



# SHARED VISION 2001-2025

**Healthy Community**  
*Safe Neighborhoods  
Healthy Residents*



Decisions that affect a community should reflect the values of the community. That is the core belief behind San Mateo County’s innovative visioning project called Shared Vision 2025.

What is visioning? Visioning is taking the initiative to create a future rather than let circumstance and chance dictate that future. It’s creating a strategic plan that values long-term benefits over short-term gains.

**Prosperous Community**



For more than a decade the Board of Supervisors has repeatedly gone to the community to ask what goals the county should set for the future. The answers, overwhelmingly, have been that residents want a county that is **healthy, safe, prosperous, livable, collaborative and environmentally conscious**. This is Shared Vision 2025.

**Livable Community**



As a result, the Board of Supervisors, departments and the community are able to more fully appreciate the setting of funding priorities. Organizing this Recommended Budget by these areas quantifies the level of commitment to realizing the strategic plan.

**Environmentally Conscious Community**



Most important, Shared Vision 2025 sets a course for the County that enables the Board of Supervisors to avoid crisis-driven decision making and instead focus on long-term values. It fosters more thoughtful and collaborative approaches to problem solving and ensures decisions are based not just on meeting immediate need but are equally focused on future benefit.

**Collaborative Community**

