

# News

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## **Valley Vision Named Outstanding Small Nonprofit**

***Local nonprofit honored for creating partnerships that tackle regional issues***

**SACRAMENTO, March 4, 2006** – Valley Vision, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that aims to protect the Sacramento region’s quality of life by bringing organizations together to measure trends, plan and solve problems, has been honored this year as an outstanding nonprofit by the Sacramento-based Nonprofit Resource Center.

Valley Vision was chosen by a panel of community leaders as the honoree in the category of nonprofits with budgets under \$1 million, and received the honor Saturday night at the Nonprofit Resource Center’s annual *Look of Success* event at the Sacramento Convention Center.

“We’re grateful for this important recognition,” said Shelton Duruisseau, chairman of Valley Vision’s board of directors and Senior Associate Director & Executive Director for External Affairs for the UC Davis Health System. “Many people, past and present, have played an important leadership role in Valley Vision’s development and we appreciate their dedication.”

Founded in 1994, Valley Vision is an objective, non-partisan organization that works to increase regional collaboration and to provide impartial research for regional planning and problem-solving. Its major focus is quality-of-life issues in the six-county region that includes Sacramento, Placer, Yolo, El Dorado, Sutter and Yuba counties.

“We’re lucky to have so much cooperation from so many important regional organizations and leaders,” said Susan Frazier, Valley Vision CEO and Managing Partner. “Their willingness to remain open-minded and take risks maximizes their impact and benefits the entire region.”

Valley Vision’s signature project to date is the nationally recognized regional Blueprint Project for Transportation and Land Use, a voluntary planning effort conducted

in partnership with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments. Valley Vision helped engage more than 5,000 citizens on the advisory plan, which emphasizes smart-growth principles and earned a National Award for Smart Growth Achievement from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and a Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award from the state.

In a related effort, Valley Vision is again partnering with SACOG for outreach on the 2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, a government-required document that will decide how public officials spend \$30 billion in transportation money in our region over the next two decades. The land-use vision laid out in the Blueprint project is being used as the starting basis for this plan.

Valley Vision's portfolio of work also includes projects focused on sustaining a healthy economy such as the Partnership For Prosperity and the Multi-Cultural Business Forum; projects focused on the health of agriculture and the environment such as the Green Valley Alliance and the Cleaner Air Partnership; and social equity efforts such as Beehive Sacramento and the Hmong Resettlement Health Project.

For more information about Valley Vision projects, please see the attached fact sheet or visit [www.valleyvision.org](http://www.valleyvision.org)

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