

ALTADENA LIBRARY DISTRICT'S

Community Conversations

Background:

Sponsored by Altadena Library District, in homes, organizations, and businesses across Altadena, residents gathered to engage in honest conversations about their visions for Altadena and the steps it will take to achieve those goals. This project gave residents of Altadena the opportunity to voice their opinion and to know that those ideas will help to inform all levels of decision-making and strategic planning for the Library and beyond.

Each conversation took place in a trusted neighbor's living room, a local coffee shop, a place of worship, a school, or a community center, with light refreshments provided. A facilitator led the group through a lively discussion, while a note taker captured the information.

Length of Process: 2 months

Two early Conversations were held in late December 2016 for Library staff and key stakeholders, but the majority of conversations took place in February and March 2017.



2 of the 23 total Community Conversations were convened in Spanish at Altadena Library District's Bob Lucas Branch Library.

Questions Used:

- What are your aspirations for the community?
- Why are these important to you?
- How is that different from the way things are now? What are your concerns about the community?
- What needs to happen to create change?
- What might your role be in that process? How will you help?

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