



Balance

We acknowledge that balancing a variety of important considerations in making community decisions is a constant challenge. We have faith that the foundation provided through our participation in shaping this vision and its implementing mechanisms will achieve a workable balance of mutual benefit.

Participation

We seek and take seriously the public’s involvement in shaping our communities and participation in determining how they evolve over time. We affirm that the people of Riverside County who require a part in whatever forums and opportunities for public dialogue take place include residents, workers, students, business owners and operators, and property owners.

Volunteerism

We value the voluntary effort invested by our citizens in community building and place great worth in the voluntary expression of good will, compassion, understanding, and democratic ideals displayed by those who freely give of their valuable time and resources. We seek to sustain the recognition and continued involvement of the volunteer and not-for-profit sector as they contribute so much to our community life.

Decision Making

We expect decision-making to be informed by the best available information and seek a quality of decision making that is democratic, timely and equitable.

Creativity and Innovation

We seek bold and creative planning approaches and initiatives to implement our communal future based on these shared values and aspirations. We value such innovation because, sometimes, thinking “outside the box” is necessary to achieve the benefits people in our County seek in selecting their preferred life style, community characteristics, and housing types.

Distinctiveness

We are proud of the distinctive identities that our communities now possess and cherish the sense of place that results from them. We want this sense of place and distinctiveness maintained and enhanced in our planning and development activities.

Housing

We acknowledge shelter as one of the most basic community needs and value the willingness of our communities and their leaders to accept housing for our growing population in our communities, particularly with respect to the ongoing shortage of affordable housing and its negative impacts on our communities.