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7	We balance growth and development with the values of maintaining a small-town feel and dark nighttime skies, economic and cultural diversity and creativity, and existing community resources.	We should not be balancing growth with our town values. We should prioritize our values. Growth is ambiguous. We want infill growth but not giant tracts of homes. The type of growth matters.
12	An increase in housing demand has been observed over the past three years, determined mainly by the migration from urban cores to rural areas during the COVID pandemic. In 2020, a water tap moratorium was adopted that prevented the sale of new water taps, which curtailed new construction.	Short term rentals are what is driving the affordability crisis in Paonia. The document calls out urban people relocating and the water moratorium. Neither of these two things have had as big an impact as short term rentals (50+ homes). This document should call this out as THE major contributing factor.
19	Ensure an integrated and balanced role for tourism and remote workers in the local economy to allow local businesses, community members, and the Town of Paonia to receive the economic benefit of tourism and spending by remote workers while balancing this with housing affordability and the development of year-round, well-paying, place-based jobs for residents.	Remote workers are residents. We should balance the needs of remote workers (aka locals) with tourists. We should prioritize locals over tourists unless doing so benefits the town as a whole more.