



# Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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## Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

**DATE** Tuesday, October 18, 2022  
**TIME:** 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** MEETING REMOTELY

IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF AB 361 AND CAL. GOV. CODE 54953, THIS WILL BE A REMOTE MEETING. NO PHYSICAL LOCATION WILL BE AVAILABLE, BUT ACCESS TO THE MEETING AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE JOIN THE MEETING BETWEEN 12:20 AND 12:30 USING THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW:

### VIDEOCONFERENCE INFORMATION

**TO JOIN BY VIDEO:** <https://zoom.us/join>

**OR TO JOIN BY PHONE:** +1 (669) 219-2599 (dial \*6 to mute/unmute, dial \*9 to raise your hand)

**Meeting ID:** 495-687-4858 **Passcode:** 192244

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
2. Approval of *June 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes*
3. Public Comment: *Any member of the public may address the Commission for a period not to exceed 5 minutes on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Commission not on the agenda.*
4. New Business/Action Items:
  - 4.1. CAO Initiatives Update (Sven Stafford, *Principle Administrative Assistant*)
  - 4.2. Santa Cruz County Climate Action and Adaptation Draft Plan (Kathleen McLaughlin, *Climate Policy Student Worker & Environmental Science Masters Candidate*)
  - 4.3. Remembering Former Commissioner Louis Tuosto
  - 4.4. Consider Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings
1. District Reports
  - 1.1. District 1
  - 1.2. District 2
  - 1.3. District 3
  - 1.4. District 4
  - 1.5. District 5
2. Senior Legislature Report
3. Staff Report
4. Adjournment

**Next Regular Meeting: December 20, 2022 at 12:30 PM**

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, June 21, 2022

TIME: 12:30 PM

LOCATION: Remote Meeting

PRESENT: Dena Taylor (1<sup>st</sup> District), Antonio Rivas (*Vice Chair - 2<sup>nd</sup> District*), Mark Johannessen (*2<sup>nd</sup> District*), Lois Sones (*3<sup>rd</sup> District*), Enda Brennan (*3<sup>rd</sup> District*), Patricia Fohrman (*4<sup>th</sup> District*), Carol Childers (*Chair - 5<sup>th</sup> District*), Lynn McKibbin (*5<sup>th</sup> District*)

EXCUSED: None

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*), Mitsuno Baurmeister (*EEO Officer*)

GUESTS: Jamie Sehorn (*District 1 Analyst*), Steven Matzie (*LTC Ombudsman Coordinator*), Alicia Morales (*HSD Social Services Division Director*), Corey Azevedo (*Senior Network Services*) and one member of the public was present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:32 PM.

2. Motion to Approve April 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes.

Motion/Second: McKibbin/Taylor

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Sones arrived.

3. Public Comment: None

4. New Business/Action Items:

4.1. Live Oak Senior Center Eviction Update

Sehorn reported that Senior Network Services and Meals on Wheels were given six months to move out of their Live Oak facility as of May 2022 so the Live Oak School District could build teacher housing at that location. The County volunteered to partner with the school district to achieve resolution and Supervisor Koenig met frequently with key stakeholders. Senior Network Services will present a proposal to take over liability for building repairs at the next Live Oak School District meeting on June 29, 2022. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Brennan arrived.

4.2. Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

Matzie provided an overview of the role of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (Advocacy, Inc.) which received no CORE funding this year, substantially limiting their ability to serve some of the County's most vulnerable residents. The program is extremely effective with a resolution rate of about 65%. Commission discussed potential opportunities for advocacy and support.

#### 4.3. County Social Services Overview

Morales provided an overview of changes to the County's Human Services Department - Adult and Long-Term Care (ALTC) Division providing a continuum of safety net services for older adults and persons with disabilities including the IHSS program, Adult Protective Services (APS), TLC (Transforming Lives Through Care) case management program, Veterans Services office, and recently, the Public Guardian Team.

A Governance Board was established to implement the Master Plan for Aging in the areas of housing, healthcare, inclusion/equity, non-isolation, work, protection, caregiving, and income security. A County-wide needs assessment will be conducted to determine gaps and priorities.

The State is developing a guaranteed income pilot program and additional funding has been allocated for expansion of several programs (APS, full-scope Medi-Cal for seniors 50+ regardless of immigration status, and Cal-Fresh for seniors 55+ regardless of immigration status), as well as a reduction in share-of-cost for seniors and people with disabilities and a permanent backup provider system for the IHSS program.

Emerging issues: the two most critical issues are the increase in homelessness for seniors and the caregiving workforce shortage. Commission discussed potentially participating on the Master Plan for Aging Governance Board subcommittees as appropriate and invited Morales to return with any opportunities to support the ALTC Division's efforts.

Childers and Brennan left meeting

#### 4.4. Consider Advocacy Opportunities Related to Recruiting and Retaining IHSS Caregivers

Commission discussed opportunities to support IHSS Caregiver recruitment and retention.

Morales recommended that the Commission pend their advocacy until clear opportunities to address these complex issues become available at the State and Federal level.

#### 4.5. Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings

Commission considered whether to authorize meeting remotely under the provisions of AB 361 at the next meeting.

**Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely under the provisions of AB 361.**

Motion/Second: Sones/Taylor

**Motion passed unanimously.**

#### 5. District Reports:

##### 5.1. District 1:

Taylor attended a variety of meetings related to issues impacting seniors, including the most recent RTC meeting, three California Department on Aging meetings, and the AAA Advisory Commission meeting.

##### 5.2. District 2:

Johannessen reported that several programs essential to seniors are not receiving CORE funding this year (suicide prevention, Meals on Wheels, and Advocacy Inc.). Commissioners are encouraged to attend budgeting meetings to advocate on behalf of these programs.

Sones left the meeting

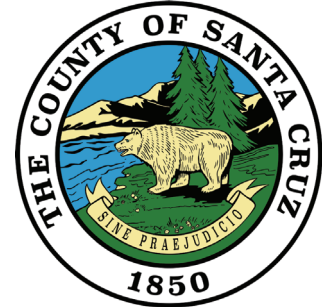
#### 6. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM for lack of quorum.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*

# CAO Initiatives Update

- 2023–25 Operational Plan
- A Santa Cruz County Like Me



## Agenda

- 2023–25 Operational Plan Process
- A Santa Cruz County Like Me
- Request for Input



# Vision, Mission, Values


Why we exist


Vision	Mission	Values
Santa Cruz County is a healthy, safe and more affordable community that is culturally diverse, economically inclusive and environmentally vibrant.	An open and responsive government, the County of Santa Cruz delivers quality, data-driven services that strengthen our community and enhance opportunity.	The County of Santa Cruz provides services and supports partnerships built on: Accountability, Collaboration, Compassion, Effectiveness, Innovation, Respect, Support, Transparency, and Trust.














## Operational Plan

### 2021-23 Operational Plan

2019-21 Operational Plan 

01 	Total Objectives <b>180</b>	Completed <b>45</b>	Amended <b>44</b>	Consolidated <b>5</b>	In Progress <b>86</b>
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02  SORT BY: [Completion](#) [Timeline](#) [Department](#) [Equity](#) [COVID-19 Recovery](#) [Fire Recovery](#) [SEARCH OBJECTIVES](#)

03 	04 	05 
<b>IN PROGRESS</b>  <b>Adult Probation Success</b> Reduce Violations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Last Updated 6/2022 	<b>IN PROGRESS</b>  <b>Father Engagement</b> Increase Engagement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Last Updated 6/2022 	<b>IN PROGRESS</b>  <b>Dislocated Workers</b> Increase Employment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Last Updated 6/2022 
<b>COMPLETED</b>  <b>Shelter to Housing</b> Increase Rehousing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Last Updated 6/2022 	<b>COMPLETED</b>  <b>Permanent Supportive Housing</b> Increase Slots <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Last Updated 6/2022 	



Major Work



Collaborative



Validated



Measured & Targeted

## Commission Input

- Within the scope of your commission:
  - What one issue, if addressed, would have the biggest positive impact for County residents?
  - What are the major projects anticipated within the next two years?
  - What data do you use (or wish you had) to know if County programs are making anybody better off?

# A Santa Cruz County Like Me

## The Survey and Report

ASCLM began as a partnership between Santa Cruz Community Ventures and Santa Cruz County to:

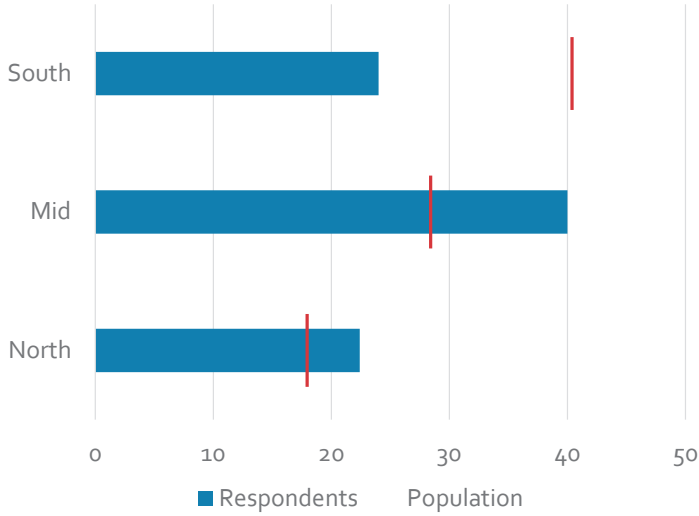
- Gather data on boards and commissions demographic composition
- Report key findings to the Board of Supervisors
- Make recommendations to the Board that work towards achieving government bodies that reflect the diversity of the community they represent



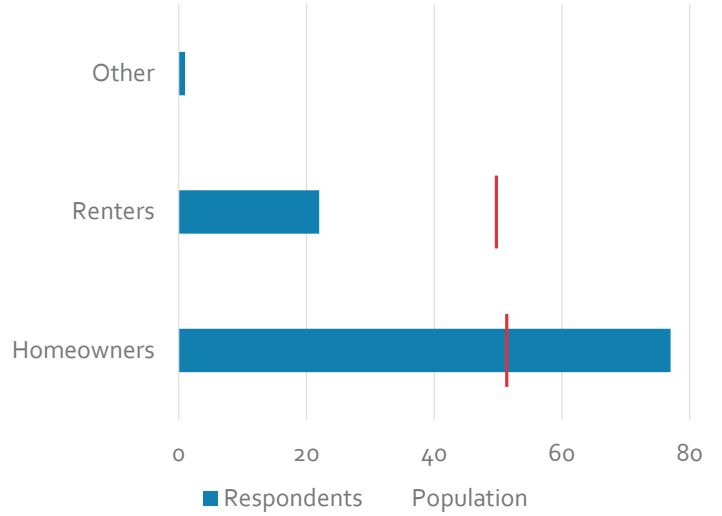
# Key Findings

1. Under Representation of South County
2. Critical Under Representation of Renters

Where Commissioners Live



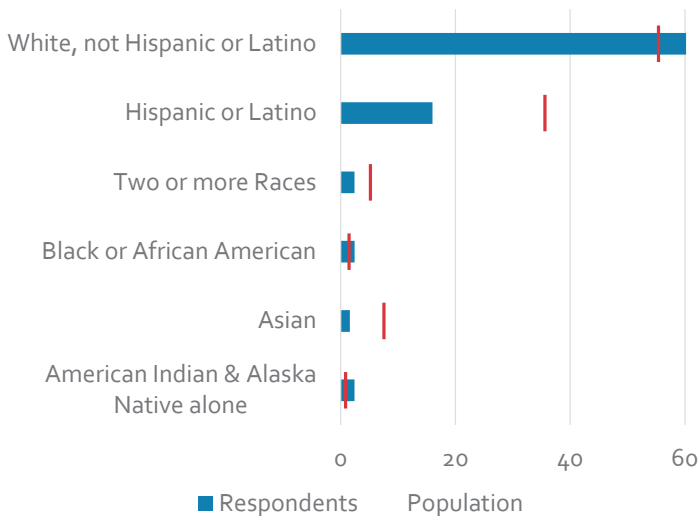
Commissioner Housing Status



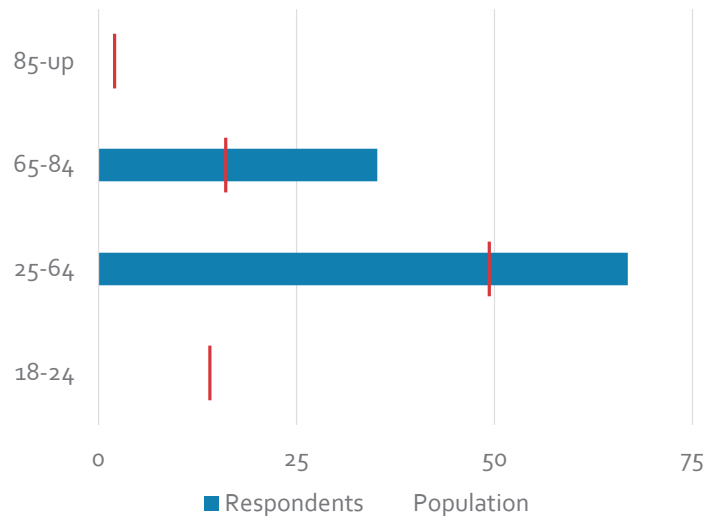
# Key Findings

3. Critical Under Representation based on Race and Age

Ethnicity



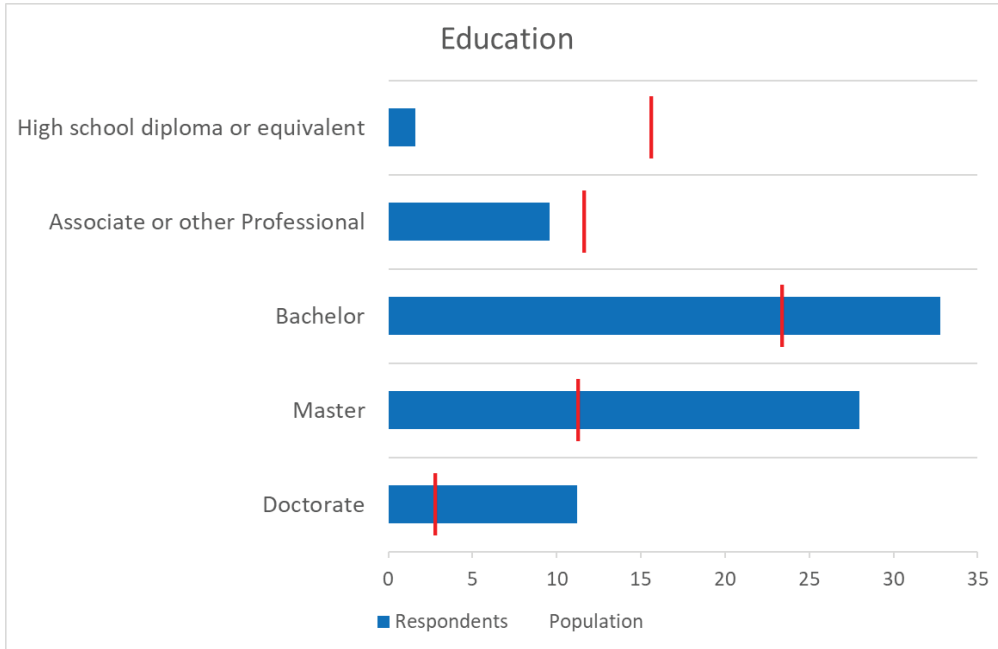
Age





# Key Findings

Critical Over Representation of College Graduates



## Report Recommendations and Next Steps

### 2022

- ASCCLM Committee
- Collection of demographic data of County boards, commissions, and advisory bodies
- Improve the onboarding process and include County data review
- Outreach to current commissions

### 2023

- Committee to identify goals, strategies and activities
- Outreach to community organizations
- Community engagement
- Track and measure outcomes
- Assess impact

## Commission Input

- Within the scope of your commission:
  - What one change, if implemented, would get us towards commissions that are representative and inclusive of our diverse community?
  - How did you hear about the commission you serve on and what encouraged you to apply?
  - What one change in our current outreach and application process, if implemented, would get us towards commissions that are representative and inclusive of our diverse community?

# Questions?

Thank You



# A Santa Cruz Like Me

## The Value of Representational Government



This is a summary of the “A Santa Cruz Like Me” report that was completed at the end of 2021. For the full report, please visit the Santa Cruz Community Ventures website at [www.sccvonline.org](http://www.sccvonline.org).

### BACKGROUND

“A Santa Cruz Like Me” is a partnership between Santa Cruz Community Ventures (Ventures) and Santa Cruz County to paint a picture of Santa Cruz County’s representative bodies. The effort started with a recognition of the value of representative government, which ensures the diversity of our government reflects the diversity of our region.

Both Santa Cruz County and Ventures recognize the value of a representative government and how this can affect economic decisions. This data-driven effort also aligns with Santa Cruz County’s Strategic Plan goals to create a healthy, safe and more affordable community that is culturally diverse, economically inclusive and environmentally vibrant. To view the Santa Cruz County’s Strategic Plan visit [www.santacruzcounty.us/VisionSantaCruz.aspx](http://www.santacruzcounty.us/VisionSantaCruz.aspx).

### METHODOLOGY

“A Santa Cruz Like Me” survey was delivered to Santa Cruz County Commissions, Boards, and Supervisors to voluntarily disclose demographic and population descriptive indicators.

This was the first opportunity for appointees to provide demographic information about themselves. In total, 45% of all possible respondents returned a completed survey.

The team reviewed and compared overall population numbers from DataShare Santa Cruz, the central hub of information for Santa Cruz County with the most current data, and identified indicators with variances of 5% or higher from the population, with special review of variances of 10% or higher.

### KEY FINDINGS

1. Critical under representation of South County residents.
2. Critical under representation of renters.
3. Critical under representation based on race, ability, and age.
4. Critical over representation of college graduates as compared to county population.
5. Optional participation limited response rate to 45% of those surveyed.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The “A Santa Cruz Like Me” report ends with recommendations which were presented to the Board of Supervisors in December 2021. The recommendations were to create a committee to review variances highlighted in the report and propose solutions, collect demographic information during the application process for all board and commission positions, include County data review as part of the onboarding process for appointees, and work with cities within Santa Cruz County to conduct a similar study.

# A Santa Cruz Like Me

## El valor del gobierno representativo



Este es un resumen del informe "A Santa Cruz Like Me", que se traduce a Un Santa Cruz Como Yo, y se completó a finales del año 2021. Para obtener el informe completo, visite el sitio web de Santa Cruz Community Ventures en [www.sccvonline.org](http://www.sccvonline.org).

## INFORMACION CONTEXTUAL

"A Santa Cruz Like Me" se realizó por medio de una asociación entre Santa Cruz Community Ventures (Ventures) y el Condado de Santa Cruz para mejor entender quienes forman parte de los grupos representativos del Condado de Santa Cruz. El esfuerzo comenzó con un reconocimiento del valor de un gobierno representativo donde la diversidad de nuestro gobierno refleje la diversidad de nuestra región.

Tanto el Condado de Santa Cruz como Ventures reconocen el valor de un gobierno representativo y cómo esto puede afectar las decisiones económicas. Este esfuerzo, basado en datos, también se alinea con los objetivos del Plan Estratégico del Condado de Santa Cruz de crear una comunidad saludable, segura y más asequible que sea culturalmente diversa, económicamente inclusiva y ambientalmente vibrante. Para obtener más información sobre el Plan Estratégico, visite el sitio de Condado de Santa Cruz en [www.santacruzcounty.us/VisionSantaCruz.aspx](http://www.santacruzcounty.us/VisionSantaCruz.aspx).

## METODOLOGÍA

La encuesta "A Santa Cruz Like Me" fue entregada a las comisiones, mesas directivas y Supervisores del Condado de Santa Cruz para divulgar voluntariamente información demográfica y de población.

Esta fue la primera oportunidad para que los designados proporcionaran información demográfica sobre sí mismos. En total, el 45% de todos los posibles encuestados devolvieron una encuesta completa.

El equipo revisó y comparó los números generales de población de DataShare Santa Cruz, el sitio central de información para el condado de Santa Cruz con los datos más actuales, e identificó indicadores con varianzas del 5% o más de la población, con una revisión especial de las variaciones del 10% o más.

## PRINCIPALES CONCLUSIONES

1. Representación críticamente baja de los residentes del sur del condado.
2. Representación críticamente baja de inquilinos.
3. Representación críticamente baja basada en raza, habilidad y edad.
4. Representación críticamente alta de graduados del colegio en comparación con la población del condado.
5. La participación opcional limitó el grado de respuestas al 45% de los encuestados.

## RECOMENDACIONES

El informe "A Santa Cruz Like Me" termina con recomendaciones que fueron presentadas a la Junta de Supervisores del Condado en diciembre del año 2021. Las recomendaciones fueron de crear un comité para revisar las variaciones destacadas en el informe y proponer soluciones, recopilar información demográfica durante el proceso de solicitud para todos los puestos de las juntas y las comisiones, incluir la revisión de datos del Condado como parte del proceso de incorporación de los designados y trabajar con las ciudades dentro del Condado de Santa Cruz para realizar un estudio similar.

## EQUITY SCREENING TOOL

The CAAP Strategies and supporting Objectives will advance equity by serving all communities, by identifying disproportionate impacts and achieving equitable results in historically underserved and vulnerable communities.

The Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) includes mitigation and adaptation objectives that have been evaluated for potential negative outcomes for vulnerable and disadvantaged community members. Equity Guardrails are specific criteria designed to ensure that CAAP Objectives address socioeconomic and racial equity concerns. The Guardrails formulate and County of Santa Cruz - Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) sequence the Objectives necessary to ensure mitigation or adaptation strategies do not result in disproportionate burdens, inequities or discrimination.

Equity Guardrail	Criteria
Improves Health and Safety	<p>Each strategy must be supported by an objective that either mitigates potential negative outcomes, or improves the following for disadvantaged communities (DAC) and populations with disproportionate vulnerabilities to climate change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>·individual and population health</li> <li>·Life and property safety</li> <li>·Quality of life</li> </ul>
Includes Appropriate Financial Options	<p>The strategy must be supported by objectives that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>·do not place additional disproportionate financial burdens or hardships on disadvantaged communities and</li> <li>·are designed with funding and financing options that address their specific needs.</li> </ul>
Aligns with Social and Cultural Needs and Values	<p>Each strategy must be supported by objectives that address the following for disadvantaged communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>·culturally relevance</li> <li>·needs of the community</li> <li>·values of the community 1</li> <li>·Include partnership with community-based organizations that are equipped with the valuable relationships, knowledge, and trust to succeed</li> </ul>
Reduces potential for displacement	<p>Each strategy must be supported by objectives that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>·protect disadvantaged communities from potential financial or environmental displacement</li> <li>· support adaptive capacity and resilience for disadvantaged community members</li> <li>· protect disadvantaged communities from cost-of-living increases.</li> </ul>
Continues Investment and Engagement	<p>Each strategy must be supported by objectives that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· continue engagement with Disadvantaged Communities over the course of implementation</li> <li>· include engagement with Disadvantaged Communities during implementation to address unforeseen barriers and constraints</li> </ul>
Provides local and accessible green job development	<p>Each strategy must be supported by objectives that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· support local and accessible green job development</li> <li>· support green job employment for people experiencing barriers to employment.</li> </ul>

## STRATEGIES AND OBJECTIVES

Strategies are focused on opportunities for the County to lead by example while putting in place the steps necessary to achieve a long-term transition to carbon neutrality and increased resilience.

The objectives are not a complete set of steps to successfully complete all strategies - this is intentional. Some (if not all) may take more than two years to complete. These objectives are intended to serve as the initial actions required to begin the process of realizing a decarbonized and more resilient County for all members of the community.

<b>ENERGY STRATEGIES</b>			
<b>#</b>	<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Lead Dept</b>	<b>Plan Page</b>
1	Construct disaster-resilient community evacuation centers across the County	OR3	15-16
2	Eliminate fossil fuel use in new buildings	CDI	16-17
3	Eliminate fossil fuel use in new and existing County facilities with efficient electric equipment	GSD	17
4	Eliminate fossil fuel use in existing residential buildings by tailoring solutions to different building ownership, systems and use types	CDI	17-18
5	Eliminate fossil fuel use in existing commercial buildings by tailoring solutions to different building ownership, systems and use types	CDI	18-19
6	Maintain countywide enrollment Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) enrollment at 98% or greater	OR3	19-20



## WASTE AND WASTEWATER STRATEGIES

#	Strategy	Lead Dept	Plan Page
1	Reduce the carbon footprint of the food system by reducing waste, promoting climate friendly diets, and getting excess food to communities in need	CDI (Solid waste/ recycling Div.)	21-22
2	Reduce carbon footprint of landfill	CDI	22
3	Reduce, reuse, repair, and recovery of goods and materials for packaging	CDI	22
4	Develop a reuse solution to increase the demand for organic waste products	CDI	22-23
5	Increase the use of reclaimed wastewater and stormwater for irrigation and general use	HSA-EH	23

## TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIES

#	Strategy	Lead Dept	Plan Page
1	Reduce vehicle miles traveled through higher density and more affordable housing development along transit corridors	CDI	23-24
2	Eliminate fossil fuel use from the county passenger vehicle fleet	GSD	24
3	Eliminate fossil fuel use from passenger and commercial vehicles	?/GSD/ PARKS	25
4	Increase wildfire mitigation capabilities across the county by establishing a network of fire breaks that also provide community benefits	OR3	25-26
5	Implement County of Santa Cruz Active Transportation Plan finalized in 2022 to achieve active transportation mode share of 15% of total trips by 2040	?/CDI	26-27
6	Facilitate countywide and equitable broadband access to increase remote workforce access, employment opportunities, and emergency communications	?/ISD	27-28
7	Implement programs and policies which encourage use of a efficient and reliable multi-modal transit system that people prefer to use	?/CDI	27

<b>GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STRATEGIES</b>			
<b>#</b>	<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Lead Dept</b>	<b>Plan Page</b>
1	Plan ahead for natural disasters to better support impacted communities	OR3	28-29
2	Provide housing during a disaster for communities in need	OR3/HCD	29
3	Effectively monitor and evaluate progress to adapt to changing community needs and legislative requirements	OR3/CAO	29-30
4	Incorporate resilient design features and contracting policies for new and rehabilitated county facilities	GSD	30
5	Create regional mitigation and resilience programs funded by collective funding opportunities	OR3/ RCPWG	30-31
6	Educate and empower youth and families to engage effectively with community climate change efforts	OR3/ COE	31
7	Reduce the carbon footprint of the food system by reducing waste, promoting climate-friendly diets, and getting excess food to communities in need.	GSD/ SHERIFF (facilities)	32

<b>NATURAL/WORKING LANDS STRATEGIES</b>			
<b>#</b>	<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Lead Dept</b>	<b>Plan Page</b>
1	Better protect and manage local county aquifers	HSA-EH	32-33
2	Support the implementation of carbon reduction strategies through conservation and restoration of natural habitats, sustainable farming practices, and sequestration technologies	AG EXT.	33
3	Update an Urban Forest Management Plan to increase carbon sequestration and reduce the urban heat island effect in urban areas of the County	CDI	34



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## SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SENIORS COMMISSION'S FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

**WHEREAS**, The Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission is a legislative body under the Brown Act as defined under Cal. Gov. Code section 54952(b) and Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.110; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), urgency legislation effective immediately, that amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(1)(A), a legislative body may meet under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency, and where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and which remains in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3), within 30 days of the date the legislative body first holding a teleconferenced meeting under the modified rules, and every 30 days thereafter, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings provided it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 18, 2022, The Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission held a teleconference meeting under AB 361; and

**WHEREAS**, this Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability

of members of the public to participate safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public health and safety, and due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission makes the following findings by a majority vote:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and adopted as findings of the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission.

**Section 2.** Effective immediately, and for the next 30 days, the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

**Section 3.** No later than thirty (30) days from making today’s findings, or at the next scheduled meeting, the Commission will reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, adopt subsequent findings to continue holding teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission in Santa Cruz, State of California, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Childers  
*Chair, Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission*

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Staff

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Office of the County Counsel



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### Scheduled Meetings

Unless otherwise specified, regularly scheduled Seniors Commission meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday  
MONTH: Every other month (February, April, June, August, October and December)  
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM  
LOCATION: **United Way of Santa Cruz County\*\*unless held remotely**  
4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010

Changes to the schedule, including special meetings, changes of location, or meeting cancellations, will be listed on the website at [www.sccseniors.org](http://www.sccseniors.org) as soon as information becomes available.

2022 Meeting Dates		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
February 15, 2022	12:30 – 2:30 PM	Remote
April 19, 2022	12:30 – 2:30 PM	Remote
June 21, 2022	12:30 – 2:30 PM	Remote
August 16, 2022	12:30 – 2:30 PM	Canceled for Lack of Quorum
October 18, 2022	12:30 – 2:30 PM	Remote
December 20, 2022	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined