

COMMUNITY VISION STATEMENT

ENVISION UPTOWN

“ We envision Uptown as an identifiable and inviting neighborhood, full of pride, with a range of community-serving destinations and hubs – a community that supports its residents and businesses, and creatively celebrates its existing and growing diversity. ”

As a livable, full service neighborhood, people who live in Uptown can visit local businesses, rather than traveling outside to go to the bank, shop, and meet friends. Uptown will not be a place to pass through – it will be place to live, work, play, and visit, with high-quality stores, public art, accessible housing, and appealing streets that are pleasant to walk along. North Long Beach will be a clean and green oasis, well-positioned and easily accessible to nearby transit, bikeways, and highways, as a gateway to the region.



PEOPLE



People in North Long Beach will be...

ROOTED IN THE COMMUNITY

A rooted community of long-term North Long Beach residents, living & working in the neighborhood, & benefiting from improvements made.

DIVERSE AND HEALTHY

Diverse in age, ethnicity, income, & race, while preventing displacement. Living in a healthy environment and able to age in place.

FULL OF PRIDE

Full of pride and engaged in their neighborhood.



STREETS & MOBILITY



Streets in North Long Beach will...

TREES, PLANTS, & STREET LIGHTS

Be filled in with drought-resistant street trees that provide shade, landscaping, & pedestrian-oriented street lights.

PUBLIC ART

Integrate public art into building edges & public spaces. Opportunities should be made to showcase the neighborhood's unique artistic, cultural, & historic identity.

REPAIRED & MAINTAINED

Be repaired & better-maintained with a high-quality design aesthetic.

WALK, BIKE, & TAKE THE BUS

Make it easier, safer, & more pleasant to walk, bike, & take buses or trains to local destinations, for people of all ages & abilities.

CROSSINGS & SLOWED TRAFFIC

Have more frequent crossings & slowed traffic through the main commercial corridors.

PARKING IMPACTS

Be cognizant of the impacts that older buildings without parking and the overcrowding of residential neighborhoods is having on the availability of street parking.



BUILDINGS



Buildings in North Long Beach will accommodate...

ACTIVATION & RE-PURPOSING

Activated & re-purposed spaces with ground floors that do not sit vacant.

CIVIC INSTITUTIONS

New civic institutions like schools & community centers.

FULL SERVICE COMMUNITY

A mixture of uses that support a full-service community - with places to hang out; for example: a shopping center, cafés, restaurants, healthy grocery store, banks, & creative spaces.

HEALTHY USES

Uses that benefit health, such as those that increase access to healthy foods or provide spaces for physical activity.

LIMITED USES

Limited & re-purposed industrial uses, motels, & liquor stores, with a transition of industrial spaces to cleaner uses.

MICRO & SMALL SPACES

Micro & small spaces & live/work opportunities to support local businesses & artists.

DESIGN & FLEXIBILITY

High-quality, coordinated, flexible, & welcoming building design with consistent architectural themes or features.

"UNITED WE HUG"
MURAL
BY
@DAVE VAN PATTEN



OPEN SPACES



Open Spaces in North Long Beach will be...

MAINTAINED, GREENED, MODERNIZED

Better maintained, greened, modernized, & improved with amenities.

MORE & DIFFERENT SIZES

Expanded with more public green spaces of different sizes and types, from parklets to sports fields and everything in between.

SAFE & WELCOMING

Accessible to residents at day and night times and secure for all.

LINKED TO REGIONAL NETWORK

Connected to the LA River and other regional and local open spaces, such as Compton Creek.

ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMMING

Designed to provide a range of activities & programming for Long Beach residents of all ages & abilities.

