

2009 Fort Collins REALTOR® Association Member Voting Survey

The National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) is sponsoring this survey of the Fort Collins Board REALTORS® in order to assist FCBR leadership in setting priorities. This is a confidential survey, although you may choose to include your name at the end of the survey if you wish. If you have any questions about the survey, please feel free to contact Michelle Jacobs of FCBR at mjacobs@fcbr.org or 970-223-2900.

1. First of all, are you registered to vote?

Yes

No

2. What are the chances of your voting in the Fort Collins election for mayor, city council and other offices in April -- are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

Almost certain

Probably

50-50

Don't think will vote

Not sure

3. Generally speaking, do you think that things in the city of Ft. Collins are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction

Wrong track

Not Sure

4. Now, thinking about Fort Collins and the issues that the city council has to focus on, what do you think should be the top priority for the Fort Collins City Council?

5. Here is a list of concerns that some people have. For each one, please rate it using a scale of one to ten, where one means it is not at all a concern to you, and ten means it is a top concern to you. You can choose any number between one and ten.

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Not at all a concern	2	3	4	Neutral	6	7	8	9	Top concern	Don't know
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Sprawl and overdevelopment

The economy

Education and the local schools

Lack of available housing and apartments that are affordable

State and local taxes

Traffic and congestion on our roads and highways

Foreclosures

6. And thinking just about the issue of affordable housing, do you believe there is an adequate supply of affordable housing for sale in Fort Collins?

Yes

No

Not sure/ Don't know

7. What solutions would you offer to increase the number of affordable houses in Fort Collins?

8. Now, please rate your feelings toward some people and organizations. Please indicate if your impression of each one is very positive, positive, neutral, negative or very negative. If you are not familiar with or have never heard of that person or organization, please say so.

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Very Negative	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Very positive	Not familiar/ Never Heard
Doug Hutchinson						
Kelly Ohlson						
Wade Troxell						
Ben Manvel						
Lisa Poppaw						
Darin Atteberry						
Charlie Brown						

9. Here is another list of names. Please say whether you feel this person or organization is doing an excellent, good, just fair, or poor job. If you do not have an opinion, please just say so and move on to the next item.

	Poor	Just Fair	Good	Excellent	No Opinion
Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.					

Doug Hutchinson as Mayor

The Fort Collins City Council

Fort Collins Board of REALTORS(R)

Poudre School District

10. Thinking about the local government here in Fort Collins, here are some things people have said about the City Council in Fort Collins. Please indicate whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each.

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.					

It is important to the quality of life in Fort Collins for the city council to impose certain standards on homes and properties that keep our community looking good.

My tax money is usually well spent by the city.

The new property maintenance codes will help real estate sales in Fort Collins.

The city council has created an environment that helps keep companies in Fort Collins and is attractive to new businesses.

11. In the near future, the City Council will consider transportation priorities and funding for those priorities. Of the following transportation projects, which ONE project do you think would be most beneficial to Fort Collins? (Please choose only one option.)

A high speed rail connection to Denver

Enhancements and improvements to transportation infrastructure in the North College Avenue Corridor

Enhancements and improvements to transportation infrastructure in the South College Avenue Corridor

Expansion of Interstate 25 (I-25)

12. If the city council created a new one percent sales tax dedicated to transportation funding, and the money raised by the tax had to be split between road projects and mass transit, what percentage would you allocate to each?

25% to road projects and 75% to mass transit

33.5% to road projects and 66.5% to mass transit

One half to each

66.5% to road projects and 33.5% to mass transit

75% to road projects and 25% to mass transit

Other, Please fill in your allocation and make sure it adds to 100%

13. The City Council is considering changes to the city's energy policy that could increase electric rates to help fight global warming. Thinking of that, which ONE of the following options do you support?

No increase

An increase of 1% to 5%

An increase of 6% to 10%

An increase of 11% to 20%

Anything it takes

Not sure

14. As you may know, there are two water storage projects under consideration to address water supply issues in our area, the Glade Reservoir project and the Halligan/ Seaman expansion. Please say if you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose each one.

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.

Strongly oppose Somewhat oppose Somewhat favor Strongly favor Undecided

The Glade Reservoir project

The Halligan/ Seaman expansion project

15. As you know, some organizations endorse candidates or ballot measures and ask you to vote for those candidates or measures. For each of the following, please indicate if that group's endorsement would make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely or much less likely to support a candidate or measure.

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Much less likely Somewhat less likely Somewhat more likely Much more likely Unsure/ No Difference

Poudre School District

Colorado State University

Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce

League of Women Voters

Save the Poudre

Homebuilders Association

Sierra Club

Democratic Party

Republican Party

Fort Collins Board of Realtors

Finally, here are a few questions for statistical purposes.

16. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent or something else?

Democrat

Independent

Republican

Other

Don't know/Prefer not to say

17. In what year were you born? (Please use numeric digits starting with 19.)

18. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

Some high school

High school graduate

Non-college post H.S.

Some college

College graduate

Post-graduate school

Don't know/Prefer not to say

19. What is your gender?

Male

Female

Prefer not to answer

20. Thank you for your time and participation. By completing this survey, you have assisted NAR's advocacy and research efforts. If you choose to do so, you may identify yourself below (optional). Please don't forget to hit the "submit" arrow below.