

**SOUTH COUNTY
REGIONALISM**

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USING 3 OF OUR STRENGTHS TO ADDRESS ONE OF OUR WEKNESSES

● STRENGTHS

- » Taking control of our own destiny**
- » Visionary leaders**
- » Strong educational institutions**

● WEAKNESS

- » Lack of centralized regional planning**

CURRENT REGIONAL PLANNING

**Develop suburban
communities - sprawl**

THE BITTER FRUIT OF SPRAWL

- **Bank of America study:**
 - » **suburban communities consume more in services than the tax revenues they provide**

PERCENT OF CITY SERVICES COVERED BY TAX REVENUES

● Bakersfield

» 1984-85 97%

» 1999-2000 60%

● Fresno

» 1984-85 49%

» 1999-2000 44%

Source: LA Times

THE BITTER FRUIT OF SPRAWL

- **“like a dog chasing its own tail, each city must keep on growing for no other reason than to pay for the debt incurred by past growth, never quite catching up to itself”**

Los Angeles Times

ANOTHER FRUIT OF SPRAWL

- **Traffic Congestion**
- **San Diego metro**
 - » **9th most congested metro area**
 - » **More congested than San Bernardino and Riverside Counties**

**Source: Texas
Transportation Institute**

TO SUPPORT SPRAWL COMMUNITIES

- San Diego Co. imports
 - » 98% of its energy
 - » 90% of its water
 - » 90% of its food

- San Diego Co. exports
 - » \$10 billion for the imports

Source: Jim Bell

SOLUTION: USE OUR STRENGTHS

- **By taking control of our own destiny**
- **With visionary leaders, and**
- **Strong educational institutions to train new leaders**
- **We can build sustainable communities**

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

- **Integrated:**
 - » **housing,**
 - » **work spaces**
 - » **schools**
 - » **recreation**
- **Intercity high-speed rail**
- **Intracity light rail**

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

- **Passive solar homes**
- **Electric generation**
- **Water efficient
landscaping**
- **Edible landscaping**
- **Community gardens**
- **Integrated income
housing**

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