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 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 in North Long Beach will...

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<td>Be filled in with drought-resistant street trees that provide shade, landscaping, &amp; pedestrian-oriented street lights.</td>
<td>Integrate public art into building edges &amp; public spaces. Opportunities should be made to showcase the neighborhood’s unique artistic, cultural, &amp; historic identity.</td>
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<td>Be repaired &amp; better-maintained with a high-quality design aesthetic.</td>
<td>Make it easier, safer, &amp; more pleasant to walk, bike, &amp; take buses or trains to local destinations, for people of all ages &amp; abilities.</td>
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<td>Have more frequent crossings &amp; slowed traffic through the main commercial corridors.</td>
<td>Be cognizant of the impacts that older buildings without parking and the overcrowding of residential neighborhoods is having on the availability of street parking.</td>
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Buildings in North Long Beach will accommodate...

**ACTIVATION & RE-PURPOSING**
Activated & re-purposed spaces with ground floors that do not sit vacant.

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

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

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

**MICRO & SMALL SPACES**
Micro & small spaces & live/work opportunities to support local businesses & artists.

**CIVIC INSTITUTIONS**
New civic institutions like schools & community centers.

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