

Community Focus Statement A: Preserve and enhance the unique environmental features of the Lake Arrowhead Communities and surrounding areas.

Action Statement A.4: Organize community members to participate in the development review process through public hearing meetings and reviewing and commenting on public documents.

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Benchmark: The existing MAC or a newly created Citizen Action Committee is established as a prominent organization, visible in Lake Arrowhead, and in County politics, that actively engages in a constructive manner in the development review process.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: \$750–\$1,000

Citizen involvement in local government and the development process is an essential part of democracy. The Lake Arrowhead communities' involvement in County government and the development review process should be encouraged because such involvement increases government legitimacy, efficiency, and accountability. Those who work and live in the Lake Arrowhead communities are uniquely aware of the local environment and how new development may impact the communities.

To preserve and enhance the unique environmental features of the Lake Arrowhead communities, citizens must participate in the development review process at the County level. Members of the communities can formally organize, review development projects proposed in the communities, and make recommendations to approve or deny projects to the responsible agencies.

Information about community meetings, public hearings, or other important events that involve citizen participation should be widely marketed to all members of the Lake Arrowhead communities. Citizens should be encouraged to participate in local government affairs and to weigh in on all issues instead of just the issues that negatively affect them. Community members should also frequent Board of Supervisors meetings and Planning Commission meetings, and create meaningful relationships with their elected and appointed officials.

For larger-scale issues or development, the Lake Arrowhead communities may desire to engage the state legislature. Communities with a strong presence in the San Bernardino County government would be able to more easily mobilize and actively engage with the state legislature.



Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. MAC Meeting determines if a separate Citizen Action Committee should be created. Contact residents and community leaders to organize a citizen action committee to stay active in County politics and the development review process.	Champion with Lake Arrowhead MAC	Months 1–12	How to Participate in the CEQA Process http://lagunabeachcity.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=3&clip_id=392&meta_id=30354
2. Identify a leader to chair the group, and create a model/foundation for group operation (such as leadership structure, meeting schedule, voting and reporting). Identify key volunteers to be charged with specific tasks.	Citizen Action Committee	Months 1–12	City of San Diego, Community Participation in the Development Process https://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/industry/customerservice/community
3. Citizen Action Committee, request formal notification from the County for all development projects located in the Lake Arrowhead communities. Lake Arrowhead MAC reviews notices from the Second District Supervisor	Citizen action committee,	Months 1–12	Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Neighborhood Councils http://empowerla.org/about-neighborhood-councils/
4. Submit written comments regularly on all development projects, during the entirety of the review process. Make constructive comments and offer alternatives, working together toward innovative solutions.	Citizen action committee or Lake Arrowhead MAC	Month 13, ongoing	San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor http://www.sbcounty.gov/BOSD2/
5. Regularly attend Board of Supervisor meetings, Planning Commission meetings, office hours, or other events where elected officials are present. Work toward relationship building with these individuals to advocate on the community's behalf.	Citizen action committee	Month 13, ongoing	San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor http://www.sbcounty.gov/BOSD2/