



## ENVISION CONTRA COSTA 2040

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### **Alhambra Valley, Reliez Valley, and Briones Community Meeting: Issues and Vision**

Department of Conservation and Development  
30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553  
Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019

A community meeting for Alhambra Valley, Reliez Valley, and Briones residents as part of Envision Contra Costa 2040 took place on Monday, April 29, 2019, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Department of Conservation and Development. The purpose of this workshop was to begin establishing a vision for the future of these communities and identify issues the General Plan should address to achieve that vision. County staff and consultants facilitated the workshop; four people attended and participated. After a presentation about the Envision Contra Costa 2040 process, community members and County staff discussed questions regarding the future of these communities. Due to the relatively small size of the meeting, the discussion tended to focus on very specific concerns. Responses to each question are summarized below. Detailed notes from the discussion are attached to this summary.

***Question 1: What do you like most about Alhambra Valley, Reliez Valley, and Briones? What would you like to see supported, preserved, or enhanced as part of this planning effort?***

- Maintain the new fire station and fire services to protect from wildfire hazards.
- Preserve the existing balance between urban and rural land uses.
- Support the diverse agricultural uses, such as vineyards, in the region.

***Question 2: What are the challenges facing Alhambra Valley, Reliez Valley, and Briones? What would you like to see changed in Alhambra Valley, Reliez Valley, and Briones in order to make them better places to live and work?***

- Improve roadway infrastructure, including collapsed roadways.
- Encourage expanded recycling and composting services to increase sustainability.
- Increase internet access and telecommunication services.
- Enforce cannabis regulations and licensing to limit illegal operations.
- Accommodate the growing senior population with expanded transportation services, affordable housing, and health resources.

***Question 3: Do you think changes are needed to the planned land uses shown in the General Plan land use and zoning maps? If so, what changes are needed?***

- Promote affordable housing development to address homelessness.
- Improve infrastructure accessibility and enact housing incentives to serve a multi-generational community.

# THE FUTURE OF ALHAMBRA VALLEY, RELIEZ VALLEY, & BRIONES is...

Fix 4 one way road closures <sup>all</sup> within 5 miles of fire station 19.  
that is almost all access roads, 1 closed 10+ YEARS.

Central County May 9

Env. Justice - Refineries  
governed by other agencies  
and C.C. County

~~Security~~

Haz. Materials Incidents/Release

# What do you like? <sup>(Alhulub)</sup>

- Ways to improve
- Current challenges

◦ Ignored currently - needs improvement (challenge)

- Emergency services (new fire station)
- Mix of urban/rural - balance
- Recognize & support diversity of agricultural uses
- Race horse stables in N. Richmond
- Solid waste & recycling options (Republic)
- Implementing Census info
- Improve internet access/telecom
- Planning for seniors/all generations (i.e. services)
- Homelessness/access to affordable housing
- Wildfire hazard