because I need to have some say in elections.	6/22/2021 10:36 AM
15	The northern part of the county is disenfranchised by the existing system.	6/22/2021 7:39 AM
16	This area is wired for the left.	6/21/2021 5:18 PM
17	Seems all of this depends on truthful information about candidates, and citizens like me knowing an accurate place to learn that information. Truthfulness and good results on basic common-sense things can begin good momentum.	6/21/2021 3:13 PM
18	Voter ID must be show !! Have yo use ID for everything except voting. A bit messed up.	6/21/2021 1:39 PM
19	Northern Orange County is overwhelmingly underrepresented. most if our views are very different from Chapel Hill and our views are ignored.	6/21/2021 9:09 AM
20	Ensure no gerrymander. Any district lines must be drawn by impartial non-political commissions.	6/20/2021 3:00 PM
21	Let's have elections that are fair and square. Not set up.	6/20/2021 10:52 AM
22	In Chapel Hill there is rarely a non democrat running so I feel like it is a waste of time to go vote in secondary election.	6/19/2021 4:04 PM
23	Keep the current method of electing commissioners.	6/19/2021 3:35 PM
24	Heed the old saying: "If it isn't broken, don't fix it."	6/19/2021 2:47 PM

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25	We need non communist candidates to run.	6/19/2021 11:20 AM
26	we should require voter ID	6/19/2021 9:48 AM
27	No one is accounted for there actions,the county make decision that no one agrees with being nice but throw them all out they dont speak for ME	6/19/2021 9:36 AM
28	Send me moresurvays if you have any. Thank you	6/19/2021 9:18 AM
29	More publicity needs to occur for this post.	6/19/2021 7:38 AM
30	A conservative voice on bocc	6/19/2021 6:51 AM
31	Instead of aspring to divide the county into rednecks versus the rich whities down south, why don't you try having disticts for some of the voices that are actually missing. Let's have some seats dedicated to renters, students, and young people - then you might start actually representing their interests instead of just the wealthy homeowners who control the local political process and actively push everyone who's not a boomer or a helicopter mom out of the conversation.	6/18/2021 8:33 PM
32	Geographic diversity is among the shittiest kinds of diversity you could be aspiring to. Try harder	6/18/2021 8:27 PM
33	Question #5 was odd. I would have liked an answer that reflected N/A.	6/18/2021 2:54 PM
34	I think the current system ensures an all Democratic Party commission. Not everyone in the county is a far left democrat. Just like you didn't like Trump. I don't like being taxed and force fed every progressive policy. Moderation is desperately needed i this county.	6/18/2021 11:39 AM
35	Only American Citizens should be able to vote in any US Elections	6/18/2021 10:38 AM
36	We need equitable representation of rural areas of Orange County. We do not currently have anyone representing the conservative voice or the citizens of our rural county.	6/17/2021 2:02 PM
37	I appreciate the county assessing ways to ensure all constituents have representation on the BOC, rather than the current system that effectively means CH/Carrboro elects our commissioners	6/17/2021 1:58 PM
38	I just think we need to empower/involve citizens at the lowest level possible. Having a local representative seems like a good way to facilitate that.	6/16/2021 4:47 PM
39	NO	6/16/2021 10:48 AM
40	yes, not sure of question nimer 8. its not clear as to what is being asked and not sure if i answered what i would like to see. I think its greatly unfair that all of Orange county gets to vote for the District 2 person running in the general election. as we all knwo Orange county is 80+% democrat in southern Orange therefore whoever wins the dem. primary is a lock to win the general election. So any other party beside a dem has no chance of winning the general election the way it si now. totally unfair. most other counties or cities have distict only voting	6/15/2021 9:44 PM
41	We need adequate representation for county residents as well as Chapel Hill and Carrboro city. The needs/wants are often different and I feel like county residents aren't adequately represented.	6/15/2021 9:22 PM
42	BOCC do not listen or comment to people who speak at the meetings...	6/15/2021 7:28 PM
43	For qestion 8/9, would prefer multi-member where one seat open to all voters and one seat in-district only, otherwise all at-large.	6/15/2021 3:57 PM
44	Not enough diverse voices of different thought on the County Commissioners	6/15/2021 3:11 PM
45	Would only support "only those who live in the district" for no. 9 if there were also at least 2 at-large members.	6/15/2021 2:09 PM
46	As a taxpayer in the City of Mebane as well as Orange County, I often feel as if I am in "no man's land" when it comes to representation. I sometimes feel we are ignored by the city as well as the county officials. Our area is growing very rapidly, so maybe that will change in the future. I always participate in elections and will continue to, but it would be nice to feel as if we had a bit more representation here.o man's land" when it comes to representation. It sometimes feels as if we are forgotten by the city as well as the county commissioners.	6/15/2021 12:59 PM

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However, I always have and will continue to participate in elections. Our area is growing very rapidly

47	Yes. County Commissioners should respond to comments and questions posed by the public.	6/15/2021 12:18 PM
48	If we are going to have districts, I really think they need to be the same size.	6/15/2021 9:34 AM
49	please implement ranked voting if there is multiple seats per district	6/15/2021 7:55 AM
50	Disappointed that this process was initiated because a commissioner almost lost his seat. Changing the process to at large reduces the likelihood that people of color will be elected to the commission.	6/14/2021 10:51 PM
51	The current method favors urban areas such as Chapel Hill, who get to have more districts. This imbalance silences the rural and smaller areas. We have a House of Representatives, but we need a Senate to balance it out, so to speak. I would also favor automatic voter registration, mail-in ballots, and ranked choice voting in local elections. Local election participation is extremely poor across the US, and making it easier to vote could help alleviate this issue.	6/14/2021 11:09 AM
52	I talk to a lot of registered voters who are so discouraged by the political bias of Orange County's governance that they've given up hope of ever having fair representation. We need to make changes that will open the door for more diverse political perspectives to have a seat at the table.	6/13/2021 8:29 PM
53	The lack of representation of moderate views in this county is shocking.	6/13/2021 10:17 AM
54	The current district system is unfair, due to Chapel Hill votes in my Nothern Orange District.	6/13/2021 7:10 AM
55	It has for many years appeared that Chapel Hill/Carrboro is disproportionately represented on the BOCC. There should be 1 district for each unincorporated area of the county and 1 district for each municipality. Easy solution. Elections should also be non-partisan.	6/12/2021 9:36 PM
56	Chapel Hill controls Orange County and that needs to change.	6/12/2021 9:22 PM
57	Please consider implementing ranked choice voting!	6/12/2021 9:18 PM
58	I think we all know that the majority of our county's residents live in carrboro/chapel hill. Because of this the "majority" makes decisions for our entire county.. it's like living in a country where urban folks make decisions for all of us! It's gotten worse in the past twenty years than it's ever been! I've noticed also that the board consists of people who know nothing of the heritage of our county, the hardworking country folks or the everyday small business owners on the outskirts of the county. The has to be a better way for ALL residents to feel represented in this county. And when we consider that unc-chapel hill has about 30,000 voters Abd most know NOTHING about our county,,esp the needs of its residents, well, let's just say a lot of folks have given up on voting because they see no point in voting when the vote is for people who have nothing in common with their belief system.	6/12/2021 8:35 PM
59	Thank you for asking these questions!	6/12/2021 8:20 PM
60	Not at this time	6/12/2021 6:40 PM
61	The unincorporated areas need rep in west/south and north/east or something like that	6/12/2021 2:56 PM
62	Less toxicity please.... need more collaborative public servants, not anyone we just got rid of.	6/12/2021 1:06 PM
63	What do you mean by question 10? Surprised at who ran? Surprised by who won? Surprised by the choices who didn't feel like people from your area? Surprised that the person wanted to serve your area of the county? What information are you trying to gather with question 10?	6/12/2021 9:54 AM
64	What does question 10 even mean??	6/11/2021 10:48 PM
65	There is not enough representation of District 2. With the population of District 2 growing so quickly, there needs to be another representative from District 2 and one less at-large member in order for there to be a more equitable representation of the population distribution in the county.	6/11/2021 4:56 PM
66	Given the population of Chapel Hill, it is critical to preserve dedicated representatives for the REST of the County. In a County-wide vote, Chapel Hill will disenfranchise everyone else.	6/11/2021 4:15 PM
67	I'm very familiar with how county government works, having been a county employee for over	6/11/2021 7:38 AM

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30 years, and a county agency director. However, I'm new to Orange County. So, my answers to the above are more specific to the previous county where i lived.

68	Make Commissioner a non-partisan office; vote in general only and use ranked-choice (3)..	6/10/2021 8:35 PM
69	We should put Penny Rich back in for Mark Dorosin. The election was so close; it makes so much sense.	6/10/2021 5:09 PM
70	Elections being decided in the primary seems problematic, and internal appointments to fill seats is not democratic.	6/10/2021 3:53 PM
71	My answer to Question 9 really depends on how a district is defined.	6/10/2021 1:16 PM
72	In your initial survey questions, your definitions of areas we live in were totally unclear; I have Chapel Hill address but not inside Chapel Hill/Carrboro, zip 27516; Is that unincorporated southern or eastern OC?? Q10: what do you mean by "surprised"? It is hard to find information about people who are running for local offices (including commissioners).	6/10/2021 10:46 AM
73	There are 7 townships in Orange Co there should be 7 districts where candidate must be from that district. That would give representation to all districts and not just the southern part of our county.	6/10/2021 10:05 AM
74	The candidates do not get their information out very well. They should need to send statements of their positions to every voter in the county, for every county election.	6/10/2021 9:21 AM
75	District 2 should be divided into multiple districts with representatives, northern orange county, southern, Hillsborough region,, etc.. many in Northern OC, north of Hillsborough, do not feel there is equal representatives on the BOCC. s	6/10/2021 7:31 AM
76	Getting rid of partisan elections and voting for the best person for you would be great.	6/9/2021 11:08 PM
77	I think the balance between city and more rural areas concentrates power into Chapel Hill. Example: the library is 30 minutes from my house. Durham has regional branches and several of them are closer for me because of the way the county has centralized that resource. Same for parks and recreation, the best fields, pools etc are very far from me.	6/9/2021 10:28 PM
78	We need better candidates. OC is a dumpster fire to use the 2021 lingo. Roads are a mess, traffic is a mess, crime rising, lack of internet for many, rising taxes and county budget "Just put it on credit"	6/9/2021 9:12 PM
79	None at this point	6/9/2021 6:01 PM
80	We need rural representation. Chapel hill & carrboro cannot decide for the whole county. People living in that district alone should vote	6/9/2021 4:01 PM
81	The county needs more representation from the northern half of the county. Chapel hill is a small portion of the county yet they dominate the board. The views of the northern residents are being ignored.	6/9/2021 3:27 PM
82	Landowners should have more control of our future than students.	6/9/2021 2:50 PM
83	People in the rural and unincorporated areas of the county (especially western and northern areas) basically have no voice and no representation in the BOCC. Carrboro and Chapel Hill interests largely control the entire county, which is unfair considering that these urban areas are vastly different from the rural areas. Personally, I would like to see Orange County split in to two counties - Orange and Northern Orange. A pipe dream I know, but this might solve the "no voice/no representation" issue better than changing how commissioners are elected.	6/9/2021 2:31 PM
84	None	6/9/2021 1:29 PM
85	I moved here during the 2020 elections and had absentee voted in my former home state.	6/9/2021 12:55 PM
86	The overweight of Chapel Hill/Carrboro that's further driven by the at-large commissioners results really is unfair to residents of (especially) the unincorporated areas to the west and north. I say this as someone who usually agrees with the politics/policies and agendas of the board	6/9/2021 12:38 PM
87	The northern part of the county as well as other rural parts are sorely un-represented. County Commissioners should be willing to preserve the rural areas and help protect the farmers. Commissioners should have a feel for the whole county's needs rather than just the cities. Fair	6/9/2021 12:36 PM

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representation! Commissioners should be LONG standing community members, not newbies who don't understand what the rural parts of the county need.

88	North side of Orange County should have same number of Commisoners as Chapel Hill/Carrboro. Allowing students who are just attending UNC for studies should not be allowed to vote.	6/9/2021 12:32 PM
89	It would be inequitable to not have districts or to allow everyone to vote for all districts. The bulk of the population is centered in specific areas, and the entire county needs a voice.	6/9/2021 12:31 PM
90	I like multi-member districts, but it's not clear to me why Chapel Hill / Carrboro has more members than the rest of the county.	6/9/2021 12:28 PM
91	Cumulative voting (or another form of proportional representation) is a superior method.	6/9/2021 12:19 PM
92	require voter ID	6/9/2021 12:04 PM
93	Single party system is no good for the people	6/9/2021 11:48 AM
94	if it is only single member districts, there should be more of these in the southern part of the county. It seems representation should be more according to population than geography.	6/9/2021 11:43 AM
95	At the end of the day, we want a fair, nonpartisan, representative apportionment of Commissioner votes	6/9/2021 11:36 AM
96	It would be nice if Chapel Hill and Carrboro didn't also control Hillsborough and the rest of the county.	6/9/2021 10:53 AM
97	All 7 seats should be elected the same way. District 1 during a presidential election should have a district 1 seat A and seat B. Folks who want to campaign for a seat should need to declare seat A or B. This will eliminate a 2 seat election and everyone only voting for one seat. The fall off this past election was in the thousands. This should not happen.	6/9/2021 9:46 AM
98	Chapel Hill runs the county and that's wrong. All county residents should have a voice.	6/9/2021 9:33 AM
99	I don't feel the need for a County Commissioner position to be partisan, it's a representation of the county not a bygone partisan political spectrum. Do away with the partisan application and have districts represented by individual community members. Many rural parts of the county feel as if they're voices aren't heard because of the current geographical makeup of the board members.	6/9/2021 9:21 AM
100	As a relatively new Orange County resident (1 year), I had to go back and look up the 2020 General info to remember how the system worked. Incorporating background on the current system would have helped me respond to this survey more quickly and effectively. I also suspect that while many folks don't have opinions about single-member versus multi-member districts, questions about what kinds of values we want to prioritize in choosing representation might help reach clear answers as well.	6/9/2021 9:20 AM
101	Chapel Hill and Carrboro should be separate districts with staggered terms so voters only need to pick 1 candidate per election, even if multi-member districts are needed	6/9/2021 9:17 AM
102	Current system is unfair and unexplainable.	6/9/2021 9:01 AM
103	Make it nonpartisan.	6/9/2021 8:36 AM
104	Since viable media no longer exists in Orange County, it's difficult to follow OCBOC. About a year ago, I learned about signing up for email updates of agendas, etc. I don't trust social media (NextDoor) to provide balanced coverage & opinion. I suggest the county widely publicize the availability of email updates from the BOC (and other depth) and MAKE IT EASIER TO SIGN UP! The set-up now, or when I signed up a year ago, is super difficult. Thanks	6/9/2021 7:22 AM
105	Appoint a replacement. don't waste money on an election.	6/9/2021 12:02 AM
106	Do not reappoint candidates who have lost an election	6/8/2021 9:50 PM
107	I have NEVER felt that I had any opportunity to be heard by the Orange Co. Commissioners. They have to have an agenda and don't want to even consider someone who has something else to say. Some of us feel tolerated until the commissioners can get on with THEIR agenda. Before coming here I was very active in the county and our Board of Supervisors. No chance here.	6/8/2021 9:40 PM

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108	we need county commissioners who will honor their oath of office to support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States of America	6/8/2021 8:50 PM
109	I prefer to have non-partisan commissioners	6/8/2021 8:36 PM
110	The current primary system is unfair and unrepresentative.	6/8/2021 7:28 PM
111	Would like to see the county better manage overall development and infrastructure so we don't end up like parts of CA, Wash DC area, or Atlanta	6/8/2021 6:08 PM
112	more public candidate meetings	6/8/2021 4:50 PM
113	would support shift to proportional voting	6/8/2021 4:49 PM
114	Still a bad survey without background. You do not for example discuss a non-partisan or non primary elections. You do not address the reason for this "group" which seems whole undemocratic. You do not discuss why district 1 has 3 reps and district 2 has only 2. I see this whole survey as shallow and out of touch.	6/8/2021 4:37 PM
115	This is a seriously flawed survey. It assumes respondents understand the pros and cons of each election option. For those who already live and vote in District 1 (the majority of voters in OC), the current voting method has been generally satisfactory. It's the northern area of the county that is under represented due to the at-large seats. And yet, the majority of the respondents to this survey will most likely be from District 1 and will be satisfied. Without information on how the survey will be sliced and diced, it feels like the results are assured of approving the current set up.	6/8/2021 4:29 PM
116	I prefer 5 single member districts with 2 at-large members	6/8/2021 4:20 PM
117	The current system is working.	6/8/2021 4:16 PM
118	I arrived in June 2018 and found that you have a system that works well. No need to alter it.	6/8/2021 4:13 PM