



REGULAR MEETING

JEFF GORELL

Supervisor, 2nd District

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Field Representative

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AGENDA

April 11, 2024

7:00 PM

**Municipal Advisory Council
Somis, California**

**Somis Elementary School
Multipurpose Room
5268 North Street
Somis, CA 93066**

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MAC Calendar, Agenda, and Minutes

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OPENING

1. Call to Order.
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3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
4. Approval of the Minutes from the Somis Municipal Advisory Council held on February 22, 2024
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8. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell’s Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities.
9. Council Comments – Comments by Council members on matters they deem appropriate. A Council member may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. A Council member may also provide a reference to staff or other resources for information, or request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter. The Council may also direct staff to place a matter of business on the future agenda.

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13) Update Caltrans on Safety Enhancement for Balcom Canyon & Hwy 118

- Caltrans completed safety enhancements on Balcom Canyon and Highway 118 on April 4, 2024. Diagonal yellow striping along with reflective dots were placed between the existing double yellow lines to help prevent north bound traffic from crossing the double yellow lines into southbound traffic. This project was initiated by a concerned constituent and supported by the efforts of Supervisor Gorell to work with Caltrans to accommodate the request outside of the normal project schedule. The enhancements are designed to help prevent accidents and save lives. Additional enhancement for this intersection will take place in 2027.

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- In March a total of 15 requests were received using the Public Works, VCPWA Connect App. Out of the 15 requests a total of 15 were closed out. Nine of the requests were for customer service or general questions, three were for water services/requests, and three were for road maintenance including the cracks and bump that was starting to form on Balcom Canyon.

15) Update From Caltrans on Project EA 35590 Pavement Rehabilitation - Traffic Mitigation for State 34 Somis Farm Housing

- An update will be provided on the new timeframe for construction of two VCTC bus stops, and the addition of two right turn lanes and one left turn lane into the new Somis Ranch project. This scope is the scope defined to be executed, and previously approved to mitigate traffic impacts from the project.

16) Reported Concerns About Potential Development Contemplated on Somis Parcel Lot # 161-0-040-04

- a) Supervisor Gorell's office researched the concerns of potential development of a second farmworker's housing project and found the following:
 - On August 24, 2016, a request for a Pre-Application Review was submitted to Ventura County Planning Department by a previous owner.
 - As part of that review, under the 2016 regulations, it was confirmed that a Farmworker Housing Complex would be an "allowed use" on the subject property. However, no application was ever submitted and no approval or entitlement to proceed was provided.
 - The property has since been sold and is under new ownership. Should they wish to consider any development, a new proposal and application would be required.
- b) On March 25th, Supervisor Gorell sent a memo to the Directors of RMA Planning, Public Works, and the CEO of the County requesting immediate notification of any requests for development of any kind in the Somis area. He "will work to stand by the Somis community to ensure the look and feel of the region is maintained to their expectations, while ensuring complete transparency and advanced notification of any applicant's intentions."

17) Update from Supervisor Gorell's Office on MAC Legislative Sub-Committee

- Legislative Sub-Committee training is planned to begin on April 10th for Pat Richards and Robert Fulkerson, the two members who were selected by the MAC to participate in the Legislative Committee.

18) Creating a Vision Statement and the Future of Somis

Developing a vision statement that serves as an inspirational declaration for the community of Somis and is a critical first step in the 3–5-year plan.

- Field Representative Israel Rodriguez will provide a worksheet for MAC Members and the public to participate in developing the statement.

CLOSING

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1. Call to Order.
 - a. Meeting Called to order by **Chair Pat Richards** at 7:05 PM.
2. Roll Call.
 - a. MAC Members Present: **Chair Pat Richards, Bob Fulkerson, Jack Foss Patricia Martinez, Tyler Cobb**. Quorum met.
 - b. Members Not Present: **Jennifer Amodei**
3. Election of New Officers for 2024
 - a. **Jack Foss** Nominated **Pat Richards for Chair**, Seconded by **Patricia Martinez**. Motion Passed.
 - b. **Jack Foss** Nominated **Bob Fulkerson** for Vice Chair, seconded by **Tyler Cobb**. Motion Passed.
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
5. Approval of the Minutes from the Somis Municipal Advisory Council held on December 13, 2023
 - a. Motion made by **Bob Fulkerson** to accept the minutes, seconded by **Tyler Cobb**. Motion Passes.
6. Agenda Review
 - a. None
7. Consent Agenda Items (11 through 13)
 - a. Motion made by **Jack Foss** to accept the Consent Items 11-13, as presented, seconded by **Bob Fulkerson**. Motion Passes.
8. Public Comments – Citizen presentations regarding Somis Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).
 - a. Public comments held for after the presentation made by Alex Pratt, VP at AmCal.
9. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell’s Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities. **Supervisor Gorell** spoke on the following items:
 - a. **Implementing Draft Agendas**: The draft agenda will be sent 14 days prior to the MAC meeting. This will help get the word out earlier, while still allowing time to build our agenda and wait for safety reports to come in. Hopefully, this leads to greater turnout and involvement at Mac meetings.

Currently, we are sending out the invites to about 700 contacts twice, between the draft and final agenda.

- b. **New Meeting Marketing Signage:** My office has created new signs that can be placed on the roads or people's yards to help promote attendance. The signs come equipped with QR Codes so that people can receive the agenda and learn how to live-stream from home. Each MAC Member is to take two signs and place them out the week prior to a MAC meeting and take them down the day after the meeting concludes.
- c. **Board of Supervisor Addresses the Un-Housed Situation in Ventura County:** The Board of Supervisors is looking at new measures at the next BOS meeting on Tuesday for serving the un-housed which includes the addition of new officers.
- d. **Queensland Fruit Fly Quarantine Growers Meeting:** The meeting will be held on February 28, 2024, 2:00PM – 4:00PM, at the Agriculture Museum, 926 Railroad Ave., Santa Paula, CA 93060. My staff has a flyer for those who want to attend the meeting.
- e. **Tonight, Alex Pratt, Vice President of AmCal Housing** is to Speak on the Somis Ranch Farmworker Housing Project: He and his staff are here at my invitation and will be addressing some of the concerns and issues that you have brought forward. I ask that you receive him as my guest tonight.

10. Council Comments –

- a. **Chair Pat Richards** asked for the safety Officers to make a report
 - i. **CHP Officer Sgt. Orr:** Reported on the construction on Highway 118. He indicated there were issues with the contractor and County but are back on track. We are monitoring semi-trucks along the 118 and State 34 and performing spot inspections.
 - ii. **Deputy Sheriff Gonzalez:** Thefts with mailboxes are occurring on Loma and Bradley, so pick up mail as soon as it is delivered. Teenagers playing "Water Assassin" which can be dangerous. The water guns can appear to be realistic which can cause problems. Please report the theft from mailboxes. Report to Sheriff station in Camarillo. Do not restrain any individuals because you do not know if they are armed. It is a federal crime to break into mailboxes.

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12) Ventura County Fire Department

El Nino weather conditions continue to affect Ventura County. We encourage the public to monitor weather conditions, plan and stay safe from flooding. Keep rain gutters and drains clear, prepare an emergency go kit and sign up for VC Alert at www.readyventuracouty.org. The Ventura County Fire Department is working to prepare its new headquarters in Thousand Oaks for operation. The department hopes to complete its move-in this June. More structure fires start in kitchens than in any other room. The Ventura County Fire Department focused much of its community education efforts on kitchen fire safety in 2023. That campaign helped reduce the number of kitchen fires to which VCFD responded from 70 in 2022 to 56 in 2023, a 20% decrease.

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13) Update Ventura County Sheriff Department

Camarillo Police Department and the Ventura County Sheriff's Office are currently accepting applications for upcoming Citizen's police Academy, which is a 12-week course designed to give citizens an overview of departmental functions and procedures. Anyone 18 or older can apply if they have no felony convictions. A new and dangerous game called "Water Assassins" is being played by high school students. The play guns appear as real weapons and are causing a lot of calls to the Sheriff station. Sometimes laws are broken including displaying an imitation firearm,

trespassing, reckless driving, battery, or assault. Parents need to be aware and encourage their children to not participate in dangerous activities.

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14) Review of Amended 2024 Municipal Advisory Council Meeting Calendar:

MAC members to review amended 2024 Somis MAC calendar for consideration.
(See attached draft calendar)

a) Motion made by **Tyler Cobb** to accept the new calendar, seconded by **Jack Foss**. Motion Passes.

15) Update for Public Works Requests December and January – Somis

In December a total of 14 requests were received using the Public Works, VCPWA Connect App. Out of the 14 requests a total of 12 were closed out and two carried over. Eight of the requests were for customer service or general questions, three were for water services/requests, one for weed abatement, one for illegal dumping, and one for road maintenance.

For the month of January, a total of 32 requests were made using the Public Works, VCPWA Connect App. Out of the 32 requests, a total of 32 have been closed out. Fifteen of the requests involved general questions or concerns, 6 for road maintenance requests, 7 for water services/requests, 3 involving waste or sanitation issues, and one was for illegal grading. The app can be used to report issues such as graffiti removal, potholes, waste management issues, and illegal dumping. Please refer online: VCPublicWorks.org or your app store and search VCPWA Connect. It is an effective way to solve issues and help your community.

January showed a 43% increase in reports indicating more people are beginning to use the app for reporting issues.

16) Update Presentation of Somis Farm Housing Project – Alex Pratt, Vice President of AMCAL/ AMTEX Housing.

- A) Presentation: Amcal Vice President, Alex Pratt gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the complex, the number of housing units in each phase, income/ job qualifications for applying at Somis Farmworkers Ranch, and the timeline of each phase.
- B) **Chair Pat Richards** opened the meeting for public comments. **Mr. Pratt** answered each of their questions in the order received. The following is a list

of those residents who spoke publicly followed by the questions they asked, and the answers provided:

- **Debbie & Joe Rice, Christina Gasich, Jim Pellerino, Cheryl Wade, Rick Wall, Jean Bricker, Dave Cox, Ross, Eric Taylor, Steve Dombrowski, Dianne Anders, Jaymi Stevens, Amy Cerveney, Dominique Cotell and Patricia Feiner Arkin.**
- Speakers spoke on a range of issues and concerns that included:
 - i. Concerns about how the high-density project will impact Somis.
 - ii. Potential for traffic congestion and hazards due to the number of cars entering and exiting the property and the proximity to the State 34 and Los Posas Road.
 - iii. Potential for non-farmer workers living in the complex.
 - iv. The complex will benefit higher income individuals rather than low-income farmworkers that it intended to help.
 - v. Concerns about the capabilities of the fire system during a fire due to limitations of the size and location of the incoming waterlines coming into Somis.
 - vi. How will income, jobs and vehicles be verified and monitored on a long-term basis to ensure it remains a farmworkers housing unit.
 - vii. Discussion on the tax credits and methods used to build the project.
 - viii. People asked about the likelihood of another farmworker's development being brought into Somis and whether AmCal had another project in the planning stages for the Somis area.
- **Mr. Pratt** indicated that there was no other farmworker development in the works for Somis by AmCal and that they had nothing to do with the recent purchase of a plot of land. He spoke about the traffic and fire studies that had been completed as part of the project and how they have passed each of the requirements set by the state and the county. He agreed that he would need to clarify the verification process, specifically about whether non-family members could qualify to live in the property if they are on the same application as the farmworker. He also agreed that the number of parking spaces allocated could be an issue. He indicated that the funding for the project dictates that they verify both the income and the job status of the applicants. AmCal and the Supervisor's office have agreed to meet and discuss the waterline issue and work with Caltrans to help ensure that the traffic mitigation projects be addressed for a timeline and completion.
- MAC member and **Chair Pat Richards** requested that Caltrans and Public Planning be brought to the next MAC meeting to address some of the concerns raised at this meeting.

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- Item tabled until the next MAC meeting on April 11th, 2024.

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a) Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **Jack Foss**, seconded by **Tyler Cobb**. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:07PM.



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GAVIN NEWSOM, GOVERNOR

CALIFORNIA STATE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

To: The Somis MAC c/o Supervisor Gorell's office

CHP MOORPARK'S SOMIS MAC TALKING POINTS: (4.11.24)

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March 6, 2024

Attn: Supervisor Jeff Gorell and Municipal Advisory Committees

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Sincerely,

Scott Thomsen
Director of Communications and Public Affairs
Ventura County Fire Department

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APRIL 13, 11 AM - 2 PM

- Free hot dog lunch for the first 200 people ✓
- Station Tours ✓
- Information Booths ✓
- Touch a Truck (VCFD Fire Truck, SWAT & more!) ✓
- Mounted Enforcement Unit ✓
- Bike Rodeo for kids of all ages ✓
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- Car Seat Inspection & Installation Station ✓

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Rodriguez, Israel

From: Gonzalez, Miguel
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 4:32 PM
To: Rodriguez, Israel
Subject: VSO Safety Report for MAC meeting on April 11, 2024

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EA 39750
Bus Stops and
Turn Lanes

State Route 34

Somis Ranch Farmworker Housing Complex Traffic Mitigation

- Construct two VCTC bus stops
- Add two right turn lanes and one left turn lane into new housing development



Fact Sheet For EA 39750

Widen SR34 to accommodate two new right turn lanes and one left turn lane into the housing development

VEN-034-15.8/16.3

Project Description:

• Location and Limits:

Construction of two bus stops to serve Ventura County Transportation Commission Route 77 along SR34

• Background:

The County of Ventura proposes to construct left and right turn lanes into the two proposed access roads of the farmworker housing project. A new right turn lane into the existing southwest entrance, as well as right and left turn lanes with a new signal into the northeast entrance. In addition, two new bus stops to serve the VCTC Route 77 line. This is an oversight DEER project with the County of Ventura. There is a Cooperative Agreement (COOP) in progress for RW dedication from the County of Ventura to the State. Target date for execution of this COOP is the summer of 2024, and the target to issue an encroachment permit to begin construction is the fall of 2024.

• What The Work Involves:

Widen SR 34 between mile markers 15.9-16.3 to accommodate two new right turn lanes and one new left turn lane into the housing development currently under construction. Construction will also include the installation of a new traffic signal at the northeast entrance. Construction will include pull-out areas and bus shelters. Improvements will include the installation of a new pedestrian cross walk within the intersection of SR 34 and Upland Rd.

• Benefits:

Provide safe ingress and egress along SR-34 for both entrances to the new housing development. In addition, the bus stops will provide additional stops along VCTC Route 77 and increase ridership and usability of the line for the public.

Concerned Communities:

County of Ventura, Community of Somis, Somis Municipal Advisory Council

State And Federal Officials:

Assembly District(s): Steve Bennett (38)

Senate District(s): Scott Wilk (21), Henry Stern (27)

U.S. Congressional District(s): Julia Brownley (26)

City/Community:

Other Interested Parties:

Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell, Somis Municipal Advisory Council

Schedules:

Construction Phase Begins: Fall 2024

Construction Phase Ends: Winter 2024/2025

Total Estimated Project Costs: \$ 1.100 Million

Project Contacts:

Project Manager: Fawne Yamashiro, 213-266-6139

Area Manager: Karen Fong, 213-880-3771

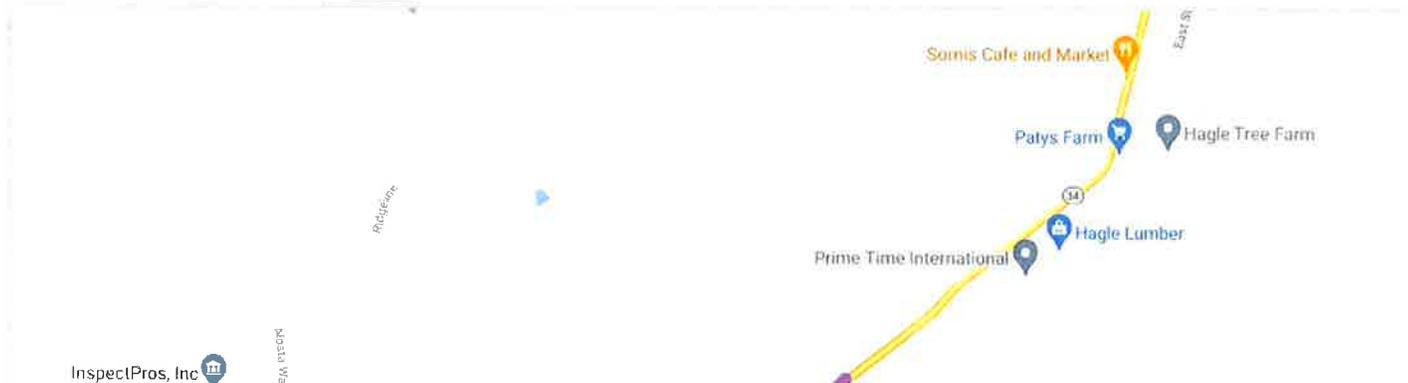
Map:

Project Map For EA : 07-39750 15.79 And 16.31

VEN-034-15.8/16.3, Construction of two bus stops to serve Ventura County Transportation Commission Route 77 along SR34, Widen SR34 to accommodate two new right turn lanes and one left turn lane into the housing development

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Highway Projects in and Near Somis



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COUNTY of VENTURA

JEFF GORELL

SUPERVISOR 2ND DISTRICT

MEMO

DATE: March 25, 2024

TO: Kim Prillhart, Director of Resource Management Agency (RMA)
Dave Ward, Deputy Director RMA Planning
Jeff Pratt, Director Public Works Agency
David Fleisch, Deputy Director, Public Works Agency

CC: Somis Municipal Advisory Council
Dr. Sevet Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Jeff Gorell

SUBJECT: Somis Farmworker Housing Project & Future Development in Somis

The Somis Farmworker Housing project, which is reaching completion, remains the top topic among residents in Somis, and by the Somis Municipal Advisory Council. Sincere concerns linger as they relate to safety, traffic flow, evacuation routes, water availability, and other mitigations that residents believe were not adequately addressed at the time the project was approved. Collectively, I know that we are all working along with our jurisdictional partners, like CALTRANS, and with the builders, to address some of these issues. This memo is not to point fingers, but to ask that County staff please flag for me and my staff any activity related to additional proposed development – including farmworker housing – through the Somis Road corridor.

Somis Municipal Advisory Council has recently heard new community concerns about potential development in the area. While I am told that we do not have any large projects before us at this time, I also know that the current laws may allow for an expedited permit process, under some circumstances. The process can unfold quickly. I respectfully ask that if you become aware of or receive any indication of future noteworthy development in the Somis area, please contact my office so that we can ensure that an effective presentation to the Somis Municipal Advisory Council can occur – complete with timelines and opportunities for community feedback and review.

I will work to stand by the community to ensure the look and feel of their region is maintained to their expectations while ensuring complete transparency and advanced notification of any applicant's intentions.



Creating the Vision and Future for Somis

What is a vision statement?

A vision statement is a declaration of an organization's purpose, goals and desired outcomes. This statement helps stakeholders envision what the organization will look like in the future, providing them with directions to move toward when planning and implementing community strategies. When MAC members and residents have a clear, meaningful, and realistic vision to work toward, it can help motivate them to achieve those goals. You can reference your vision statement externally in advertising and on public-facing websites or internally in company documents and as a measure for performance reviews.

Example Nonprofit Vision Statements

Here are some examples of nonprofit vision statements:

- **VFW:** Our vision is to ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.
- **Amnesty International:** Amnesty International's vision is of a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights instruments.
- **ASPCA:** Our organization was founded on the belief that animals are entitled to kind and respectful treatment at the hands of humans and must be protected under the law.
- **Cleveland Clinic:** We strive to be the world's leader in patient experience, clinical outcomes, research, and education.
- **Ducks Unlimited:** The vision of Ducks Unlimited is wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow and forever.
- **Habitat for Humanity:** A world where everyone has a decent place to live.
- **Human Rights Campaign (HRC):** The Human Rights Campaign envisions a world where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people are embraced as full members of society at home, at work, and in every community.

What to Include in a Vision Statement?

Vision statements should be short (usually no longer than two sentences), memorable, aspirational, and compelling. The average length ranges from 10 to 15 words (a vision statement of 30 words would be considered long). Aim for fewer than 20 words, and then see if you can pare down the statement even further.

A vision statement should describe your organization's unique aspirations and should, therefore, be precise. It should also align with your values. Because a vision statement depicts the broad, long-term vision, it should present optimistic, but realistic expectations — that is, ones that your employees can reasonably work with. Above all, the values that you convey must be relatable for your employees, directors, investors, and customers. Here's what to include in a vision statement:

- **Focus on the Future:** Describe your aspirations for how the organization should look and feel in the future and what it should accomplish.
- **Specify a Clear Vision:** Provide direction that's clear and focused enough to shape decision making. Makes the statement concise and easy to read and remember. Some sources suggest focusing on one objective. If you must elaborate, do it in an additional document.
- **Make the Scope Broad:** At the same time, a vision should be general enough to encompass changing possibilities.
- **Make It Achievable:** A vision shouldn't be so abstract and lofty as to never be attainable.
- **Make It Inspiring:** Members of your organization and outside stakeholders should be inspired to extend themselves and organization resources in order to achieve a greater goal.
- **Find Something Stable:** Your vision statement should define a goal that has a reasonable expectation of success despite economic, technological, or other shifts.
- **Pinpoint a Date:** Specify the future date by which the company should have achieved the goal.
- **Include Relevant Goals and Values:** Ensure that the statement applies to current and foreseeable efforts and challenges.

What Makes Your Organization Unique? Define what differentiates your company from all other organizations and why that quality is crucial to both internal stakeholders and clients.

What Is the Difference Between a Mission Statement and a Vision Statement?

A mission statement describes the purpose and day-to-day effort of an organization. A vision statement describes an organization's ultimate goal or future outcome. But the two work in tandem: A vision statement expresses what you ultimately want to achieve; a mission statement articulates what you will do to get there. Together, the mission and vision statements provide direction and destination.

