

developing innovative plans and making positive progress towards the future. Providing opportunities to build community cohesion and developing facilities that bring residents together emerged as ways to keep the City interactive and creative in tackling both internally and externally related issues.

Ensuring Government Accountability and Participatory Decision Making

Honoring input from residents and responding effectively to their needs are fundamental requirements of city government. It is essential if the community is to work together successfully to respond to the many challenges it faces in the coming years.

Utilizing Communication Technology

Today, access to technology and telecommunications is a critical component for both individual and community success. Ensuring everyone has the ability and necessary infrastructure to take advantage of available technology and telecommunications will be important for the future of Laguna Beach.

Opportunities for exploring the potentials of this technology to empower citizen participation in community affairs while increasing the responsiveness of local government should be studied. The community already utilizes cable TV services and broadband services via fiber optic cable and wireless facilities, but as technology evolves, long range planning is critical.

Supporting the Strategic Plan and Visioning Process

Community residents anticipate a difficult challenge in maintaining long-term support for the implementation of the Vision and the Strategic Plan. The necessary institutional support and potential financial cost could cause the project to stall and, at the very least, will present the community with the need to make difficult tradeoffs. In addition, success will require extraordinary innovation and creativity which may push the envelope of “political will.” Finally, it will be essential that a grass-roots, citizen commitment be established early, be aggressive, and be sustained.



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