#### **APPENDIX A**





### PLEASANTON HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION STRATEGIC PLAN – WORKSHOP 2

July 16, 2013

**Resource Development Associates** 

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### Agenda

#### □ Welcome

- Update on activities to date
- Confirm Mission, Vision, Values
- Review Pleasanton data from EAHSNA data extraction and focus groups
- Conduct SWOT
- Identify commission priorities and strategies
- Wrap-up & next steps



### **Pleasanton Data Sources**

- Pleasanton data extracted from Eastern Alameda Human Services Needs Assessment (EAHSNA)
  - Census Data
  - Hard to Reach Population Surveys
  - Provider Surveys
  - Focus Groups
  - Key Informant Interviews
- Two Pleasanton focus groups with service providers
  - July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (14 participants)
  - July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (12 participants)



### **Population Trends in Pleasanton**

- Pleasanton's population has grown over the past two decades.
  - **5**0,553 (1990) 70,285 (2010).
- Pleasanton has become more diverse.
  - Asian/Pacific Islander 2,755 (1990) 16,334 (2010)
  - Hispanic/Latino 3,383 (1990) 7,264 (2010)
- Most common languages spoken at home (after English):
  - Spanish (3,866)
  - Chinese (3,218)
  - Korean (1,800)
  - Other Asian Languages (1,790)
  - Tagalog (848).



# Unemployment Rates and Public Assistance in Pleasanton

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- Unemployment rates increased over the past decade, from 2% in 2000 to 6% in 2010.
- □ The percentage of residents receiving social assistance has increased.
  - General Assistance increased from 0.03% in 2003 to 0.06% in 2011
  - CalWorks increased from 0.16% in 2003 to 0.46% in 2011
  - Food Stamps increased from 0.21% in 2003 to 1.08% in 2011
  - MediCal increased from 1.36% in 2003 to 3.8% in 2011

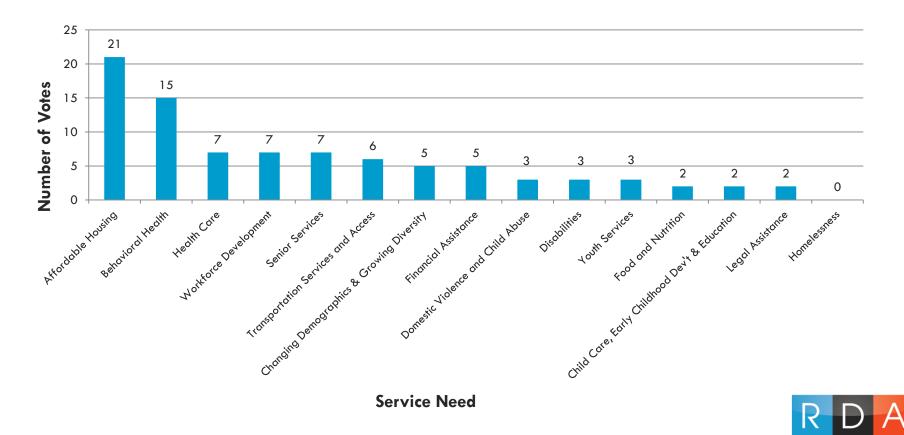


### Human Services Needs

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Focus Group Poll of Service Providers on Top Three Needs

**Priority Needs Identified in Focus Groups** 



### **EAHSNA Hard to Reach Population Surveys**

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### What services do you and your family need but have a hard time accessing?

**Human Services Need** 



### Affordable Housing and Homelessness

"Because of the lack of affordable housing in Pleasanton, there is now more homelessness."

- Key Findings from the Pleasanton Housing Element (2007-2011):
  - The shortage of affordable housing particularly affects lower-income renters and first time homebuyers, including those who have grown up in Pleasanton and would like to establish permanent residency here.
  - Overall, the greatest needs are housing for low-income residents, large families, the elderly, and single-parent households.
  - The city has promoted housing affordability though support of nonprofit providers, creation of housing programs, and participation in and approval of subsidized rental developments.
  - A total of 4,008 new construction units are needed to meet household and employment projections, including 981 low income and 1,554 very low income units.



### Affordable Housing and Homelessness Continued

Focus group participants noted that:

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- Countywide rents have increased more than 30% in the past two years.
- Housing in Pleasanton is more expensive than in neighboring cities, but Section 8 coverage is determined regionally. This means that Section 8 coverage isn't high enough for Pleasanton tenants.
- □ Fewer landlords are accepting Section 8.



### Affordable Housing and Homelessness Continued

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- The homeless population has grown significantly in the past two years, and even in the past six months.
- Homeless individuals/families tend to live in less populated parts of the City, which means they are less visible to the public.
- New homeless are people who have lost jobs, lost homes, lost stocks, or tenants of foreclosed homes.
- New homeless are living in cars, garages, couch surfing and splitting up families.
- "New homeless individuals and families have recently lost their economic stability and don't know how to get services, or are embarrassed to ask for services."



## Behavioral Health and Health Care Needs

"Stressors related to other issues, such as housing and economic conditions, contribute to mental health issues."

- Focus Group Participant

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- Service providers noted an increase in mental health patients over the past few years, and a lack of sufficient mental health services.
- There is a need for integrated primary health and mental health services.
- Specialty health care services are insufficient for low-income residents.
- Dental care remains a largely unmet need.



### Transportation

"Residents have to leave Pleasanton to get services."

- Transportation needs impact access to human services.
- It is difficult to get to certain places using public transportation, and the public transportation system can be difficult to navigate.
- Dental services provide a particular challenge with respect to transportation because you cannot be sedated on buses or Paratransit.
- There is an especially strong need for expanded transportation options for isolated seniors.



### Food and Nutrition

"Depending on the day of the week, you may or may not be able to get food in Pleasanton."

- Focus Group Participant

In the 2011 EAHSNA, 12% of Pleasanton Hard to Reach Survey respondents indicated that they had a hard time accessing Food and Nutrition services when they needed them.



### Childhood/Youth Human Service Needs

#### Child Care

- In the EAHSNA, 12% of the hard to reach survey respondents in Pleasanton indicated that they had a hard time accessing child care when needed.
- Focus group participants indicated that there has been an increase in the number of residents who can't afford child care.

#### Childhood Interventions/Children with Autism

- "The number of children with autism has increased dramatically in the last two years, and these children will need assistance for the rest of their lives."
- There is a lack of childhood assessment, early childhood intervention, and educational resources for parents of children with developmental disabilities.
- There is a disparity in access to early intervention services based on income.
- Youth Services
  - Pleasanton Unified School District has been open to partnerships regarding bullying, healthy relationships, etc.



### **Additional Needs**

#### Seniors

"Seniors are aging. They are also homebound, which makes it harder to count them, and harder to provide them with services."

Isolated seniors face particular difficultly with transportation issues.

#### Workforce Development

- Workforce development is connected to many other issues, like mental health and housing.
- There is a lack of on-the-job training and career development.
- 10% of Hard to Reach Survey respondents indicated that they have a difficult time accessing job training/job placement services.

#### Legal Assistance

- Focus group participants noted the need for legal services.
- 8% of Hard to Reach Survey respondents expressed that they have difficulty accessing legal services/advocacy when needed.



# Access Barriers and Organizational Challenges

Some of the primary barriers and challenges are:

- Time and cost associated with obtaining services
- Education and access to information
- Cultural competency

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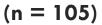
- Stigma associated with asking for help
- Stereotype of Pleasanton as a wealthy community without lowincome residents and associated lack of funding
- Challenge of scale

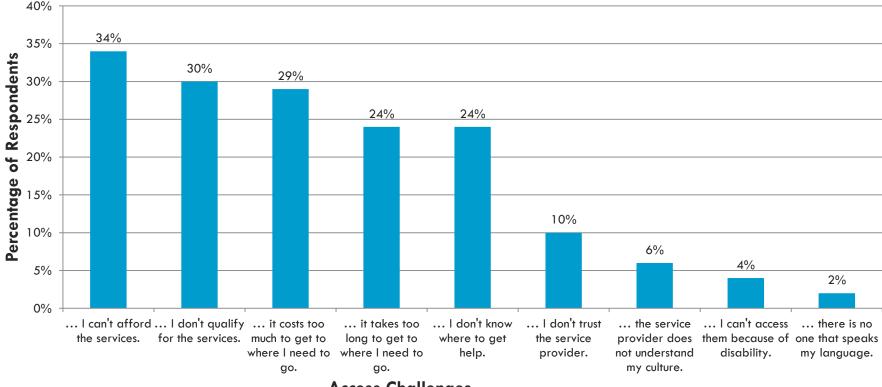


### Hard to Reach Population Survey

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Sometimes I don't get the services I need because...





**Access Challenges** 



### Education and Access to Information

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"There is a lack of understanding about how the system works. People don't see the whole picture, or hear all of the options. If they try to access services and don't succeed, they feel like there are no other options."

- Many low-income residents previously enjoyed economic stability. They aren't familiar with the system, and don't know how to get information or referrals to services.
- For some residents, gaps in information can be as simple as how to navigate the bus system, or where to get online access.
- Many residents don't know what services are available, and/or what services they qualify for.



# **Cultural Competency**

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"The Pleasanton School District doesn't print materials in different languages because they don't want to draw attention to the achievement gap."

- Focus Group Participant

"It is more expensive to attract bi-literate and bi-cultural staff."

- 6% of Hard to Reach Survey respondents indicated that they had trouble accessing services because services providers didn't understand their culture.
- 2% of Hard to Reach Survey respondents indicated that they had a hard time accessing services because providers didn't speak their language.



### Stigma and Community Perceptions

"Because of stigma surrounding poverty and asking for help, people in Pleasanton wait longer to ask for help. This means they sink further into a financial hole."

- Focus group participants emphasized:
  - Stigma associated with asking for help
  - Perception among some community members that if you can't afford to live in Pleasanton, or if Pleasanton doesn't meet your needs, you should live somewhere else
  - Community concern that if you provide too many services, you will attract more low-income individuals
  - Residents turn a blind eye to need



# Stereotype of Pleasanton as a Community without Need/Lack of Funding

"It is difficult to combat the perception of wealth in Pleasanton and serve struggling families."

- Focus Group Participant

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- Pleasanton was recently designated as having the highest median income for a city of its size in the country.
- People move to Pleasanton for the schools, and don't expect there to be low-income residents.
- The perception of all-encompassing wealth has made it difficult to obtain funding for services, including funding from federal, state, county and private funders.



# Challenge of Scale

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"Pleasanton is a relatively small city. Sometimes it isn't possible or doesn't make sense to create a very specific, limited program, because there isn't enough need."



# Strategy Suggestions

- Establish a Community Foundation
  - Strong need for an organization that supports local agencies and non-profits with fundraising efforts and local distribution of funds
- Non-profit Alliance
  - An alliance of organizations that provide diverse services
  - Organizations can share what they are doing, what funding they are seeking, and talk about coordination of services, referrals and duplication of efforts
  - Attract participants through newsletters, show-casing certain organizations, speakers, etc.
- Human Services Fair
  - Hold a "come learn what your city does for you" fair
  - Offer services or service vouchers to encourage participation
  - Rather than host one fair with information in multiple languages, host "one language" fairs where everything is in a specific language, such as Spanish



# Strategy Suggestions Continued

- Wrap-around service delivery and coordinated care
  - Build organizational relationships that support coordinated care of highneed individuals
  - Note: there was some support for this idea, but there were also hesitations regarding client privacy, funding, and the fact that case managers provide similar services
- Create "one-stop shops"/Multi-Service Center
  - Offer multiple services at one location to streamline service delivery and address transportation issues



# Strategy Suggestions Continued

- PR Campaign
  - "The different faces of Pleasanton"
  - Raise community awareness of local needs and increase community interest in assisting local individuals and families
- Increase local partnerships, for example:
  - Public-private partnerships to support workforce development
  - Mentoring initiatives
  - Partnerships between youth services and the school system
  - Incentivize/inspire dentists and other potential service partners to donate time and provide services to low-income residents
- Utilize/leverage faith-based organizations
- Increase advocacy efforts with county government
  - Attend county meetings and advocate on behalf of clients



# Additional Suggestions for the Commission

Focus Group participants suggested the following additional ideas for the Human Services Commission:

- Visit service providers to learn more about existing services and funding needs
- Meet with Housing Commission and discuss separate and overlapping spheres of influence
- Revisit grant-making process

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New programs and preventative programs can have a particularly hard time getting grants



# Strategy Ideas from the Human Services Commission

#### **Pleasanton Strategies**

- Meet with Pleasanton Unified School District
- Joint use of facilities (PUSD/City)
- Promotores de Salud
- Engage/mobilize faith community
- Connect with Chamber of Commerce
- Consider policy for providing translation services for City
- Clarification of HSC and HC roles
- Core services still critical for grant funding
- Require agencies to register with 2-1-1 when they receive grant funding
- Continue to incentivize collaborative grant projects
- Co-location of Services (Multi-Service Center) (Pleasanton/Dublin joint strategy)



# Strategy Ideas from the Human Services Commission

#### **Tri-Valley Strategies**

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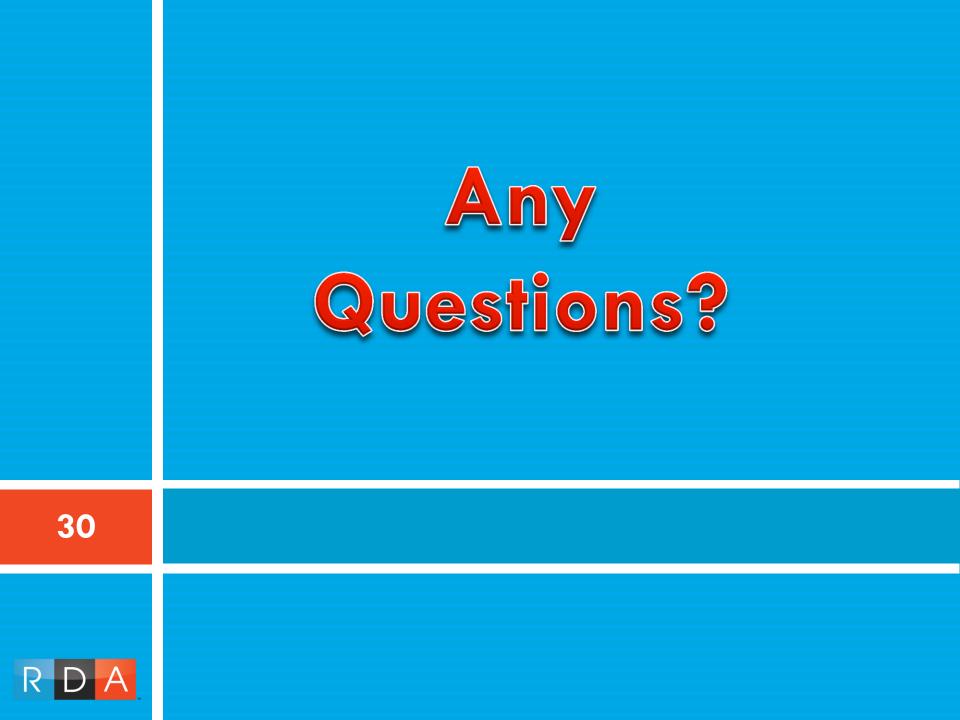
- Information and referral items
  - Better understand what the transportation issues are and what transportation options are available across the Tri-Valley and into other counties
  - Meet/involve medical providers in needs assessment discussion (PAMF, SRVRMC, Kaiser, ValleyCare, Sutter, Axis, VA)
  - Meet with Chabot/Los Positas (workforce development, I&R, event location)
- Events and Projects
  - Community outreach campaign (2-1-1, update pocket guide, faith based newsletters)
  - Early detection/prevention/screenings for developmental disabilities
  - Increase services for homeless single men/teens (new models of services)
- Items not prioritized
  - Mental health
  - Social service event



# SWOT Analysis

- What internal strengths can the Commission leverage?
- □ What are some of the Commission's internal weaknesses?
- What external opportunities has the Commission had?
- What external challenges has the Commission faced?







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#### **APPENDIX B**

А	Consumer Education	Service Area
	Information sessions on available services - Example: Union County, NJ offered a series of information sessions to help	Workforce Development
A.1.	community members determine their eligibility for a variety of local, state and federal programs.	& Unemployment
		Workforce
	Readable, culturally relevant and age appropriate informational materials - Include information on programs, eligibility, etc.	Development/Unemploym
A.2.	Can also include QR code that links to website or social media sites.	ent; Youth Services
	Transit training programs - Classes/events on getting around without a car, including information on buses, paratransit, biking,	Health Care/Mental
A.3	etc. Example: City of Davis has biannual travel training events at the Davis Senior Center.	Health
	Computer classes - Many computer classes are senior-focused, but classes could also be offered for all ages and at multiple	
	skill levels. Example: San Francisco Public Library Teen Computer Corps Program - computer-savvy teenagers are paired one-on-	Senior Services; Disability
A.4	one with older adults to help them improve their basic computer skills	Services
	"Come learn what your city does for you" Fair - This was a Focus Groups suggestion. Example: Somerset County (in NJ) has	Disability Services; Youth
	had Human services fairs for the past two years to showcase the variety of programs available to youth, adults and families.	Services; Food and
A.5	Cattaraugus County (in NY) had a similar fair last year.	Nutrition
	Focus groups - Conduct focus groups to solicit input on the best methods of communicating with the public regarding available	
A.6	services, eligibility requirements, etc.	Food and Nutrition
	Posting Lists/Information - Posting lists of available services and eligibility information in public places where at need	
A.7	population in likely to see them.	Food and Nutrition
	City outreach/education coordinator - Conducts outreach to raise awareness about and understanding of available	Senior Services,
	government and non-profit services. Could be a part-time position or volunteer position to minimize costs, or could be shared	Healthcare,
A.8	between different non-profits and/or city entities.	Transportation, etc.
	Community Health Workers/Promotores de Salud - Volunteer or paid health workers who generally come from the	
	communities in which they work and help community members better understand and access the healthcare system. They	
	sometimes also provide general health information and/or act as patient advocates. Example: two organizations in San Rafael,	
A.9		All Service Areas
	Support Groups - Groups for parents and families of children/individuals with Alzheimer's, behavioral health issues, diabetes	All Service Areas; or
A.10	or other health/mental health issues. Suggested in Focus Groups.	Seniors/Youth
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В	Communication And Collaboration	Service Area
B.1.	Advisory Coalition - Washtenaw County, MN, established an advisory coalition to look a the gap between local skills and job demands, identify emergent job sectors, and identify strategies to meet job demands.	Workforce Development & Unemployment
B.2.	<b>On-the-Job Training/Paid-Internships/Mentoring</b> - Formalized partnerships between non-profits, educational institutions, business and/or government to develop and implement targeted education, mentoring, paid-internships and on-the-job training programs. Example: New Door Ventures in San Francisco provides paid internships at social enterprises that they own, as well as with partner businesses. SF Mayor's Youth Employment and Education Program in San Francisco and Local Employment and Apprenticeship Training Program in Tacoma are additional examples.	Workforce Development/Unemploym ent; Youth Services
B.3.	care coordinators, specialty care and drug and alcohol services all under one roof - "medical home."	Health Care/Mental Health
B.4.	Senior and Disability Transportation Coordination - Portland has a Transportation Plan that coordinates senior and disability transportation services where possible and efficient.	Senior Services; Disability Services
B.5.	Urban Agriculture and Workforce Development - Lynchburg Grows uses urban agriculture to provide workforce development and job opportunities for individuals with disabilities and recreational activities for youth; partnership with non-profit.	Disability Services; Youth Services; Food and Nutrition
B.6.	<b>Nutrition Education Programs</b> - Partnerships between city, schools, non-profits and farms to conduct nutrition education in schools. Example: Novato, CA school district has instituted a nutrition program through which students receive nutrition education in classes, participate in trips to farms to glean produce, and are provided healthy, local food in school lunches.	Food and Nutrition
B.7.	<b>Food Policy Councils</b> - Food policy councils are composed of representatives from all components of the food system, including consumers, farmers, grocers, chefs, food processors, hunger advocates, educators, and government to discuss and address local food issues. Example: Berkeley Food Policy Council.	Food and Nutrition
B.8.	GIS Mapping - Atlanta uses GIS to map high concentration senior areas, housing, healthcare, and other service points to coordinate both care and transportation.	Senior Services, Healthcare, Transportation, etc.
В.9	Non-Profit Alliance - Group where non-profit representatives come together and talk about programs, funding, ideas, coordination, duplication of services, etc. Suggested in Focus Groups. Example: San Mateo County service providers established Thrive, The Alliance of Nonprofits for San Mateo County.	All Service Areas
B.10.	<b>Collaborative (Multi-disciplinary) Case Conferences</b> - Group where service providers from different agencies get together to plan services for vulnerable families/individuals. Requires consent to share information. <b>Other-</b>	All Service Areas; or Seniors/Youth
B.11.		
B.12	Other-	

С	Untapped Resources	Service Area
	Dental Services Donations - Conduct outreach to dentists to donate time/incentivize dentists to donate time. There are several	
	different models: (1) dental clinics (often as part of a health care clinic) - staff may be either paid or volunteer, and volunteers	
	are often covered by clinic insurance (Berkeley, CA and San Rafael, CA); (2) dental fairs, such as RAM California (came to	
	Oakland, but might be hard to organize for a small city); and (3) dental care donations (both time and space) at private dental	
C.1.	offices.	Health Care
	<b>Donations of in-kind services or expertise</b> - Conduct outreach to encourage donation of services, such as job training services	
	by business owners/professionals, computer training by youth, web development from technology industry professionals, etc.	
	Outreach and implementation could take many forms, such as development of an "in-kind donations outreach committee," or	
C.2.	outreach by individual city/non-profit staff. Coordination of volunteers.	All Service areas
C.2.	Agriculture Partnership - Several types of partnerships can be established between local farms and city services. For example,	
	local farms can donate food to emergency food programs, or gleaners can go to farms to harvest left-over produce (and then	
	either take it home to donate to food banks). (Suggested in article, Community Food Security United States Cities: A Survey of	
C.3.		Food and Nutrition
C.3.	the Relevant Scientific Literature).	FOOD and NUTITION
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	<b>Food Recovery</b> - Recovery of perishable and non-perishable foods from local restaurants, farmers markets, hospitals, schools,	
	universities and grocery stores for use in emergency food programs (suggested by Cal. Recycle, among other agencies). Food	
<b>.</b> .	can be collected and distributed through a volunteer network, or by existing non-profit/agency staff. Can incentivize	
C.4.	businesses to donate by providing awards, acknowledgments, etc.	Food and Nutrition
	"Different Faces of Pleasanton" Campaign/Awareness Campaign - Campaign to increase awareness of local diversity, and	
	also to increase/encourage donations to local service providers. Suggested in focus groups. Example: Elk Grove, CA had a	
C.5.	Citywide Diversity Awareness Campaign.	All Service Areas
	<b>Community Foundation</b> - Community Foundation to coordinate fundraising efforts for the city. Suggested in focus groups.	
	Example: The East Bay Community Foundation encourages individuals, organizations and companies to fund community	
C.6.	activities in areas where donors live and work, and also disburses funding to nonprofit organizations.	All Service Areas
	Gamefication/Public Competition - Several agencies in San Francisco have used gamefication as part of their outreach	
	strategy. Game participants (local residents) are asked to wrestle with the same issues that public officials/agencies deal with,	
	and gamefication encourages engagement while also providing city with valuable insight. Example: SF's Budget Czar game was	
C.7.	used over several months to solicit public feedback on the City Transportation Plan.	All service areas
0.7.	"Change by Us" - NYC launched a "do it yourself" platform to promote community engagement and social capital by leveraging	
	social networks and digital technology. Members post ideas, join existing projects or create new ones, and access resources of	
	city agencies and community-based orgs through an online forum. Centralized site to generate ideas, engagement and	
C.8.	volunteerism.	All service areas
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C.9.	Other-	
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D	Access Barriers (Time and Money)	Service Area
	Supportive Services - Provide residents with supportive services, such as tuition assistance, transportation assistance and day	
D.1.	care assistance to help them gain and retain employment.	Workforce Development
		Behavioral Health &
		Healtcare (could also be
		applied to other services,
	Telepsychiatry/Telemedicine Services - Telepsychiatry services allow remote patients, or patients with transportation barriers,	such as phone assistance
	to access behavioral health services. Example: several different private, public and non-profit groups came together to provide	with public assistance
D.2.	telepsychiatry services in Lycoming County, PA, with high reported customer satisfaction.	applications)
		Health Care/Behavioral
		Health (could be applied
	Volunteer Driver Programs - Marshall, MN has instituted a volunteer driver program, where volunteers take individuals with	to other service areas as
D.3.	access barriers to healthcare/behavioral health appointments.	well)
	Group Transportation Services - Group transportation to high demand locations/events . Example: Reno, NV offers a seniors'	Food and Nutrition; Senior
D.4.	bus to the farmers market.	Services
	Shop & Ride - Knoxville, TN offers free one way tickets on any city bus to qualifying individuals when they spend \$10 at a	Food and Nutrition; Senior
D.5.	participating grocery store. Tickets are validated in the store.	Services
	Transportation Vouchers/Subsidized Taxi Fare - Example: Laguna Woods offers reductions of 50%-60% for residents who are	
	60 years or older. Taxi bucks (which can be used anywhere in Orange County), are available to residents for \$40, for a book	
	that contains \$100 worth of taxi fare. Specially discounted vouchers are also available to particularly popular destinations. Less-	
	expensive, non-emergency medical vouchers are also provided to residents who need medical services. Funding for the Laguna	
D.6.	Woods program came from Orange County. Montgomery County, Maryland has a similar program.	All service areas
	Increasing the number of bus stops/rest stops - Increasing the number of resting stops between senior centers/high	
	concentration senior neighborhoods and bus stops makes the bus system more accessible to seniors. (Recommended in a	
D.7.	report by Community Transportation Association of America based on surveys administered to seniors).	Senior Services
	Community Garden - Community gardens, or individual family plots, provide community members a place to grow healthy	
	food close to home and build community connections. There is often a small monthly or yearly fee to rent an individual plot.	
D.8.	For example, \$30/year in Oakland. In San Rafael, CA, small plots are \$40/year, and large plots are \$75/year.	Food and Nutrition
	Other-	
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	Other-	
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## **APPENDIX C**



## HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION WORKSHOP AGENDA

Wednesday, June 19, 2013 5:00 P.M.

Operations Services Center – Conference Room 1 3333 Busch Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94566

- 1. Welcome & Introductions
- 2. Overview of Human Services Needs Assessment Strategic Plan Process
- 3. Review City and Commission Roles and Mandates
- 4. Define Commission Mission and Vision
- 5. Identify Target Populations for Focus Groups
- 6. Wrap-up & Next Steps

### Notice

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### Accessible Public Meetings

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**APPENDIX D** 





## PLEASANTON HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION STRATEGIC PLAN – WORKSHOP 1

June 19, 2013

**Resource Development Associates** 

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# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview of Human Services Strategic Planning Process
- Review Commission Roles and Mandates
- Define Commission Vision, Mission and Values
- Focus Groups Discussion
- Wrap-up & Next Steps



## Introductions

- Please share the following
  - Your name
  - Your affiliation
  - What is one of the most critical human service needs or gaps in Pleasanton?



# Build Our Own:

# "GOOD MEETING GUIDELINES"



# Strategic planning will help us answer:

- What is our shared agreement and understanding of what we want to achieve?
- □ What is our role in the community? How do we make change?
- What is our role in relation to the City Council and City staff? Our regional partners?
- How do we generate excitement about our mission and increase our commitment to participation?
- Can we develop a solid plan and still remain flexible?
- How can we structure our operations to be more successful?
- How do we know if we are being successful?
- □ Other?



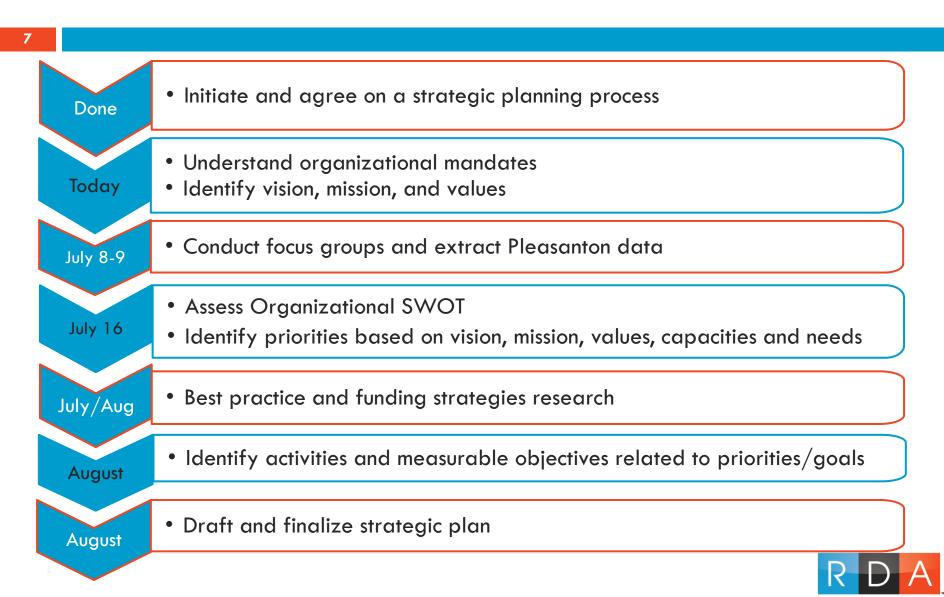
## Strategic Planning Objectives:

## To Define:

- Who we are: What are our mandates? What is our vision, values, and mission? What are our internal strengths and weaknesses, external opportunities and threats?
- Where we want to be: What are the key issues we are facing? What are our goals? What are our strategies for addressing these issues and achieving our goals?
- How we will get there: How do we operationalize our strategies? How do we remain flexible as new issues arise? How do we measure our success?



## Our Strategic Planning Approach:



# **Organizational Mandates**

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Understanding organizational mandates including ordinances, bylaws and city council direction - helps us to collectively understand committee's purpose and each commissioner's roles and responsibilities.



# **Commission Rules and Mandates**

City of Pleasanton Commissioner's Handbook

## **Membership and Terms**

- Seven regular members, one alternate and one youth member
- Residence within city
- Regular attendance of meetings
- Four year terms



# **Commission Rules and Mandates**

City of Pleasanton Commissioner's Handbook

## **City Commission Responsibilities**

- Understand the role and responsibilities of the Commission
- Be careful to represent the entire Commission
- Be representative of the whole city
- Keep the lines of communication open
- □ Stay informed and be thorough in your recommendations
- Be conscious of your relationship to the City Council, other commissions and city staff
- Establish a good working relationship with other Commission members
- Maintain distinction between personal viewpoints/political participation and role as a commissioner



# Human Services Commission

Pleasanton Municipal Code Chapter 2.28

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## Human Service Commission Duties:

- Identify and prioritize human service needs of community, with particular emphasis on the needs of the socially and economically disadvantaged, the elderly and the youth of the community.
- Remain informed about human services programs within the community and advise City Council concerning relevant information.
- Develop and recommend to City Council specific actions to meet human service needs and to coordinate human services delivery within the community.
- Evaluate success of human services actions within the community.
- Review requests for financial assistance and make funding recommendations to City Council.
- □ Serve as liaison between city and human services agencies.



# Articulating the Vision

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 "If you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there." – Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland





# Formulating Mission and Values

- Formulating a mission clarifies an organization's purpose and produces internal and external legitimacy.
- It helps an organization identify and remain focused on what is truly important.
- It serves as a control lever, or criteria in which strategies or activities can be prioritized.
- The mission statement is used to reduce conflict between members and move members beyond their self-interest.
- Mission statements should be short, targeted, inspiring and activist in tone.



# Questions about Mission and Values

- □ What problems do we address?
- □ How do we respond to these problems?
- What is our relationship with our stakeholders?
- What does our success look like?
- What are our values?
- What makes us unique?



# Focus Groups

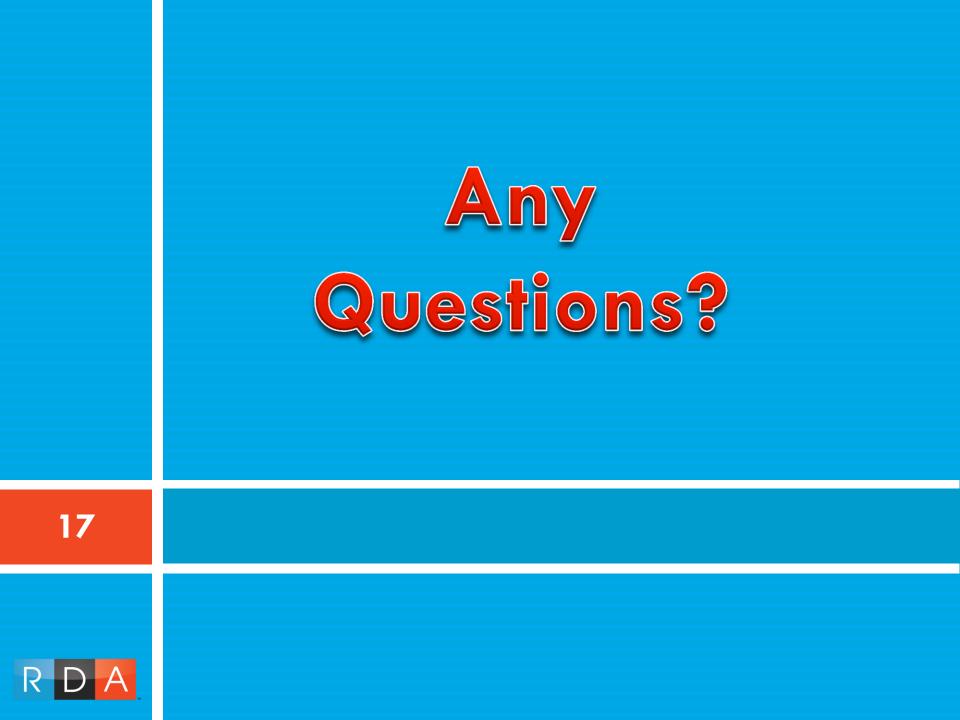
- □ Two focus groups for service providers
  - Human services agencies providing services to Pleasanton residents
  - Additional participant suggestions?
  - Desired focus group questions/outcomes



# Next Steps

- Focus Groups July 8 and July 9
- Next Commission workshop July 16, 6pm-8pm
- Objectives for next workshop
  - Conduct SWOT of commission
  - Review Pleasanton needs based on RDA data extraction and Focus Group findings
  - Identify Commission priorities and goals
- August Commission meeting date







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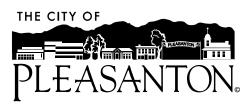
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## **APPENDIX E**



## HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION WORKSHOP AGENDA

Wednesday, September 11, 2013 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Civic Center – 157 Main St. Conference Room 3 Pleasanton, CA 94566

- 1. Welcome & Introductions
- 2. Update on Activities to Date
- 3. Review
  - Priority Needs and Systemic Challenges
  - Best Practices and Funding Strategies
- 4. Action planning
  - Prioritization exercise
  - Timeline exercise
  - Measurable objectives
- 5. Wrap-up & Next Steps

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## **APPENDIX F**





### PLEASANTON HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION STRATEGIC PLAN – WORKSHOP 3

September 11, 2013

Resource Development Associates

Jennifer Susskind, MCP

### Agenda

- □ Welcome
- Update on Strategic Planning Activities
- Review Community Needs and Systemic Challenges
- Prioritize Strategies
- Action Planning
  - Strategy prioritization exercise
  - Timeline and measurable objectives activity
- Wrap-up and Next Steps



## Strategic Planning Activities to Date

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Commission Workshop: June

- Define Mission, Vision, Values
- Focus Groups and Pleasanton Data Extraction: July

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Commission Meeting: July

- Pleasanton needs assessment
- SWOT
- Prioritize community needs
- Prioritize systemic challenges
- Strategy Research: August
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Commission Meeting: September
  - Review strategies
  - Identify actions
  - Plan for action

#### October Commission Meeting

Present draft needs assessment



### Review of SWOT

#### See handout

"Many of the needs are connected, such as workforce development, housing, food and transportation" "We need to consider need (demand) as well as gaps in service (supply)"

> How do we get at the root of poverty? That's what I'm looking for."

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"Other needs are a bit more separate, such as youth services, senior and disability services"

## Review of Community Needs

- Workforce Development/Unemployment (6 votes)
- Health Care and Behavioral Health (4 votes)
- Disability Services and Access (4 votes)
- □ Food and Nutrition (3 votes)
- Youth Services (3 votes)
- Senior Services (2 votes)



## **Review of Systemic Challenges**

- Consumer education and access to information (6 votes)
- Lack of coordination/uncertainty regarding who to collaborate with/duplication of services (5 votes)
- Untapped resources (4 votes)
- Time and cost associated with obtaining services (2 votes)



# **Best Practices and Strategies**

- Handout
- Review potential actions in each systemic challenge category.
- □ Are we missing any potential actions?
- □ Make your case for a specific action.
- □ For each systemic challenge category, please prioritize 3 actions.
- □ Consider the following:
  - Cost/resource intensity?
  - Potential effectiveness?
  - Is there a champion?
  - Scalability?
  - Commission-initiated or Commission-funded?
- Group consensus on actions

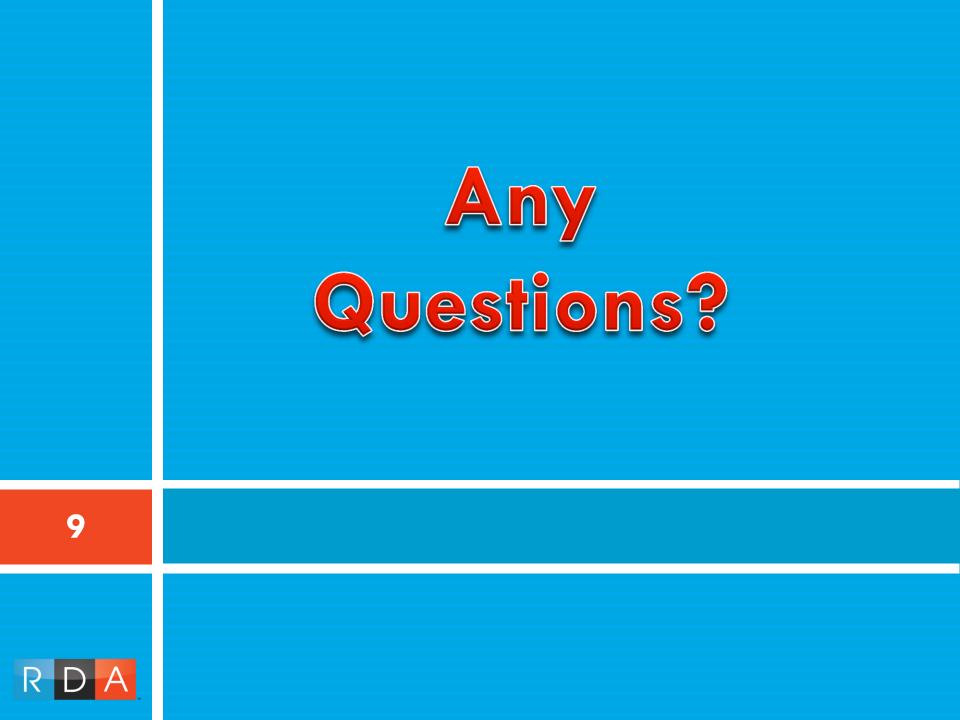


### **Action Planning**

### □ For each action, identify:

- Champion(s)
- Partners
- Tasks
- Timeline
- Measurable objectives







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#### **APPENDIX G**



2014-2016 Strategic Plan Timeline – Human Services Commission: DRAFT

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	Nov-Dec 2013	Jan - Mar 2014	Apr - Jun 2014	Jul - Sep 2014	Oct - Dec 2014	Jan - Mar 2015	Apr - Jun 2015	Jul - Sep 2015	Oct - Dec 2015	Jan - Mar 2016	Apr - Jun 2016	Jul - Sep 2016	Oct - Dec 2016
Strategic Action 1: Revise Grantmaking Protocols													
Draft Grantee Priorities Statement													
Present at Grantees Workshop													
Prioritize Grantee Proposals													
Strategic Action 2: Community Engagement & Education Campaign													
Develop Proposal, Budget, Research Funding Opportunities													
Present Proposal to City Council; Request Funds/Staffing													
Hire/Assign Staff; Implement Project													
Evaluate Processes and Impacts													
Strategic Action 3: Sponsor Human Services Alliance													
Develop Proposal, Budget, Research Funding Opportunities													
Prepare Grantee Priority Statement													
Present at Grantees Workshop													
Prioritize Grantee Proposals													
Hire Contractor; Begin Impementation													
Initiate Monthly Meetings													
Evaluate Processes and Impacts													
Strategic Action 4: Workforce Development Project													
Develop Proposal, Budget, Research Funding Opportunities													
Present Proposal to City Council; Request Funds/Staffing													
Hire Staff/Contract Org; Implement Project													
Evaluate Processes and Impacts													
Operational Action 1: Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton Partnership													
Spearhead and facilitate biannual meetings													
Identify joint campaign													
Develop Proposal, Budget, Research Funding Opportunities								Unkı	nown				
Hire Staff/Contract Org; Implement Project													
Evaluate Processes and Impacts													
Operational Action 2: Diversify Commission													
Recruitment Activities													
Evaluate Processes and Impacts													
Renew Strategic Planning Process													



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