

GREEN BUILDING QUESTIONNAIRE

Should the City encourage green building? Why/why not?

Yes - 46

Sustainable/environmentally responsible - 19

City should provide monetary incentives - 7
“...especially for retrofits of existing buildings”

To improve quality of life, make Chico better place to live - 6
“We need green building with proactive planning”

Other quotes:

“City should provide green building training for trades”
“Green building can help bring green business and industry to Chico”
“...increase energy independence, local energy production”

No - 1

No government interference necessary, let market determine need - 1

Would you support the development of a program which established green building standards for all construction in Chico (both public and private)? If so, what approach do you believe would be most appropriate for the successful implementation of a green building program in Chico (mandatory regulations or use of incentives such as expedited process)? Please explain and/or share examples. Do you think that Chico should become a role model for green building in the region?

Yes - 42

Voluntary at first with education and incentives, then phase into mandatory program – 28
Voluntary not sufficient, need mandatory now – 7

Other quotes:

“...mandatory regulations complemented by incentives to go beyond”
“...mandatory for new construction, incentives for existing retrofitting”
“...also include excess square footage tax, no McMansions” – 3
“City should also make locally produced renewable energy available to consumers”

No - 6

No government interference necessary, let market determine need – 3
Costs are too much - 2
Public buildings should be green, but no private mandates - 1

Are there any green building practices that you believe would be especially valuable for Chico?

Solar (General – 5)

Passive – 10

Water Heating – 2

Photovoltaics – 14

Water Efficiency (General – 7)

Groundwater Infiltration – 8

Reclamation, Graywater – 3

Composting toilets – 2

Water-efficient Landscaping (including for shading) – 6

Other Measures

Mixed Use/Infill – 3

Alternative transportation – 3

Reflective roof – 3

Green/vegetated roof – 2

Focus on existing buildings – 2

Education – 2

Solar on all public buildings – 1