



The following is a summary of the **Vision Activity** conducted at the four Vision and Issues Workshops held throughout the Valley in April and May 2001. Participants were asked to imagine living in the Santa Clarita Valley in 2020 and to write a postcard to a friend not living in the Valley. 137 postcards or “vision” cards were collected and are summarized below. (*A full transcript is available under separate cover*).

Synopsis: The majority of visions for Santa Clarita’s future are positive. Residents want to see a well planned Valley, that is easily traversed, offers a variety of living, working, shopping and entertainment options, provides adequate quality schools and maintains open spaces and parkland areas. Approximately 25 percent of respondents did not imagine a positive outcome for the Valley indicating the future would bring overcrowded schools, overdeveloped neighborhoods, a loss of open space, increased traffic and congestion, overbuilt hillsides and a general decrease in the quality of life. Fortunately, most participants were more optimistic and identified the following themes and visions for the future:

Recurring themes:

- Great trails, bike paths, paseos, river trails
- Some rural areas
- Clean and abundant parks
- Preserved open spaces
- Santa Clara River preserved in a natural state
- Native oak trees preserved
- Wildlife present and protected

- Quality educational facilities and programs
- Adequate facilities for all Valley youth

- The availability of a transportation system with convenient and affordable public transit options (buses, metrolink, monorail).
- A high speed train to LA, San Diego and San Francisco
- Superhighways
- Short commutes-with walking and public transit integrated

- Jobs/housing balance
- Housing -Employment centers-commercial hubs
- Affordable housing
- Clustered housing

- Great sense of “community” and friendliness
- Area is safe; low crime rate



- Cultural amenities
- Revitalized Downtown Newhall- theatre district, mixed uses

- Variety in housing, dining and shopping options

- Technologically advanced Valley

- Physically active community- many outdoor hiking, biking, riding, and walking opportunities.

- Agua Dulce and Acton more rural-small town atmosphere
- Western feel of Valley

Additional Topics (*mentioned multiple times, but not as often as above themes*):

- Diverse population
- UC or other 4 year University in Santa Clarita
- Educational options for all ages
- Good air quality
- Ring of trails around city
- Preserving open space in an East Coast manner (larger percentage of open space, parklands, etc).
- Some agriculture preserves
- History trail throughout Valley linking historic sites
- Tree lined drives
- Environmentally friendly and energy efficient developments
- Self-sustaining Valley-energy and water sources
- Monorail between neighborhoods and shopping
- Youth oriented clubs and places
- Civic center-museums, cultural arts, performing arts center, art galleries
- Senior communities and facilities
- Regional hospital
- New mall in Canyon Country
- Population forecast: 400,000 to one million persons in the Valley