



COUNTY of VENTURA
Office of Disability Access

Strategic Plan

2024 – 2027

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The Office of Disability Access

is dedicated to actualizing the County of Ventura’s commitment to nurturing an environment of inclusivity and belonging in our community. This strategic plan articulates the objectives of the Office in the realms of accessibility, cultural incorporation, employment and economic opportunities, and community engagement, focusing particularly on our disability community. With a comprehensive aim to enhance and unify the County’s initiatives, this plan serves as a roadmap, offering guidance to propel both the County and the Office of Disability Access toward progress and positive transformation.

2024 Elected Officials and Agency Directors

COUNTY OF VENTURA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



DISTRICT 1
Supervisor
Matt LaVere



DISTRICT 2
Supervisor
Jeff Gorell



DISTRICT 3
Supervisor
Kelly Long



DISTRICT 4
Supervisor
Janice S. Parvin



DISTRICT 5
Supervisor
Vianey Lopez

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Sevet Johnson, PsyD.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Assessor	Keith Taylor
Auditor-Controller	Jeff Burgh
Clerk-Recorder/Registrar	Michelle Ascencion
District Attorney	Erik Nasarenko
Sheriff	Jim Fryhoff
Treasurer/Tax Collector	Sue Horgan

AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

Agriculture Commissioner	Korinne Bell	Human Services Agency	Melissa Livingston
Airports	Keith Freitas	Information Systems	Terry Theobald
Animal Services	Jackie Rose	Library Services	Nancy Schram
County Counsel	Tiffany North	Medical Examiners Office	Christopher Young
Child Support Services	Marcus Mitchell	Probation Agency	Gina Johnson
Fire Protection District	Dustin Gardner	Public Defender	Claudia Bautista
General Services Agency	Dave Sasek	Public Works Agency	Jeff Pratt
Harbor Department	Michael Tripp	Resource Management Agency	Kim Prillhart
Health Care Agency	Barry Zimmerman		

Mission, Values, & Guiding Principles

MISSION

To provide superior public service and support so that all residents have the opportunity to improve their quality of life while enjoying the benefits of a safe, healthy, and vibrant community.

VALUES

Build and foster public trust through:

- Ethical behavior
- Transparency and accountability
- Equitable treatment and respect of all constituents
- Excellence in service delivery

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We focus on serving our resident and business communities by:

- Innovative and growth provoking goals
- Delivery of culturally minded initiatives
- Consistent source of opportunities
- Advocacy and community involvement
- Strategic consideration to increase access



Strategic Priorities 2024–2027

**ACCESSIBLE, MOBILE, AND
RELIABLE FOUNDATION**

**ENVIRONMENT FOCUSED
ON DISABILITY COMMUNITY
INCORPORATION**

**EMPLOYMENT STRATEGIES
SUPPORTING MODEL EMPLOYER
EXCELLENCE AND ECONOMIC
VITALITY**

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND
INDEPENDENCE STIMULUS**



Accessible, Mobile, and Reliable Foundation

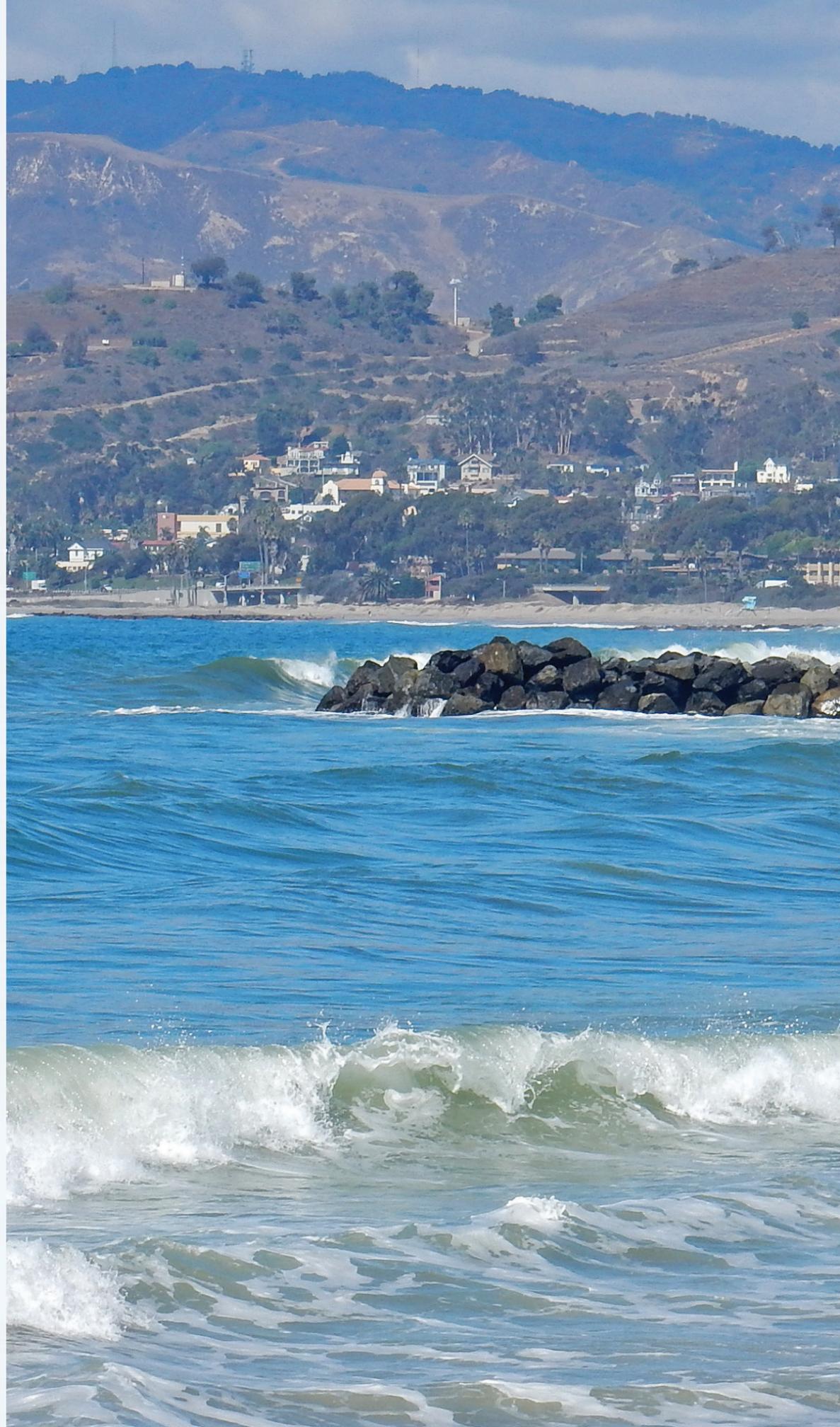
1. Advocate for increased accessible County-wide transportation options with an emphasis on flexible and user-friendly options.
2. Ensure Digital Accessibility is at the forefront to enable access to County services and supports as broadly as possible.
3. Coordinate with County Counsel regarding a privileged and confidential large scale multi-tier Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Assessment and Transition Plan of enhancement of physical access of County facilities and rights-of-way, with opportunities for public input as may be required by law.
4. Emphasis on community relationships and engagement focused on Access and Functional Needs in County emergency preparedness, response, and recovery efforts.
5. Support local businesses and organizations to understand and embrace accessibility and inclusion of customers with disabilities through direct communication, chamber involvement, etc.

Environment Focused on Disability Community Incorporation

1. Provision of disability culture, etiquette, and communication trainings and presentations county-wide to increase connection, understanding, and comfort.
2. Consistent hosting of internal and external events focusing on disability awareness, service exploration, and local government/community partnerships.
3. Creation of a community resource group with overarching goals of improving navigation, civic engagement, and County program satisfaction.
4. Hosting of a bi-annual speaker series bringing leaders and change makers from the disability community to the County and the maintenance of a database of expert speakers to be available for events hosted by the Office of Disability Access.

Employment Strategies Supporting Model Employer Excellence and Economic Vitality

1. Utilization and growth of community partnerships to provide applicant readiness support for successful employment outcomes.
2. Internship Programming creating an opportunity for focused work experience specific to qualified employees with disabilities looking to enter the County workforce.
3. Emphasize employer education within the County government and beyond to assist employers with tools for interviewing, hiring, and supporting employees with disabilities.
4. Formation of a disability specific employee resource group led by employees with disabilities.
5. Active engagement with County learning and training departments to revitalize accessibility and cultural courses specific to disability for all employees with an emphasis on management.
6. Creation of a confidential self-identification survey to provide data regarding the diversity of disability found within the County workforce.
7. Encourage increased opportunities for economic security and vitality by utilizing a disability lens in policy and programmatic efforts.



Youth Leadership and Independence Stimulus

1. Engagement with local schools at all levels offering disability history, culture, and awareness education.
2. Statewide and regional participation in efforts to lift-up youth with disabilities focusing on transition aged youth.
3. Creation of a county-wide advisory committee of students with disabilities to inform and provide insight and expertise on lived educational experience.
4. Creation of a County-wide cross-disability youth leadership event in partnership with education, community-based, and life-skill focused providers.





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