Evaluation

<u>Critique</u>

<u>Summary assessment from user's perspective</u>

Overall, the application is aesthetically pleasing and easy to understand and use. The application achieved the goal of creating "sticky notes" that persists, and the additional features of adding due dates and filtering by due dates was well implemented. Some aspects could have been improved in terms of the user experience. For example, setting the due date required manual typing--having a pop up calendar would bring the feature to the next level. The user should also be able to set the "default" view of the stickynotes--some users may prefer to see all sticky notes, some users may prefer to see only those that are due today. Users also have to deal with stickynotes that are past the due date -- the current implementation allows users to delete the sticky note, but somehow automating this process or ridding the sticky note when past the due date would make more sense.

<u>Summary assessment from developer's perspective</u>

The views were structured well, as the generous use of divs meant that the HTML was easy to follow. The long blocks of styling within the HTML might be slightly cluttering--separating the styling into an external CSS file would make it cleaner and easier to follow. The javascript is well organized, and a developer would easily be able to get a sense of where each function is located at. Using backbone.js also helped in this regard.

Great commenting in your methods. You didn't try to do too much, which allowed for cleaner code.

<u>Successful</u>

1. Obvious what needs to be done
2. Successful AJAX site
3. Many functional features. Search was done well.
4. Good use of flash notifications to inform user of what was happening.
5. Aesthetically pleasing, front-end is well polished.

<u>Unsuccessful</u>

1. Choosing a due date requires manual typing of date/time. Using timepicker (jquery ui) or something of that sort where you can select a date/time from a calendar would make it a little more user friendly.
2. Maybe default to "all time" so user can access tasks at a glance. Not a big deal.
3. What happens when a note is past the due date? It may be cluttering/confusing to have past notes still under "all time"

<u>Priorities for improvement</u>

1. Adding easy selectability for due dates

2. Figure out what should be done when notes are past their due date.
3. Allow multiple notes to be shown at a time (slightly annoying on user end to have to click each note in order to view it).