

Valley Veg Cohousing Community Vision and Values

1. Our cohousing community is dedicated to the values of compassion and respect for all living beings, regard for personal health, and safeguarding the earth. Our community spaces shall remain free of all animal products, including meat, seafood, dairy, eggs, clothing, and footwear.
2. We shall make our community as environmentally sustainable as possible while making a concerted effort to keep homes affordable. We will weigh long-term environmental impacts and support each other in making sound day-to-day living choices that reduce our impact on the earth. We shall recycle, reuse, and share resources whenever possible.
3. We shall enjoy frequent opportunities to participate in healthy food preparation and eating with friendly neighbors with shared sensibilities. Food can be grown in a community vegetable garden.
4. We shall create a supportive community that is designed to encourage interactions between people and enrich our lives with the pleasure of cooperation and friendship. Mutual assistance shall be encouraged as an integral part of daily life.
5. We shall encourage a diverse community. We welcome singles, couples, families with children, and unconventional families. We shall embrace diversity in age, ethnicity, gender orientation, and economic background.
6. We shall enrich our community through shared activities, both work and play. Learning and teaching of skills between members and across generations shall be encouraged.
7. We shall make decisions valuing every member's participation and wisdom and diligently work to reach consensus on shared decisions to the greatest extent possible.
8. Our homes and shared spaces shall be designed to enable residents to live safely, comfortably, and avoid isolation, regardless of age.
9. The community shall be designed to enable residents to live as free as possible from pollutants, including smoke, odors, chemicals, and excessive noise. Adequate space shall exist between dwellings and motor vehicles to avoid noise and exhaust fumes. Parking shall be conveniently nearby via accessible paths.
10. We value both community and privacy and seek to have a balance between the two. We shall have shared spaces, such as the common house, in which we can participate in community meals, celebrations, and activities. All residents and visitors shall respect the privacy of community members in their private homes.
11. The community shall include gardens, natural spaces, driveways, and walkways which will be shared by all residents. Working together, we shall create an aesthetically pleasing place to live. The usage of common grounds for personal pursuits shall be those in accordance with agreed-upon community practices.
12. The community shall encourage the responsible and respectful sharing of personal spaces with companion animals. In order to make the community enjoyable for all residents and wildlife, the usage of common grounds by companion animals shall be those in accordance with agreed upon community practices.