

Sacramento Suburban Cohousing Vision and Values

Approved 11/12/06 -- Note this statement will be updated for Folsom Cohousing.

Vision

Sycamore Village is an inclusive, earth-friendly community that fosters supportive relationships based on respect, cooperation, and fun.

Shortened version for business cards: “Sycamore Village. A Cohousing Community. An inclusive, earth-friendly neighborhood that fosters supportive relationships, cooperation, and fun.”

Values

1. Supportive Relationships – We embrace the importance of the connective relationships that hold our community together. We value compassion, support, friendships, warmth, openness, and understanding. We strive to meet individual and community needs, including a healthy balance between privacy and community.
2. Respect and Cooperation – We nurture and uphold respectful interactions within our community. As individuals and as a community, we practice respect, cooperation, trust, fairness, honesty, integrity, consensus, and acceptance. Each person and idea is valued, listened to, and respected. We believe that teamwork can accomplish greater tasks than working alone.
3. Sustainability – We respect our connection to the natural world. We cultivate an environmentally sensitive community through energy-efficient design and practices such as recycling, composting, tree and green space preservation, organic gardening, and pedestrian friendliness.
4. Health and Enrichment – We actively encourage healthy and enriching lives through opportunities for physical, intellectual and creative activities.
5. Fun – We create and encourage opportunities for laughter, play, and carefree moments through celebrations and activities.
6. Inclusiveness – We welcome anyone who shares our vision and values, regardless of differences in age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, family structure, physical ability, or spiritual practices. We encourage all people to express themselves and to feel respected and empowered. We nurture children in the community by cultivating a safe and inspiring environment. We embrace adults and seniors throughout life’s stages, recognizing each person’s valuable contributions to the community.