

# Is Chico still a nice place to live?

**Asked in  
downtown Chico**

**Devan Garofalo**  
student



I think it is. I've only lived here for about a year, but I think it's a really nice town. I think it's a good community and it's a fun place to be.

**Christopher Waits**  
law firm  
employee



No. It's dirty; too many homeless people; roads are terrible. I've lost count of how many front-end alignments on my car I've had. The population has outgrown the infrastructure that we have, especially when the [students] are back in town. Traffic in certain parts of town, such as Mangrove or East Avenue, can be a hassle.

**Devon Garcia**  
hotel worker



For the most part, yes. I love the town, I love the atmosphere. It has a nice nature feel to it, as well. It's got the downtown city aspect. The only downfall is sometimes a feeling of a lack of safety—in some parts.

**Aja Mulford**  
illustrator



Well, I live in Paradise. There's lots of stuff to do here compared to there. It has its share of issues, but I do believe it's a nice place to live.

## GUEST COMMENT

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how egregiously Coolidge and Morgan have failed the city of Chico, are not enough to recall and remove them. Voting for and then implementing "ordinances that are violating the United States Constitution"—that is the reason to recall and remove these two failed leaders. They swore an oath. They have broken that oath. They must go now before they do more damage to the city we love. □

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*other law enforcement may be present at the general location where [Outreach & Engagement] Staff are meeting with Homeless Persons but they must remain far enough away from O&E Staff and Homeless Persons to ensure that the Individual Assessment remains private and outside the immediate presence of law enforcement unless O&E staff requests law enforcement's presence due to safety concerns or law enforcement determines that they need to intervene for safety reasons.*

**Scott Rushing**  
Ventura

## Raise another glass to Dave

Re "Cheers to Dave" (Second & Flume, CN&R, Jan. 6, 2022):

Dave [Mettler] was my friend and bandmate. We played music together for about 15 years, and he had an amazing ear. We worked out together when he lived in Bend, Ore., and I always called him the wine dude. He was an amazing friend, and he will truly be missed.

One time, we were in my music studio and he brought over his saxophone. He said that he hadn't played it since eighth-grade band, but I wanted sax laid down for a song we were working on. He listened to the song, and on his first take, he laid down the most entrancing sax I've ever heard. One-take Dave. I will miss my friend

**Mark Armstrong**  
Chico

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