



## Lodi

On October 15, 2008, 14 people met at the Lodi Grape Festival in Lodi to discuss key assets and problems that face the Lodi Planning Area and the county.

Thinking Locally  
Thinking Regionally

### Results

The following represents a summary of the top assets and problems raised during the exercise on Thinking Locally.

#### Top Lodi Planning Area Assets:

- Location
- Less traffic problems
- Good/stable agricultural economy/jobs
- Agriculture (e.g., wine grapes and livestock)
- Open/transparent City (i.e., Lodi)
- Recreation activities (i.e., Micke Grove)
- Water resources and quality
- Good soil

#### Top Lodi Planning Area Problems:

- No job growth or job diversity
- Urban sprawl and loss of Prime ag-land to development
- Crime, vandalism, theft, and gangs
- Rural road congestion
- Transportation
- Water management
- Health care needs

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#### Top San Joaquin County Assets:

- Controlled Growth
- Rural Areas
- Unincorporated communities still have their own identity
- The Delta for agriculture, recreation, and water
- Rural roadways for avoiding traffic congestion
- Diversity of agriculture and ag commodities
- Ag-tourism
- Good soil and water quality

#### Top San Joaquin County Problems:

- Cities growing together without defined boundaries
- Loss of ag-land to development
- Removing, exporting, diverting water from the Delta
- Lack of community parks/recreation
- Crime, vandalism, and gangs
- Uncontrolled growth
- Lack of a skilled workforce/high paying jobs.

