

# RDA Five Year Plan

## COMMENT CARD

Please assist us by providing feedback and comments regarding your thoughts about Soquel & Live Oak. We want to know what you think is important to include in the next Five Year Implementation Plan.

### ***Individual Questions - Areas of Focus for Community Improvements***      ***20 - 30 min.***

*In each category below please identify which statement most closely reflects your view of conditions and facilities within Soquel and Live Oak.*

#### **Transportation, Traffic & Circulation**

1. In general, I think that traffic congestion on area roads is a problem.

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree  
\_\_\_\_\_ Disagree

2. The Redevelopment Agency has provided funding for traffic and circulation projects within Soquel and Live Oak. Such projects include Capitola Road, portions of Soquel Drive, and the Soquel Village Bargetto Bridge project. Please mark the box which most closely reflects your view of how traffic conditions should be addressed:

- a. Traffic congestion should be improved, for example, by expanding intersections and adding travel lanes.
- b. Access to alternative forms of transportation such as bikes, bus, & rail should be improved.
- c. Options which would reduce the need for cars should be explored to improve traffic in Soquel and Live Oak.
- d. All of the above

#### **Roads**

3. In general, road conditions are OK.

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree  
\_\_\_\_\_ Disagree

4. The Redevelopment Agency has provided funding for road improvement projects within Soquel and Live Oak. Most road projects include pavement overlay and storm drainage upgrades. Please mark the box which most closely reflects your view of conditions and facilities within Soquel and Live Oak:

- a. There are still some roads in the area which need drainage and pavement improvements.
- b. Most roads need drainage and pavement improvements.
- c. More alternative treatments for roads such as landscape bulb outs and median islands, drainage water treatment and other measures should be explored.
- d. All of the above.

## **Pedestrians**

5. In general pedestrians can get around the community just fine.

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree  
\_\_\_\_\_ Disagree

6. The Redevelopment Agency has taken different approaches to pedestrian improvements depending on the situation. Please mark the boxes which are closest to your views:

- a. Sidewalks for residential streets should be decided on a case by case basis.
- b. Streets that provide access to schools, parks and commercial areas should always include safe pedestrian paths or sidewalks and bike lanes.
- c. All streets should include sidewalks.
- d. More "off street" pedestrian connections and trails through parks and open spaces should also be developed.

## **Economic Vitality and Local Business**

7. In general commercial areas are fine the way they are.

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree  
\_\_\_\_\_ Disagree

8. Redevelopment can work to encourage economic vitality within the community. Please mark the boxes which are most important to you:

- a. Improve the appearance of small neighborhood business areas.
- b. Increase opportunities for shopping and services in the community.
- c. Encourage and support opportunities to increase tax revenues to provide funds for local government services.
- d. Encourage more job opportunities for residents.
- e. All of the above.

## **Parks**

9. Existing parks are fine and do a good job of serving community needs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Agree  
\_\_\_\_\_ Disagree

10. Please respond to the following statement and mark the box which most closely reflects your view of how parks need to be improved within Soquel and Live Oak:

- a. Add more features and activities in existing parks.
- b. Acquire and develop more neighborhood park sites throughout the community.
- c. Identify large park sites for sports fields.
- d. All of the above.

## Community Buildings & Facilities

11. Existing community facilities are OK.

- Agree  
 Disagree

12. The Redevelopment Agency has provided funding and development assistance for many community facilities, such as the Live Oak Library, Simpkins Family Swim Center, the Sheriffs Service Center, after-school Teen Center at Shoreline School, and the Live Oak Resource Center. Please mark the box which most closely reflects your view of the need for community facilities within Soquel and Live Oak:

- a. More upgrades to existing County community facilities are needed.  
 b. Work with other organizations such as schools, to develop and improve existing community facilities.  
 c. Build new types of community facilities to serve residents.  
 d. All of the above

## Housing Opportunities

13. In general existing housing opportunities and conditions are OK.

- Agree  
 Disagree

14. The Redevelopment Agency offers a variety of affordable housing programs for income-eligible individuals and families. Please mark the box which most closely reflects your view of affordable housing conditions and opportunities within Soquel and Live Oak:

- a. Programs for first time home buyer's assistance should continue to be available in the community.  
 b. Housing upgrade programs to address life threatening, health and safety issues in mobilehomes continue to be available in the community.  
 c. Continue to support rental assistance programs in the community.  
 d. Create new affordable housing opportunities in the community.  
 e. All of the above.

## Goals

15. Past Redevelopment Agency Five Year Plans have included a series of important goals. Please rate each of the following goals on a scale of 1 to 5, with five being the most important to you by circling the appropriate number.

	<i>Least</i>				<i>Most</i>
	1	2	3	4	5
1. Protect and enhance the existing residential neighborhoods.	1	2	3	4	5
2. Support revitalization of small business core areas.	1	2	3	4	5
3. Strengthen local economy through expanding business opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
4. Enhance connections between neighborhoods and resources to strengthen overall sense of community	1	2	3	4	5
5. Encourage the development of diverse programs, facilities and opportunities for all area residents	1	2	3	4	5
6. Support the creation and preservation of diverse housing opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
7. Maximize effectiveness of Agency funds by attracting other revenue sources	1	2	3	4	5

**Thank you for your participation. Your thoughts and comments are important to us. Please look for information about additional meetings and a draft Five Year Plan in the Fall of this year.**

Please tell us how you heard about these meetings. (Please identify which paper or event, etc)

Neighbor or friend \_\_\_\_\_      Announcement/flier \_\_\_\_\_      Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_  
 At community event \_\_\_\_\_      TV or Radio \_\_\_\_\_      Other \_\_\_\_\_

**All responses must be received by June 30, 2009**

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NOTE: This comment card and the group exercises are intended as a means to develop an understanding of residents' interests, ideas and a general perspective. It is not intended to be a statistically valid survey of all community opinions.