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| 11/9/2021 6:29:15  | City Owned Internet Service   |
| 11/9/2021 7:14:40  | Water, sewer and broadband infrastructure   |
| 11/9/2021 7:24:36  | <p>Spending should be directed only to areas impacted by COVID. (1) reward public-facing city employees whose jobs required some element of risk in their interaction with people, especially indoors. Police, fire, election workers, etc. Emphasis should be on people who were, in essence, "breathed on". Anyone who worked remotely or in a safe, single-person office away from the public should *not* be included -- don't do what Shiawassee Co. did!</p> <p>(2) Ventilation. This won't be the last pandemic. Ventilate the schools and public facilities. Filter air.</p> <p>(3) Reconfigure public spaces to adapt to new dining demands. Recognize that customers have changed their preferences for dining -- many will never return to the frequency of indoor dining they used to. Restaurants need outdoor spaces, and we like our restaurants. Make EL Al Fresco permanent, and help other area restaurants permit outdoor dining options. Small mitigation projects could help - soundproof property fences, increase code patrols, etc. to help newly reconfigured restaurants co-exist with neighbors.</p> |
| 11/9/2021 7:47:49  | I would like the entire amount to go to pension funding and infrastructure improvements.  |
| 11/9/2021 8:02:16  | Improve the sewer   |
| 11/9/2021 8:17:45  | Sidewalks. Places like Harrison road north of Saginaw and Saginaw west of Harrison only have a sidewalk on one side of street, making it hard to pass others while social distancing. Needless crossing of busy streets. Get people outside to stop spread.   |
| 11/9/2021 8:18:41  | Premium pay, infrastructure, supporting EL restaurants and bars based on need   |
| 11/9/2021 8:22:33  | Prefer to fund government services and infrastructure over direct assistance to individuals/businesses and fund premium pay. Very concerned about pension debt so if we can fund government services to free up funds to address pensions that should be top priority (and the practice of pensions for new hires should be halted immediately. Certainly we need to keep our obligations to funding current pensions, but there is no compelling reason to continue giving out new pensions.)  |
| 11/9/2021 10:04:21 | <p>I would like to see funds go to small businesses that were impacted by the pandemic!<br/> Also, those working in the restaurant business, such as servers or baristas!<br/> Many were furloughed during the pandemic!<br/> Elderly workers who had to stay home due to health concerns!<br/> I would like to see these people compensated some!<br/> Thank you!</p>  |

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| 11/9/2021 10:12:48  | I'd like to see this go to 1) businesses and people, then to eligible workers and third to support infrastructure. Last to fund government services. I think the mitigation to businesses was and is probably to help them create pandemic-proof services (such as, outdoor seating with heating) as the pandemic is not yet over. But some of them may have gotten payroll loans to get them by but are still recovering and may not have the resources to put the "we've gotta live through this some more" kind of money into outdoor spaces or air handling indoors, etc.   |
| 11/9/2021 10:13:45  | premium pay for first responders & support local businesses negatively impacted by the pandemic.  |
| 11/9/2021 12:09:06  | Fund premium pay for eligible workers   |
| 11/9/2021 12:11:20  | Fund premium pay for frontline workers and fix up the fire station  |
| 11/9/2021 12:13:39  | Premium pay for eligible workers  |
| 11/9/2021 12:15:49  | To support the Fire Department  |
| 11/9/2021 13:29:28  | I agree with aid to the homeowners that were affected by the flood. Installing the valves and possibly reimbursing for some damages with a cap at say \$3,000 per household. I agree that the library and Hannah should be fixed.   |
| 11/9/2021 14:13:19  | Sponsor immigrant visas to retain talent in the city. Create permanent shelters for homeless people Institutionalize drive thru vaccinations and testing.   |
| 11/9/2021 14:19:08  | Support water and sewer infrastructure.   |
| 11/9/2021 17:06:11  | Programs to support businesses that lost revenue, to ensure they can remain in business and contributing to EL; enhancement of parking garages (especially the ones old, dark, and filthy) which lost revenue and upon which we must now rely since street lots are basically gone; money to add police officers and surveillance/enforcement to address the violence that seems to have found its way into East Lansing after the pandemic; paint the overpasses on Saginaw, they look atrocious and are not a welcome sight on the way in and out of our city; ensure that the water complex has the necessary repairs to open Summer 2022; wash the tacky flip flop prints off the city sidewalks. |
| 11/9/2021 18:00:20  | Hazard backpay for all COEL workers. Funding for library construction.  |
| 11/9/2021 18:51:48  | Broadband infrastructure for school age kids and colleges. Premium pay for essential workers. Childcare.  |
| 11/9/2021 18:58:59  | Not to create better Council meeting space as has been suggested  |
| 11/9/2021 21:28:28  | Premium pay for staff, park upgrades ( more people out using them. Wifi in Parks (limited). Sewer improvements for sure, 500 year flood, fenced rain gardens to collect water, maintained by neighbors with help from City staff and guidance.  |
| 11/10/2021 17:04:46 | Infrastructure projects   |
| 11/10/2021 17:18:55 | Support infrastructure.   |

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| 11/10/2021 17:25:32 | Most of the money should be used to make up for lost tax revenue that the City never collected because of people working from home instead of their East Lansing offices due to COVID. That change cut income tax revenue dramatically. The rest of the money should go to sewer and water quality and to broadband.  |
| 11/10/2021 17:27:15 | would love to see the city keeps its promise on sewer upgrades - some of our sewers are approaching 100 yr and the city has promised to replace for the last 10 years with no action. They also keep delaying road repairs - saying they don't want to waste money doing it twice, but the pot holes get bigger!  |
| 11/10/2021 18:04:25 | Fix the water/sewage problems so people aren't flooded.   |
| 11/10/2021 19:39:14 | Protection of water and sewer utilities and provide added funding to insufficient pension balances in order to remove the added taxation placed to do what now seems insufficient.  |
| 11/10/2021 19:41:36 | NOT the first two.<br>ONLY ON: fund government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue; to fund premium pay for eligible workers; and to support water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. REASON: The later will offset costs incurred (or to be incurred) by all city taxpayers that pay for these things.   |
| 11/11/2021 7:33:07  | Premium pay for eligible workers  |
| 11/11/2021 7:35:22  | Premium pay for eligible workers (give it to the employees)   |
| 11/11/2021 7:36:53  | Give it to the employees  |
| 11/11/2021 7:37:35  | Give it the workers   |
| 11/11/2021 9:09:43  | Sewer improvements.   |
| 11/11/2021 9:11:49  | Our city is going down the sewer. Gangs are being allowed to hang out downtown and nothing is being done.:<br>Hire more police and don't tell them to stand down.<br>Have more patrol cars police the speed limit on Saginaw<br>Paint the overpass on Saginaw. It's a disgrace to our city<br>Get rid of all graffiti on walls and sidewalks<br>Put police liaisons in the schools because I understand things are out of control.    |
| 11/11/2021 9:43:54  | Support of East Lansing Public Library and Hannah Center and their employees. City-wide wireless access. Support for EL small businesses and government services negatively impacted by the pandemic.   |

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| 11/11/2021 23:25:08 | <p>I'd like to see the first responders get a few thousand each (at least) for working during Covid. Many of them were exposed to Covid multiple times and even received it on duty. Two fire fighters are medically returning from getting it on duty. Ingham county first responders received \$9,000 each as a result of this same money the county received. The first responders in EL have been through so much over the last year and a half between Covid, being trashed on by some of the community and it's leaders, being short staffed, and overworked.</p>   |
| 11/12/2021 11:55:31 | <p>The City of East Lansing along with surrounding municipalities need to concentrate on improving transportation for persons with disabilities in their communities with these funds. I have lived in this community for 30 years and little has been accomplished to improve the door-to-door paratransit offered by CATA. Do you know you have to call 24 hours in advance to obtain a shared ride? Do you know that there are times you can be driven around for almost an hour before getting to your destination? Individuals who are blind in these communities are asking for improvements to technology in order that rides can be obtained "same day." The systems currently used by CATA for scheduling rides are antiquated without using modern technology such as the iPhone. It is time for these changes to occur as the unemployment rate amongst persons with disabilities is 70 percent and among the blind is 80 percent. The number one cause of this unemployment rate stems from poor transportation. Imagine living a life where you have to plan your daily needs 24 hours in advance. I encourage East Lansing Info to explore this topic and how this funding can improve public transportation especially paratransit. Please do not say the BRT running down Grand River, as that one fell on its face in this community. We need more of an Uber like experience in using CATA SpecTran. Now is the time for reforms to happen!</p> |
| 11/14/2021 13:42:39 | <p>I think so much of our spending goes to areas that depend on more spending for there to be a payoff. That payoff often only benefits a few. I know business is essential to healthy communities but we are over-developed. If we had dedicated space for more community gardening, we could create community compost and citizens would be healthier from the activity and the nutritious food. Perhaps we should move away from the "rent seeking" -everyone needs their business to benefit- to a more "we need to be healthier" mindset. If we did, we could increase properties values and health outcomes. Infrastructure-wise, we could make Burcham and Harrison into truck/car-free safe paths for for walking, biking, and scooters. Our current car free paths are nowhere near where most people live and most have to go through traffic to get to them. It would be amazing if EL focused less on downtown and student housing and more on sustainability. The dozens of new apartment buildings will never really be mixed-use or "affordable."</p>  |