

How would you characterize your community's relationship with the county?

There are mixed feelings about the relationship between the City/Town and County from the perspective of City/Town staff. Many feel that there are opportunities to improve the relationship between the Cities/Town and the County. However, from the the perspective of the community, most people do not see where City/Town and County line or services start/stop.

What can the county do to improve its relationship with your community?

Collaborate - There are a number of opportunities for the Cities, Town and County to collaborate Regional issues, like water, vineyard development, studies, and development rules, to make better, more sustainable, long term decisions. Examples of where the collaboration this is working well - Fire, Sheriff, etc.

Address Traffic & Implications of Traffic -There are implications beyond time in the car and the number of cars on the road when we discuss traffic; this also impacts schools, businesses, community engagement, connectivity of the community, etc.

Planning - There is a desire to see more inclusive and proactive planning, with regional support.

More Partnerships less Politics - collaboration with Boards, Councils, mutual revenue sharing, esp. with growth around the edges.

More Consistency, Clarity on Roles/ Expectations - For example, development, things are not always followed consistently.

City, Town, County Managers
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What major initiatives are you working on in your community through June 30, 2022 that could impact the county and the county's future direction?

Most cities/town have just finished or in the process of finishing their General Plan. They are looking regional approaches and solutions to challenges like, housing, traffic and water. There is an opportunity to strategically look at growth and how to continue to meet the needs of the community, especially for water resources, access, and supply. Other areas to consider include recreation and safety.

What suggestions do you have for ways your community and the county can work together to address regional issues, including traffic, housing, the environment, and water?

Our communities and the County can work together on areas like: water sharing/recycling; a regional approach to traffic (i.e. a Congestion Management Agency, that produces and executes a Congestion Management Plan); housing (celebrating our successes - i.e. the 300 affordable housing units under construction now in Napa and pooling resources for future projects); shared principles about how we work together (Citites, Town, County, and Electeds); Regional Council of Government; increasing spending from our community in our community by making it more affordable; and, promoting community engagement and connection (know thy neighbor).