

**Community Focus Statement D:** Promote economic development that compliments the rural agricultural character and natural setting of the Oak Glen community.

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**Action Statement D.2:** Advocate and collaborate with the County to develop community based standards for wedding venue priority areas and requirements to alleviate nuisance issues.

**Benchmark:** Specific regulations for local event/wedding venues submitted to County for review and action.

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

**Estimated Cost:** \$10,000



*Serendipity Garden Weddings is one of many local wedding venues in the Oak Glen Area. Photo source: Michael Baker International*

Tourism establishments and venues for events such as weddings often bring specific challenges, such as parking and noise, to rural communities. The development of community-based standards for special events would be a way to mitigate these challenges in Oak Glen.

Every city and county in California is required to adopt a noise element as part of its general plan. The element outlines goals and objectives for common noise generators in the community. In addition, special events such as weddings are generally regulated through the city’s or county’s municipal code. Local governments can adopt noise standards to regulate noise levels and hours for different types of noise. The County of San Bernardino enforces its noise requirements via the County Development Code.

As the number of venues increases in Oak Glen, the community should work with the County to develop additional standards for weddings and other events related to noise, parking, and hours of operation, among other considerations. As an example, many wineries in Lodi and San Joaquin County, California, include wedding venues, and city and county regulations limit the hours of operation and noise levels.



Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Establish a task force to draft community-based standards for wedding and other event venues.	Champion	Years 1 - 3	Oak Glen Apple Growers Association <a href="http://www.oakglen.net/">http://www.oakglen.net/</a>
2. Coordinate with the community to create consensus on event and wedding venues.	Task Force	Years 1 - 3	San Bernardino County Land Use Services <a href="http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Home.aspx">http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Home.aspx</a>
3. Schedule a meeting with the San Bernardino County Land Use Services Department to present standards and urge the adoption of the standards.	Task Force	Years 1 - 3	Temecula Event Resource Guide (Case Study) <a href="http://www.temeculaeventresource.com/common-types-of-permits-required-for-special-events.html">http://www.temeculaeventresource.com/common-types-of-permits-required-for-special-events.html</a>
4. Coordinate with the County to ensure the adoption and implementation of community event standards.	Task Force	Years 1 - 3	
5. Revisit the standards to make sure regulations are up to date and current.	Task Force	Annually	