

# You spoke, we listened VI.

The Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning is committed to maintaining an ongoing exchange of information between us and you, the residents of Hacienda Heights. You have a lot to teach us about your community, your issues, and your vision for the future. We are here to provide technical expertise and to answer any questions you may have about the Community Plan Update. **When you speak, we listen.**

We've created this form to respond to questions you've asked during community meetings. The information provided is in response to inquiries received at the **August 27, 2008 Community Meeting**. We hope this information will be useful as we continue the Community Plan Update Process. Please let us know what you think!

## YOU ASKED: *What are "tipping fees?"*



**ANSWER:** In December 2002 expansion of the Puente Hills Landfill was approved by the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission through a Conditional Use Permit. As part of this permit a condition was imposed on the Landfill that requires that \$1 be paid into a Community Benefit and Environmental Education Trust Fund for each ton of solid waste placed in the landfill until the permit expires in 2013. The monies placed in this fund are commonly referred to as "tipping fees." According to the permit, the purpose of the fund created with the tipping fees is to provide resources for environmental, educational, and quality of life programs and regional public facilities that primarily benefit the Hacienda Heights and Avocado Heights communities. To learn about efforts thus far in selecting projects and programs to be funded by the tipping fees, please see the Tipping Fee Documents at: <http://knabe.com/cities/haciendaheights.html> or contact the project consultant Mr. Jeffrey Lambert at [Jeffrey@jeffrey-lambert.com](mailto:Jeffrey@jeffrey-lambert.com).

## YOU ASKED: *How can I learn about capital improvement projects in Hacienda Heights?*

**ANSWER:** There are several ways to learn about capital improvement projects in Hacienda Heights. County service providers from various departments provide reports of major projects at the monthly meetings of the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association. To learn about past meetings and to get a schedule of upcoming meetings, please visit [www.hhia.net](http://www.hhia.net). Information on major projects can also be found on Supervisor Don Knabe's website, at [www.knabe.com](http://www.knabe.com). Finally, the *Hacienda Heights Connection Newsletter* you receive each year provides a wealth of information on county services, including a list of major physical community updates and improvements.

## YOU ASKED: *How are the State and County budgets related?*

**ANSWER:** State funding accounts for one portion of the County's budget. Federal and local revenues are also used to finance County expenditures. Federal and state revenues are generally available primarily for specific human services. Local sources of funds include the County's share of the property tax, vehicle license fees, sales and use taxes, and fines and charges for services. These are the primary funding sources for public protection, recreation and cultural services, infrastructure, and general government services. (Source: LA County Annual Report 2007-2008) The County budget is required by law to be approved on a yearly basis. As such, funding for infrastructure projects and government services is committed on an annual basis. Unlike the County, the State is not required by law to approve a budget by a certain date each year. Delays in the State budget process do impact the County's revenue sources for programmatic expenditures, however, they do not impact the delivery of the general government services listed above. For more information on the County budget, please visit <http://lacounty.info/budget.htm>

