

2019 Avila Beach Community Foundation Survey Results



How long have you resided in the greater Avila Beach area?

<u>Years</u>	<u># of Respondents</u>	<u>% of Respondents</u>
0 – 5	18	22.0%
6 – 10	21	25.6%
11- 20	22	26.8%
20+ years	<u>21</u>	<u>25.6%</u>
	82	100%

What types of community enrichment events are of most interest to you?

<u>Events</u>	<u># of Respondents</u>
Informational	61
Educational	47
Social	45
Forums/Workshops	41

What future workshop topics would be of most interest to you?

Workshops

of Respondents

Avila History & Heritage

53

Healthy Living

34

Environment

30

Travel

25

Cooking

20

Internet/Smart Phone Technology

19

Gardening

15

Finance

11

See next page for "Other" Workshop Topics

What future workshop topics would be of most interest to you? Other

- Marine life
- Ways to be activists on behalf of our beautiful Avila Beach area given we do not have exclusive representatives to the county.
- Would be great to offer a Kids Cooking/Gardening summer camp.
- How about more history on the Chumash Indians and their way of life centuries ago. Plus the Whaling Ship that came into our harbor.
- Avila traffic and subsequent safety (fire, earthquake, etc.) concerns.
- How to prevent more growth without infrastructure expansion.
- Forums with members of other communities that are like ours, for example, how do they deal with tourism? How do they keep their community clean and friendly? How do they work with government agencies, esp. if they are not a city.
- I would like a presentation by the agencies that the Foundation funds, putting a face to the organization and hearing how funding has helped them make Avila a better place.
- Quality of life/Safety issues. e.g. traffic, event impacts
- Longevity exercises

In what areas should the Foundation focus its future efforts in Avila Beach?

<u>Areas of Focus</u>	<u># of Respondents</u>
Community Enrichment Events	65
Grant Making	46
Public Art Installations	36

See next page for “Other” Areas of Focus

In what areas should the Foundation focus its future efforts in Avila Beach? Other

- Preserving the natural beauty, safety and accessibility of Avila.
- Please do not let business owners let their employees park all day in prime spaces. When I visit and stay for a couple of weeks I have observed this unacceptable behavior frequently.
- Keeping Avila Beach from becoming too big and crowded and looking at those business people who want to over use the city and roads.
- Activism. Ways to be activists on behalf of our beautiful Avila Beach area given we do not have exclusive representatives to the county.
- Open pier
- Awareness of the future of what may happen to Avila
- Preserving & protecting Avila Beach. Traffic and parking issues.
- Cultivate philanthropy
- Grant making for Avila grantees. Keep it within Avila.
- I think the Foundation has done a great job spreading the wealth and also participating in activities that provide community enrichment!
- Congestion
- Rest areas to sit alongside beach cliff at dog beach.

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PIER:

- Put it toward fixing the pier.
- Avila Beach pier
- Pier repair
- Fixing the pier
- Getting wealthy people to contribute and get their name on a very special pier.
- Trying to woo all the wealthy people around here to donate to the repair of the pier. With enough \$\$\$\$ they could get their name on it.
- Support efforts to repair the Avila pier
- To finance fundraising strategy/efforts to rebuild the Avila pier

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PARKING/TRAFFIC FLOW:

- Better parking
- Parking!!!!
- Parking issues during the summer & holidays.
- Real time traffic study on a concert weekend in the summer.
- Exploring innovative options to develop solutions for bumper to bumper traffic and lack of parking. Continue to promote events that build a sense of community and partnership.
- To create a residence parking pass for those of us in Avila, See Canyon, Squire Canyon, Barron areas so to just pop in to visit a store or restaurant. We are not always paying to support local.
- Speed humps
- Alternatives for SAFE egress of residents, employees and visitors in case of fire or other environmental catastrophes or potential catastrophes.

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BEACH/TOWN BEAUTIFICATION & IMPROVEMENTS:

- I'd like to see less trash on sidewalks - and beach. I know the Harbor District is responsible for trash containers on sidewalk - but maybe foundation could help in some way - like cleaning of tops of containers weekly -and washing down sidewalks. I like to see foundation continue with art/murals in Avila. Delighted to see Foundation will pay for newspaper for all residents.
- Beach cleanup
- Beach beautification
- Funding toward the upkeep/maintenance of Downtown Avila Beach promenade/beach area to help keep the area clean & inviting (i.e. power washing sidewalks/promenade, bench repair, sand removal from sidewalks, etc.)
- Grant's to beautify public gardens (street corners)

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BEACH/TOWN BEAUTIFICATION & IMPROVEMENTS:

- Repair & replace info signs along boardwalk. While a Public Works issue these are ignored.
- Cleanup the weeds, bushes and trees growing out of the retaining wall and clean up the walkway / rusty handrails (both areas along Front street); It's ugly and takes away from the beauty. Remove all the painted rocks. That's just wrong! (and an eyesore)
- Cleaning and landscaping. Beaches and walkways need to be clean and this requires labor to assess and address on a regular basis, including public restrooms.
- Items to help keep the area clean and tidy, such as additional trash and recycle containers. Historical landmarks, interpretive signage.
- Replace the painfully noisy leaf blowers with a quieter brand. Or use good old-fashioned brooms and rakes! Have you ever watched those guys blowing sand around?--totally inefficient! I bet a time-and-motion study would show the job does not actually get done any faster with the blowers. BTW: 1. there ARE quieter leaf blowers; 2. many communities are banning leaf blowers. It is definitely a well-recognized, valid quality-of-life issue.

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BEACHES/TRAILS/PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS:

- Put some concrete benches on the road near the tank farm overlooking the beach - same along the road to the boat basin.
- Benches
- Picnic tables on the beach
- Public places to sit with shade and water.
- Nature/hiking trail maintenance
- Road/Trail repair
- Enhance biking/hiking/walking trails
- Seed money to extend Bob Jones trail to Port San Luis.
- I wish there were a running/biking trail all along Avila Beach to the pier and beyond to the light house.
- Use it on Pirate's Cove to make it more friendly to use

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NATURE/SEA LIFE/GARDENS:

- Beach walks with nature study and sea life talks.
- More local nature/marine/bird life exhibits.
- Creating a community garden in Avila where the community can come together and grow vegetables and fruit and share in the crop. It could be supported by gardening and nutrition and cooking classes while also building community and health.
- Create a community garden space and a Sunday local farmers market, possibly located in the parking lot by the SLBE gatehouse next to the realty building closest to San Luis Bay Drive.

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MISC. COMMUNITY GROUPS/EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

- Avila Aquarium
- Support non-profits
- Point San Luis Light Station donation
- Give to Avila Beach Civic Association for programs and activities that benefit community
- Opportunities for coordinated activities with all the non-profits in Avila Beach
- Public Art and business promotions through South County Chambers of Commerce.
- Create more activities
- Concerts, Park, Art events, Public garden

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MISC. COMMUNITY GROUPS/EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

- Avila resident community events
- Support local businesses
- Increased law enforcement presence.
- Scholarships to deserving high school students for college (that couldn't afford it otherwise). Book mobile for in bound seniors.
- Would be great to offer a Kids Cooking/Gardening summer camp. You could charge for the classes/camp and actually make money as well.
- Family fun event
- On children education and fun

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MISC. COMMUNITY GROUPS/EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

- Support of community service projects
- I might explore a feasibility study that would grant Avila citizens more governing power for the community they live in.
- To a group to gather facts that would provide supervisors an impact statement on our community of events and development.
- A program to educate visitors (and locals!) about protecting the safety, accessibility and natural environment of our wonderful Avila Beach.
- Preserving Avila as the unique historic entity it is
- Providing a picture of Avila in the future and what everyone needs to do to make it better and preserve the best parts.