

# Concerned Citizens for Avila Newsletter

November 2, 2016



*Together we can protect the natural environment,  
safety and accessibility of Avila.*

## Recap of first "Envision Avila" Community Meeting, Oct 27



Great turnout on a rare rainy night for the first Community Meeting held by County Planning on October 27 at the Avila Beach Community Center. Just an hour long, the meeting outlined the General Plan Update process for the Avila area and offered the community a chance to voice its concerns and vote using cool clicker technology. Some highlights:

- The new plan will combine four current plans into one.\*
- Important questions and comments were heard about preserving the look, feel and charm of Avila Beach.
- Issue raised of vacation rentals uprooting long-time residents and being built too large.
- A hold on development is not addressed through the Update; it is a distinct BOS decision and requires some kind of emergency (like a water shortage

or inadequate access for existing and approved development).

- Some proposed new large projects in Avila require a general plan amendment and a lengthy approval process involving multiple chances for public input.
- Encouragement was given by staff to keep raising the issues throughout the process.
- Clicker voting priority results: Environmental protection. Safety. Charm.
- Vision exercise started the thinking process of how we see Avila today and in the future.
- Encouraging news from staff about new software to help County Code Enforcement.
- Helpful website: [envisionavila.org](http://envisionavila.org)
- Next meeting in Feb 2017, date to be determined.
- AVAC website is a great source of information.
- Next Envision Avila step: Background report to address what studies are needed.

\* The four current plans are: Avila Beach Specific Plan, Avila Community Plan (Inland), San Luis Bay Area Plan (Coastal) and San Luis Obispo Inland Area Plan. To see the plans, go to the Envision Avila website, [envisionavila.org](http://envisionavila.org), and click on "What is a Community Plan," and scroll to the bottom, "Where can I find these documents?"

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## ***How to get your very own Advocate for Avila T-shirt!***



Join the "Blue Wave" of Concerned Citizens for Avila! We are taking t-shirt orders again.

Please send your name, number of shirts, and your email address to: [deborahumphreys@hotmail.com](mailto:deborahumphreys@hotmail.com).

Once we have enough orders we will contact you for size. Shirts will be men's style only since the ladies cut ran too small.

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