

Examples of Core Values Exercise

What are examples of when Albany has been at its best in demonstrating these values:

Active engagement and involvement of all residents

Engage with Civic groups – Rotary, Chamber, etc
Small size of city enables making a difference for many
City website it great!
Televised meetings
Holiday Events – Chinese New Year, Halloween, Holiday
Number of city committees and commissions encourages engagement & involvement
Public comment period at public meetings
Discussion of issues up for consideration allows for full input by citizens
Often issues referred to commissions/committees for in-depth study and input
During public comment often topics brought up that are agendaized
APAL Bike Rodeo
City Committees and Commissions
Solano Stroll
Block Parties
This community mission/vision meeting
Volunteer Appreciation Dinners
School Performing Art and Sports Events
Bike to work day
MLK Day
Music in Park
July 4 event
Arts and Music Festival
Park and Water front clean-up days
Tree planting days
CERT block parties
Nat'l Night Out
Dinner with Albany
Voting elections and debates
Voices to Vision
Climate Action Plan

Garden Swap
"Sharing Solution" workshop
San Pablo Plan
Neighborhood Watch
School Volunteering
Art gallery reception
City's willingness to engage and involve community organizations
Disaster preparedness

Knowledge, understanding, and balance in decision making (no so much examples as suggestions)

Political and administrative structure to ensure diversity of opinion and power
Civic engagement of more people = more likelihood of better, fairer, more representative decision

Decision making

Consensus

Provide many points of view

Compromise

Act for common good

Without fair and honest campaigns, Albany can't have fair representation

New blood

Develop civic leadership in younger volunteers

Fair decision making has been scarce in Albany

Understand what's at stake and reach consensus

Eliminate self-interest in governing bodies

Transparency

Balanced committees to engage more people civically – i.e. Village

Campaign finance reform?

More public engagement, recruitment

Examples

Parks Master Plan

\$600k for V2V

Value citizen input

Marin Ave Restriping

Respect for diversity and the needs of a multi-generational community

Chinese after school program
Jackson/Buchanan signal change for student safety
Social, Economic, Justice Committee
High School Diversity Programs
AMS Writers Coaches
Community Center/Sr Center Activities
Youth/Senior history writing
Promote cultural diversity groups/programs
Support Senior Center expansion
Youth programs
Albany Village
Foreclosure Wkshop
Ethnic appreciation in schools
Diversity day in high school
Diversity Community Center programs
Art
Walking school bus
Schools/Library tax

Support for education opportunities and the goals of future generations

Content filmed
Partnerships/collaboration with public/private groups
Website
Library
Transition Albany
Public school support
Parcel Tax
Volunteers in community
Green Albany
City Share
Televised meetings
Measure I and J
Youth activities
Life-long learning

School Care
Green Albany
School credit for volunteering
Internship opportunities

Unwavering commitment to economic and environmental sustainability

Membership in green corridor
Connect east shore hwy to Buchanan
Transit oriented zoning
Commitment to Bay Trail
Green building code
City facilities being green
Sustainability Committee
Support for private groups – Transition Albany
Strollers and Rollers
Caron Neutral Albany
Getting “cap order” rescinded at the Bulb
Plastic bag recycling
Marin Ave reconfiguration
Smoking ban
Study of how to handle parking issues, eg meters permits
Greenest City in the State – UCLA study
Strong turn-out for coastal clean-ups
Preservation of open space
Climate Action Plan
Styrofoam ban
Commitment to study water front and open space
Economic Development wkshop to support small business
Appropriate development eg Target
Opening of creeks
Support of bicycle and ped walkways
Support of Chamber and SAA
Shop local gift certs
Support of Solano Stroll increases business
Green Solano Stroll
Master Plan for parks