

General Plan Update Survey
60th Anniversary Festival – Staff Booth
June 29th – 30th, 2013
232 surveys

What are Costa Mesa's Greatest Strengths and Assets?			
Category	Total	Category	Total
Schools	136	Public Safety	66
Neighborhoods	135	Recreational Opportunities	61
People	133	Streets/Roads	53
Parks/Open Space	131	Institutions/Hospitals	52
Arts & Entertainment	113	Bike facilities	41
Housing	103	Commerce Business	39
Cultural/Social Activities	70	Job Opportunities	38
Sports/Fields	70	Natural Resources	35

Other Comments

- Shopping mall
- Free concert
- Proximity to beach

Top 5 Community Values that are Important to You			
Category	Total	Category	Total
Maintain Safe Communities	157	Promote Economic Prosperity	84
Enhance & Create Parks/Open Space	110	Create Vibrant Downtown	81
Preserve Neighborhood Character	98	Preserve Environmental Quality	77
Promote Educational Excellence	98	Manage Traffic/Circulation	74
Create Places for Young People	88	Create Sustainable Development	61
Promote Bikeability & Walkability	85	Develop Visually Attractive Community	59

Other Comments

- Library (improve)
- No high density- no more traffic

Top 5 Focus Areas for Enhancement or Improvement			
Category	Total	Category	Total
Affordable Housing	90	Family Restaurants	51
Schools	84	Arts/Culture	47
Jobs/Housing Balance	75	Bike Facilities	45
Streets/Roads	72	Natural Resources	45
Neighborhood Character	66	Walkability	45
Public Safety	65	Residential Density	31
Education	63	Sports Fields	29
Parks/Open Space	61	Recreational Opps.	25
Traffic/Circulation	57	Commerce/Business	17
Ownership Housing	53		

Other Comments

- Leave the parks alone and add dog parks
- Good restaurants
- Swap meet
- Hospitals
- Better police response to known drug houses
- More free concerts
- More single family houses
- Homeless
- Accountability for current unsafe emissions Placentia –toxic

What do you envision for the Costa Mesa Community in the next twenty years?

- More business, events, and attractions
- Expansion in art and culture activities for all ages
- A safe and eco-friendly community
- Take out plate that says Broadway 1st concrete street
- See increasing high density, i.e., noisy housing and crowded streets (2)
- A welcoming community for all, with effective mobility (biking, walking, public transit), grow spaces and an expanded citizenry
- Please give a new lease to the trains and don't add light to Fairview. Let it be what it is.
- Clean parks and more cultural gatherings to share art and music
- Safe community with focus on educational excellence
- Move the arts program in schools
- Modern refurbishments in commercial areas
- A Wal-mart in Costa Mesa
- Positive growth with new facilities

- Library development
- Better or no hotels or motels on Harbor Blvd. or Newport Blvd. (2)
- More redevelopment
- Jobs for legal residents – no more welfare because there are jobs for growing young people to step into – drug free!
- Better economic and more jobs for fire dept. and police – to keep Costa Mesa and Orange County safe
- A safe community with open space, passive parks near improved libraries where we respect and honor all individuals and protect their quality of life in their neighborhood
- Lots of diversity and lots of outdoor activities
- A building for the American legion and other veteran organizations
- Continuation of community outreach activities and programs
- Collaborative and driven community
- Affordable and expansion of housing
- Less low income housing and apartment communities
- Improve streets, neighborhood watch, crime prevention, subsidize housing
- Safe, economically prosperous, diverse community with much preserved open space