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What are 2015-16 Winter Texans saying?

Here is what Winter Texan participants in the 2015-16 Survey said when asked what comments or recommendations they have for city officials in the Rio Grande Valley:

cartels and kidnapping for ransome. Stamp out drug	Ban plastic bags; make recycling easier for all; get private & business properties cleaned up; don't have turn signals on for left turns when there is no one waiting; enforce loudness laws
I am concerned that fewer people are coming to the valley which makes it harder to sell a home.	Be fair and not corrupt
keep out illegles stop the murders kidnappings and theft stop the officials corruption	be honest
Lower property taxes on mobile homes.	Be honest
1. Clean up of residential areas of Harlingen. 2. Need for a competitve grocery line	be honest
1.) keep taxes down; 2.) maintain potholes on side roads	Be Honest
25 years it was the "hidalgo seven" and its still going on	be honest
a better phone book	Be honest
a ten mile loop to ride a bike without cars and trucks.	be honest and listen to people
Absolutely no smoking any where in public	be honest and open to changes for the better
According to the paper, it seems alot of them are not trustworthy	be honest and seek integrity
adopt recycling; fix the streets; clean up trash; improve water quality	Be honest and trustworthy. Pick the most reliable workers. Don't show favoritism
Adopt the program of Il. For a yellow dot on back window-with info in glove compartment-presc. health problems, etc	be honest!
advertise in the midwest	Be honest! Don't cheat, steal, lie.
Advertise the benefits and stop expected Winter Texans to sit in one place for 6 months	be honest, truthful, have high moral values
Advertise. People up north are unaware of the RGV, and the low cost of living here. Plus, how nice the people are and all the things to do here.	Be honest.
All are friendly and helpful	be honest. Make repairs to last instead of temporary
All the cities seem to use the same street names. Often information is given on TV or in the newspaper and it gives a street address and no city.	be honsty
Allow for weak Canadian dollar through some type of incentives for Canadians.	be law abiding
always be trustworthy	be momre honest, news always has fraud etc.
Always do their best	BE MORE HONEST
Appreciate our contributions to the valley.	Be more honest in city or state. People in the Valley.
Appreciate Winter Texans	Be more trustworthy.
Avoid corruption. Resist liberals in education. Remain true to God and country.	better advance signs of what street is next intersection
	Better cleanup rules
	Better control of the corruption that is so prevalent in the valley it cosrpts the public lots of money also erodes public confidence in our honest officials
	Better kept roads
	better road signs-better roads
	Better roads.
	Better streets, Side street signs
	Better traffic enforcements, speeding, careless driving

border security is job # 1	of the state, there should still be pride in how one lives.
Businesses need to cater to the Winter Texan. Show respect for them. Show proud to have them in the Valley	communication, also seems a lot of crime in city officials
Canadian money is now only worth about one half the American Dollar. You need to work with the elected representatives of congress to get a bill passed where Canada would not lose more than one fifth of their money. This could be a set amount 1000 to 1500 they spend in the valley. Many are no longer coming because they cannot afford it. Something needs to be worked on exchange Canadian Dollars. Perhaps convert some cash to American Dollars before they leave similar to a Euro Rail Pass;	Concentrate on making a positive difference in the lives of others.
Can't believe all the bad things that happen here with them	continue treating winter texans like part of the big RGV family
Change your form of government . Reduce collusion in government and elect people that are not crooks that think they can get by with anything	Continue to encourage education, employment, and cleanliness
city maps available free map good. mcallen in particular	continue to improve and growing
Clean it up and tear down some of the abandoned houses.	Continue to offer all the wonderful Welcome Back Winter Texans events that you have offered in the past. It makes us feel that you appreciate us being here. Thank You.
Clean the buildings and cities up	Continue to uphold law enforcement to keep law abiding citizens safe while living in the valley.
Clean up derelict properties and buildings. need to beautify your cities	Control corruption in the area it is so prevalent this area is referred to as northern Mexico
Clean up Harlingen, improve the streets	control some obnoxious drivers
Clean up the city lots of Brownsville and cut down all the scrub trees weeds along the roads	Control your greed, quit stealing
Clean up the continual crime and corruption in elected and public officials. It makes me feel increasingly dubious about any dealings I might have with them.	Corrupt politicians, law enforcement and tax paying workers seem to be the norm. We pay taxes and cannot get decent road improvements.
Clean up the corruption	corruption
clean up the corruption in city and school officials	create an atmosphere of total honesty
Clean up the litter! and tear down the empty buildings	create more bicycle trails
clean up the litter/trash	Cut down corruption in all public offices. seems to be a lot more in all areas than in the north
clean up the local corruption, tell your government to act on the Mexican cartel and make the border safe again.	cut out in-house crime
clean up the trash	Cut out the corruption.
Clean up your politics	Cut out the graft!!!
clean water	Do a good job overall compared to Florida, where I used to go
Code enforcement... in housing and in trash piled on sides of streets. Even though RGV is a poor section	Do not be corrupt.
	Do something about the obnoxious drivers on the freeway. Force them to slow down by having more patrols in place
	Do your job right and break the grip of corruption.
	doing a great work and job
	Don't allow the gun nut bullies to open carry their little xxx
	don't succumb to corruption.
	Don't worry, be happy!

drop the "ego and greed" and become honest public employees	find out why sun country doesn't come to harlingen from mpls we need them.
Easier way, more user friendly, cheaper way to get to and from Manitoba and The RGV. Flights.	Fix pot holes
Elect honest officials	Fix roads, better signing and lights on roadways. resurface at texas & 18th no excuse for what has happened at this intersection.
eliminate corruption by public employees	Fix secondary roads..
Eliminate the graft and make it easier for Visitors to understand your political and policing systems. We live in Palmview postal but county ?? sherriff policing and 911 ambulance service that changes by who can find us this year.	fix the roads
EMPLOY MORE PEOPLE WHO SPEAK ENGLISH IN STORES. IT IS THE FIRST LANGUAGE OF THIS COUNTRY.	fix the roads
encourage banks to give cash advances of home bank with debit card from home bank	fix the roads
Encourage companies to put English on billboards...it pisses me off when they are in Spanish only.	Fix the roads!
encourage members to give senior discounts	Fix the roads, a lot of the suburban roads are in deplorable condition, to the point of avoiding them.
Encourage people to come...don't raise taxes and make the Canadian \$ more difficult...encourage at par!	Fix the roads.
End corruption! Why do taxes keep going up on my 20 year old mobile? Why do I pay taxes for schools here and home when we are 77/85?	FIX THE ROADS. Main hyways are ok but need to be cleaned and rocks kept off. We always have at least 1 cracked window each year from rocks. side roads need to be fixed. There are terrible pot holes everywhere. Caliche does. Not work!
Enfe stueorce traffic laws, control speeders, more police on the streets in the day time, have students cross the street in groups instead of single walkers	fix your roads
enforce laws and be honest	Fix your streets
Enforce the driving laws, The # of dangerous and discourteous drivers is worse in the Valley than any place we've been!	Fix your streets + keep your cities clean to attract Winter Texans
Enforcing traffic laws	For Canadians, affordable health insurance would bring Winter Texans to the valley and allow them to stay longer. If the State could supplement the policy costs and provide coverage that does not terminate if you get ill for reasonable issues, that would be something to advertise.
Enforcing traffic laws	For people on SPI we would like to know more about theships that come in and go out. Duluth MN has a web site you can access online to tell you what ships are coming, going and all the details about them. Most people on SPI are very interested in the gulf and bay and woud like information about them. I think SPI really misses out on not getting together with the harbor people from Brownsville and making shipping info easier to find.
Enjoy the friendly people and diversified things to do enough with the corruption!!	Get all the corrupted political people out of office and in prison!
every street signs, every building numbered with "4 or 5" inch nos	get better tasting water/// bring crime down/// make sure car owners have insurance(check points)
Everyone we meet, whether stores, restaurants, etc. are very friendly and very helpful.	get honest; corruption is crazy down here compared to back home
Far too much corruption in the valley, there needs to be a FBI office in the valley	get rid of all crooked politicians
feel safe, very clean enviroment, friendly people	get rid of all the corruption in public offices
fill potholes, water drainage is poor	

get rid of all the crooks	compared to caucasian. 2. Leaving a client high and dry to serve another client.
get rid of corruption!!	have warm weather items in retail stores
get rid of politician hacks + thieve in office	help the needy children. they depend on you.
Get rid of some of the old buildings & high weeds on some people's yards	Helpfull
Get rid of the corruption and negative news. School boards, councilmembers. Too many officials shouldn't be there. Honesty goes a long way to build confidence.	Hold down taxes
Get rid of the crooks!	Honesty! Less nepotism
get rid of the fields of plastic bags. be proud of your cities. even the poor can be neat.	Honesty. Hardworking.
Get streets cleaned. Stop open gun carry.	Huge changes must be made now if you are ever keep people returning to the valley.This includes thinking out of the box and trying new things but also education. Winter Texans are important to your economy and most Americans are very flusterd with not only the amount of boarder violence but no interest in the English language-hard to communicate. This is America. Why are you so concerned with my death wishes and not the improvement of the community?
Get Suncountry back to the valley. More restaurants like Cheddars and Electric stores like Best Buy	I am impressed by the clean up of litter along the highway ...every year it gets better...Keep educating everyone about this issue
Give Winter Texans a break on mobile home taxes	I am not qualified to answer because I am here only 3 months a year. The city officials seem to be doing a good job.I San Benito is a small town but they keep it clean and seems to be in good repair.
Go easy on Canadian motorists....	I have spent months in the RGV for years and read the local newspapers year round. I've met many very nice people here, both "locals" as well as those from all parts of North America. It saddens me to see what I now believe is a given: This valley might as well be Mexico. I have lived in many parts of world. I spent a lifetime as a law enforcement officer. I would never have believed that the level of corruption that I have seen in this Valley could occur in the US. It's disgusting! Are there many fine, honest people in local gov't and law enforcement? Of course! But I'm now convinced that we are only seeing the "tip of the iceberg" as relates to the attitude and culture of corruption and graft. It's pathetic and it's like a 3rd world country and certainly NOT representative of other parts of the US. I truly believe that US and Canadian citizens, who have not come to the valley, have no idea what it is really like here. I also believe that the "Winter Texan" lifestyle is on the decline. Fewer retirees will RV or otherwise winter here. For the most part, RV
good	
good job	
good job in making us Winter Texans feel welcome; just need to post business hours better for gov't. services (like tax office)	
Good job!	
good roads - bring in more people	
Good water filtration system, repaired streets, police stopping traffic offenders would be a good start.	
government aid will soon be reduced	
Great climate, great city, some areas could be cleaned up a bit.	
Great place in the winter months, only downside is the traffic.....	
Handicapped parking for events and police to enforce	
Harlingen needs more variety in restaurants	
have a direct flight from the valley to winnipeg, manitoba	
have information and brochures available to hand out at weslaco visitor center or other city	
have more litter control	
Have more senior events that involve heath issues; have a senior shuttle program; sponsor a city community center.	
Have owners of businesses speak to their employess regarding 1. Choosing their nationality to wait on	

<p>parcs are on the decline. Again, for the most part, they are old and not being updated/upgraded. Sadly, this valley which relies so heavily on Winter Texans for economic stability, is relying on a dying breed. I will cherish many fond memories of my winters spent in the RGV but I just don't like the trends I see. You asked for my comments and you have them. Thanks for the forum.</p>	<p>i would like to see the valley promoted more in at least indiana. such great music, economical, weather, friendly people etc., willing to help need ideas from you.</p>
<p>I like the Valley just the way it is. :)</p>	<p>Improve your secondary roads.</p>
<p>I noticed some of the cities keep their city very clean-other cities like San Juan-they don't take pride around the mobile parks-empty lots-people come because they want to be here. please take pride in your town-some do others when you call it just gets</p>	<p>Improvements on secondary roads would be a priority, I would think. Otherwise, we love it here.</p>
<p>I suggest the officials of the Rio Grande Valley petition the government to do away with adding 1/3 of the days from the previous year vist and 1/6 of the days from the year before that to the number of days staying in the U.S. for the current year to calculate the number of days a person is in the U.S. in the limited number of 182 days of a stay. This is going to reduce the number of days a winter texan can stay in the Rio Grande Valley and accordingly reduce the amount of money spend in this area.</p>	<p>include half size portions and smaller price in eateries. hit and run accidents happen to often here</p>
<p>I think that there is too much trash (bags, litter) along the roads, strets and beaches and that more should be done to reduce it.</p>	<p>Include Winter Texans in the more important decisions.</p>
<p>I think they are doing a pretty good job,considering the many variables that they have make work together.</p>	<p>Increase Handicapped Accessibility in the RGV. There are too many goods and services that are marginally accessible expecially the RV parks and services.</p>
<p>i think they're doing a good job</p>	<p>increase the amount of exposure to professional theatre, dance and other arts programs for the young people in school. so the valley has more to offer visitors that like cultural activities. Your local colleges should have a good theatre program that offers plays for the visitors over the winter. Unfortunately the m8d western farmers are not a very cultured bunch but if you drew more people from the northeast they w9uld patronize the arts here 8n the valley but currently there really is not much here. no real theatre company and not even a dance troupe. You would attract people that spend more of you reached out and offered more. Baby boomers want more than what the valley currently offers as far as music and the arts from areas with more money to spend than the current very frugal and bland crowd currently here in the valley. Too many bland old farts here that hate spending any money. Out with the square dancing and old fart stuff and in with stuff for a younger senior ool</p>
<p>i think too many of them are crooks</p>	<p>Invest in intrastructure</p>
<p>I would like to have more conversational spanish classes available while I visit during the winter months</p>	<p>It is wonderful how we are made to feel welcome. I'm told by friends who go to Florida, they feel resented by the locals.</p>
<p>I would like to know and see a publication of each city's permanent population and also Winter Texans population - for the entire Rio Grande Valley. Also the number of RV Parks in each city.</p>	<p>it is wrong for you to have us pay school tax</p>
<p>I would like to see the city of Mission get more active in recycling.</p>	<p>It is your home do as you wish. but the golden rule should guide you</p>
	<p>Keep america - america let people live - not to money rules</p>
	<p>Keep an eye on public officials, too many crooks.</p>
	<p>Keep costs & expenses low</p>

keep encouraging snowbirds	Keep up the good work at creating lots of activies for retired snowbirds to fill the time while wintering in the Valley!!
Keep Harlingen safe	Keep up the good work of keeping the Valley beautiful.
Keep having activities for folks	Keep up the good work! If anything, be more tolerant of people who are not fluent in spanish.
Keep improving the infrastrucer	Keep up the good work, I really enjoy it here.
Keep it safe for all	Keep up the good work.
keep it safe. like the appreciation shown to winter texans	keep up with the friendliness for winter texans and the "freebies" from businesses
Keep making improvements that welcome we 'Winter Texans' and perhaps most importantly make the place safe for everyone.	Keep up with the improvements and thank the locals for their helpfulness and friendliness!
Keep on being the RGV...	Keep us safe!! Make sure our drinking water is safe & clean.....
keep out of the crime	keep working on border security to keep us all safe
keep people and families well and happy no one wants to visit where people are living in poverty	Keeping the ethnicity of the people in the Valley is important and impressive.
keep picking up all the trash in the cities.	Kids need to graduate from high school - parents need to encourage this.
Keep prosecuting corruption at all levels but do it more quickly	know that winter texans are spending a lot of \$\$ here in the valley. the group gets younger and enjoys more classic rock rather than country music
Keep the city clean, maintain city facilities in good working order. Deal with corruption	Less crime and don't carry weapons
Keep the constituents in mind when making ALL official decisions.	Less crime and violence. Here at Sunshine, we have neighborhood watch with heavy involvement of the Harlingen Police. It makes for a great relationship and a feelingg of security within the park. Having the police involved like they are (SGT Garcia) is really great. She is knowledgeable, friendly, and supportive. Need more plice like her.
keep the fields and next to highway clean!	Less money grabbing and more enthusiasm for your winter guests...without them where will you be?
keep the friendly hospitality to the winter Texans most residents are very friendly and courteous thank you	let us know about school concerts BEFORE they happen
Keep the kite show at South Padre Island going.	Like the area but will go elsewhere if problems arise or prices are incersaded
Keep the RGV a welcoming place.	Like your highway system. Would like names of Dr's others recommend.
Keep the Rio Grande Valley a safe and viable place for winter texans. Also for the full time residents	Lobby US govt to treat out of country visitors from Canada with more respect
Keep the streets cleaner.	Local communities put their announcements in papers entertainment, activities, concerts, etc.
Keep the valley safe and friendly	look after potholes and take care of the needy.
keep the winter texans satisfied	look seriously at the mobile home assessments prices have dropped so should our value and taxes
Keep things affordable, make us feel wanted	
keep up good work mayor	
keep up good works and hopefully corruption will decrease	
keep up the good job of being so friendly to us, so welcoming and making us love the valley and people so much	
keep up the good work - you work very hard and please know your appreciated.	
Keep up the good work and keep the squabbling low key	
Keep up the good work and remember the value of Winter Texans to the region!	

lot of dad people scams like schools very bad	make sure you have honest officials. can't believe the number of prominent people in trouble with the law
lots of crooked officials trustworthy ones OK	Make the street names consistent across the valley with corner street signs easy to see
Love it here !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	make younger people more pleasant
Love it down here. Roads could be better kept.	Many are dishonest
Love the people of the Valley.	Many french canadian people in the valley You must think about it....you be surprise so a french survey might be helpfull...Many of them will like to participate but they can
Love the Valley. Thanks for being so friendly.	mark e make a pathway to the southern most point in texas. put a state marker on that point. people will flock to it!
Love visiting. The (real) people who live here are wonderful and so pleasant to deal with. You are lucky to live here.	Mark streets with very readable signs for visitors to find destinations or directions.
Lower crime rates	mobile home taxes should not go up as they depreciate in value like a car would
lower property taxes	more air transportation options near island. mcAllen is too far
Lower property taxes to mainly charge old/cheap trailers	More and better located street signs and store signs. Specifically along the highways, when the store is on the other side of the highway, Ease off on the speed traps, I know it is a major source of income for these small towns, but receiving a speeding ticket for going 2 miles over the speed limit is not promoting good will; especially when you see a ratty old car WITH TEXAS PLATES zoom on by
Lower property taxes.	More bike and walking trails. Clean roadsides here there are bike lanes. Less corruption.
lower tax rates	More communications,face to face with the people I think the perception from winter Texans and people living here is misguided. People living here fot the majority are natural citizens and have a proud heritage and did not just cross the border. There are over 40,000 veterans on the RGV and the winter Texans have a distorted view of the people here.
Lower the property taxes on mobile homes - people are talking very negatively about how much they have revalued our mobile homes and more than doubled the taxes on them. some are even talking about going to another site, where the taxes are not so unreasonable. Our trailer is valued at twice what it was 3 years ago, and it is a 1979 model. If we could sell it for what they value it, we sure would. We would make a pile of money. We bought it 14 years ago and have done nothing special to it except carpet the living room, replace the water heater and AC, and the roof after the hurricane. And it needs updating in a big way.	More control over the RV Parks, ensuring Winter Texans are not taken advantage of financially.
Major clean up and bottle bill. Brownsville is a very beautiful city but people here throw trash over the entire city.	more door openers in businesses and wheelchair senior citizens. can't enter, cant buy!
make brocures about moving to texas with rules and regs like car tabs and tax bases, things that are different from other states.	More effective methods of crime reduction. Community policing. Corrupt officials in governments and schools eliminated.
Make it mandatory that immigrants become citizens and learn the English language	more emphasis on keeping road and shoulders clean to facilitate bikes
Make it possible for business owners to keep prices lower during the winter months for those of us on fixed incomes.	more English speaking workers in retail
Make it safe, especially for the elderly.	
Make life simpler for the senior citizens, especially those who are/were Winter Texans, who have or will convert to full time Texans like we have.	
make sure clerks in stores can speak English!	
Make sure we have good safe water to drink and sanitary sewers	

More individuals should speak ENGLISH. Many Spanish people are RUDE and INCONSIDERATE!!!!	none. don't know then. tax people need help, too long off wait time
More law enforcement considering close to bad law enforcement along border and in mexico	Obey the laws
more side walks to walk or bike from place to place	offer Spanish speaking classes to us - reverse discrimination
more television spots prior to events. city clean up day with all yout and community.	Open carry is an issue. Keep roads safe
more to do for active people, less eating out and more emphasis on cultural things	<p>Ouch! I'm a Hurting Canadian Winter Texan \$18,000! I was shocked to realize that's what the average Canadian Winter Texan is spending (in Canadian dollars) if he or she owns a mobile home and stays here for five and a half months this season. My husband and I have been staying in the Valley at one of the larger resorts since 2004, moving from first a motor home, to a mobile home in 2008. We really enjoy being in the Valley – the warm weather, the friendliness of the people, the close proximity to Mexican culture (which we love), and the many amenities for having fun. It's a unique place. We are typical of many Canadian winter residents in that we fit the following categories, i.e.,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · We are between 60 and 80 years old. · We travel 3,700 to 7,400 miles (round trip) to get here. · We stay 5 ½ months from November to April. · We currently pay \$1.44 Canadian for \$1.00 US – OR, \$100 Canadian buys us \$69.00 US! Not counting the capital outlay to buy a mobile home (ranging in price in our resort from \$17,000 to \$125,000 US, equivalent to \$25,000 to \$180,00 Canadian), we incur the following costs: Operating Costs: \$US \$Cdn · Lot Rent (annual) 6,376 9,181 · Out-of-Country Health N/A 4,000 Health Care Coverage · Property Taxes 1,000 1,440 · Home Insurance 800 1,152 · Pest Control 120 172 · Landscaping 350 504 (lawn maintenance) · Fuel 500 to 1,000 750 to 1,440 (average round trip) <p>Total Operating Costs \$9,396.00 \$17,344.00 The Operating costs listed here do NOT include costs for: groceries, entertainment, restaurant meals, gasoline used while in Texas, mobile home repairs and upkeep, water and electricity. When you include the above, Operating Costs work out to, on average, well over \$Cdn 18,000.00 per season. Canadians make up a large percentage of Winter Texans – in our Resort over 50% - and we spend a lot to support the local economy in the Valley. But it is becoming more and more difficult to justify this expense – certainly in large part due to the dollar difference,</p>
more to solve auto theft	
More user friendly hiking and biking paths throughout the RGV.	
most are doing fine, I am not happy with all the corruption and theft and bribery by city officials. we need a better daily newspaper for 78552.	
most politically corrupt area in the US; disgusting abuse of power; people wont say anything because family and friends illegal.	
My mobile home was re assessed and an unreasonably high value assigned to it. Mobile homes and depreciate in value. This should be taken into account when property is re assessed. There should also be some form of discount for property owners who live here part time. We pay full year taxes but get only part year services.	
Need more English speaking activities for those of us who have not learned the beautiful Spanish language yet.	
Need more things available for people to visit, create things like old Peppie,s for young people wanting to get away and let there hair down. When you get some things like that promote it. The new Civic Center is great but this does not bring northern young people down and I know because I have 3 kids and there all looking other places to go as there is lite activity of interest to young people.	
need roads improved, more police	
need transporation + better flights direct into mcallen and harlingen airport	
need walking trails, senior activities like texas winter fest	
nice place to live	
No comment at the time, except "Thanks for their support for the area."	
No corruption, please!! Keep us safe. Why do people leave their shopping carts all over???	

but also due to increasing lot rental costs, mounting local taxes and increasing costs for out-of-country health care coverage (which goes up every year as we age). One saving grace is that gasoline prices this season are much more reasonable (unfortunately the very cause of our depreciated Canadian dollar). It is reasonable to see why many of the parks / resorts in the Valley have much lower occupancy rates this year. Many of our Canadian friends here have put their homes up for sale or are staying for a shorter time this year. There is no light at the end of the tunnel yet – since oil prices (the major determinate of Canadian dollar value) do not seem likely to rise any time soon. Are there any immediate solutions? Yes – offering park / resort fees and other services at Canadian par would certainly attract more residents – as would summer discounts on lot rentals (when we aren't here to use the amenities). Canadian fees at par were tried here in the Valley in 2003, the last time there was such a difference between the US and Canadian dollar – and it worked! Submitted by Wilma Jacobs, MBA, a long-time Canadian Winter Texan	Police Officers could be a little more friendlier and more helpful with Canadians
outdoor shows, love the music, making the valley more beautiful (buildings, streets, etc.)	Promote more in the north east
Pay special attention to keeping crime in the area down!	progress is ongoing
People speak more English !	Promote better health care among the Hispanics - the percentage of overweight and obese individuals seems to be even higher than the national average. More public health information would help lead to better choices for food (low sugar, fat and salt) than are presently available in most grocery stores up north - but are not able here due to lack of demand.
Please continue to focus on making life better for your permanent residents, especially the children. I have seen many positive changes over the 50 years I have come to the valley years	promote rgv in upper midwest
Please encourage all RV Parks to work with the SQ Dancers in the Valley so we have more places to dance	Promote the area
Please have more recycling places. It seems that integrity and honesty and acting more professional in disputes could be improved	Promote the Valley as a safe place to live. I think the national news paints a bad and inaccurate picture of how safe it is here!
please keep in mind that winter texans are all on fixed incomes and save money all year for our trip to texas for the winter	Promote Winter Texans more
Please keep roads in good repair, please fix Cesar Chavez north of BUS 83	Provide a safe environment
Please put street names at every intersection-both mission + McA	provide at par for foreign travellers
Please stop people from littering.	Provide safe towns/environment
	put in side walks for walkers, publish mass transit schedules and stops
	Quit being crooks
	quit hiring corrupt personalities, stop the billing one drugs
	real estate taxes too high. feel schools are founded to on seniors
	Recognize that they bring a lot of wealth to the RGV
	Recognize the value that Winter Texans bring to your communities. Without us, many businesses wouldn't survive.
	reduce taxes and consolidate schools as there are too many in each district
	re-enforcing speed limits on hwy 2....many crazy, unsafe drivers improve maintenance & conditions of roads in RGV
	Regulations on persons using Fireworks long after New Years to the end of January. Have called Harlingen police twice.
	remember we bring in lots of money to your area and should be treated fairly. we may be old but we're not stupid.
	remove taxes paid on mobile homes when lot for same is rented.
	remove the school tax for non-residents

repair and change roads	stop panhandling and crime
Repair holes in the roads	stop paving over everything. repurpose existing buildings before allowing new ones. enforce driving laws. stop corruption.
replace dark street lights especially at intersections	stop speeding in school zones
resurface n cesar chavez road. there are craters not potholes on that road N of 2/38	Stop talking about pre paid funerals. It's a turn off to winter Texans..
RGV (and all of Texas) needs better zoning laws.	stop taxing out of state people like their millionaires. property taxes are double for us even though we live here too!
road improvements	stop the burning of sugar cane so dirty and unhealthy
Road repair	Stop the corruption
Road repair on Caser Chavez is critical!!	stop trying to encroach on everyone's life - live and let live!
Safe roads. Expanded bus system.	Straighten up your act. Do what you were elected to do, serve the people
Screen your people better and cut out all this stealing at work.	Street signs
Seems like a lot of corruption.	street signs, put them up!
seminars for seniors on funeral arrangements.	Strive for integrity in ALL your dealings.
Senior or veterans discounts.	Support traffic laws....all aspects
should be more honest	Take care of people living on the streets !!
Sign on river for boating .Internal road with less hole .	tap into volunteers among Winter Texans. What opportunities are available? I'd rather volunteer and help somewhere than play bingo
Slow down drivers in parking lots	teach cpr. need classes aeds?? give out magnets or stickers so older people can write their park addresses+ emergency contract info on it if they call 9-1-1 or collapse at home
slow the traffic down	Teach creation in schools
Slow traffic down	Tell the local people to speak english, they are very rude to speak mexican in front of us.
slow traffic down E 83; mexican people very nice; recycle program; better drinking water	Texas is the epidimy of all that is wrong with American politics...I am outraged at your open carry laws and will leave any business where I see it.
So much fraud, overtaxing Winter Texans that have 35 year old mobile homes	Thank you for making the Winter Texans welcome and appreciated.
Solve the border problem make it faster to cross border	Thank you.
some of the city streets are in need of repair.	Thanks for all the friendly faces
some parks are trying to eliminate the dancing going to hurt tourism to valley. keep the square and round dance, able to earn living so more people will want to come to valley	thanks for the TX appreciation for winter texans
spend allocated money on infrastructure such as water/sewer/roads/all poor repair.	The Canadians are leaving because of the cash exchange rate and new retirees are not showing up. Do things to attract the next generation of retirees. Make nice bike trails for getting around in the VALLEY. It is not safe to ride on the roads any more,
stay honest	
Stay out of jail	
Stem the corruption!!	
Stomp out corruption	
Stop committing crimes while in office and be more visible to Winter Texans	
Stop corruption	
Stop crime	
stop immigration, stop crimes and stop home invasions.	

so separate trail are needed. Pick up all animals running loose.LOWER TAXES ON WINTER TEXANS!	Try to find some honest officials. Good luck, seems an awful lot of embesselment and kick backs in this area.
The health fairs are great	value what winter texans bring to your economy.
the need two end corruption.lots of it .	Value what you have, encourage recycling especially food series and hotel
the people are very friendly	watch prices..food dining n entertainment expenses
The RGV is a great place just keep the cost of golf within reason	Watch school tax money-its extreme
The tap water has a bad taste and smell. We run all water through two water filters to make it useable. The filters are designed to remove bad taste and smell. The road work needs to be completed. Mile 2 W has had construction for more than two years and it's still full of potholes and not complete.	We all love coupons!
The Valley Morning Star newspaper has a very positive outlook. The chamber of commerce should advertise the Valley in the same way all over the country.	We appreciate all you do for winter texans + always are interested in information on changes in laws, etc.
they are doing a great job	We are here for 4 months so keep us busy
They need to be honest + plan for the needs of the people who live + come to the valley.	we enjoy it here
Think before jacking up taxes and prices in general that affect Winter Texans. Florida and Arizona are options if you get greedy.	We feel that you are glad to have us here and have a lot of things going on so you make us feel welcome.
This survey is far too long My burial does not affect the RGV. I have plots and marker purchased and would be taken home.	we feel very welcome here and I am glad that I volunteer for the residents.
Thou shall not steal	We find people very friendly in the valley - especially Hispanics!
time traffic signals	We have been here many years the costs of food, electricity, propane, and the strange insurance market makes it difficult to come back. Eveyone is looking to "stick it to" the winter texans. Rates keep going up for all of the above and more and the winter texans are paying commercial eletricity at parks, upcharged propane so it is double in price. The popularity of RGV has changed with all the illegals and the catering towards them. It is sad.
to keep costs down. unfortunately all retirees do not have a lot of extra money.	we should not pay school taxes. we dont use your school system.
To much corruption, here in the Valley but I don't think it will ever be cleaned up. Can't trust anyone	welcome winter texans
Too many crooked officials on the take, and this must change. I notice bad local drivers....who is testing them? So many traffic violations by officers who should be trained better. We want the locals to enforce the laws correctly....then we will feel safer.	Why don't you all try to get along and promote the valley as a hole. Don't fight over Borderfest in other words promote it. You have Mission Festival and The Christmas parade.You have Padra Island, King Ranch and many more things like bird watching etc. Why not all work together and promote in the mid west to show what you have make life interesting here in the Valley.
tower rd south is taking way too long to get done	WiFi through out City. Reduce Taxes for Winter Texans especially in Mobil Homes.
traffic	Wish the road would get repaired by our park. Hard on our new car.
traffic control	Work on trimming palm trees, enforcing speed limits
treat fair	
try being honest. stop letting wind turbine farms	
try to be honest	

<p>Work together, stop the corruption among officials. Thanks for welcoming Winter Texans.</p>	<p>You need to promote the Valley much, much more as a safe and culturally diverse place. The media gives the Valley and south Texas the appearance of being a very unsafe and unwelcoming area, which is far from the truth. It needs to be better promoted as a safe, warm, friendly, moderately priced place that people from other areas would want to come and make as their winter destination. The number of Winter Texans has been in steady decline for the last 5 years and I feel that is because of the negative perception that many people have of the valley and Texas in general. The media as I have stated has a lot to do with this. They depict this area as still being like the wild west. Furtherst thing from the true. We are Canadians and there is very little info out there in regards to living in the Valley as a winter destination. We arrived here because we new someone who was already here. Need to have a much better presence in other markets further to the north and in Canada.</p>
<p>Would like to see less corruption and more safety in the Valley.</p>	<p>Younger generation not coming-cost crime we have broke into 4 times, insurance a waste</p>
<p>Wwe enjoy the Valley things to do- my figures may not be perfect</p>	
<p>You better figure out how to recruit new Winter Texans from the Midwest and Northern States in additon to Canada. The younger retiree's are not coming to the Valley.</p>	
<p>You have created a very warm, inviting atmosphere for your "Winter Texans". Florida and Arizons are offering deep discounts to your Canadian visitors due to the difference in the dollar, and you will have to figure something out as well. Really the future issues for both Canada and the USA will be financial since both countries run their government finances through private for profit lending institutions and the compound interest on the ever increasing debt means we are both bankrupt. Texas needs to introduce the Public Bank of Texas - like North Dakota - so tax money paid in Texas stays in Texas and the interest on debt is put to work for the people of Texas - not the shareholders of the private for profit lending institutions. That would require a major financial restructuring in Texas, United States and Canada and is beyond the scope of this survey so we will continue with the bandades while we watch the public debt increase to astronomical heights, drain the bank accounts, accumulate debt that we expect our children and grand children to pay, and wonder why the future seems less and less secure. Sad because we had so many other financial options and choose to run both countries with a Ponzi scheme. Check out the Federal Reserve - a private for profit lending institution, check out quantitative easing which means if you put \$1000.00 i my private for profit lending institution I can lend \$10,000 at interest to someone and hold the purchase as collateral. So I just created \$9,000 out of thin air! If you and I ran a scheme like that we would be in jail but that is the financial story of most of the countries of the world! How financially stupid (naive) can we be! Like my husband says "Don't get her started"! but I do want to live long enough to see if Generation Screwed - those under 35 - can figure the financial system out and change the direction we have taken.</p>	