



# Oak Park Community Services District

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## Disclaimer

*The materials shared today reflect a draft analysis and are not final. Findings and assumptions may change as we receive additional financial information, outstanding responses, and complete a review of existing district, service area documentation. As part of due diligence, the formation committee is currently reviewing approximately 600 pages of records prior to finalizing and submitting formal district formation requirements. Your feedback is welcomed and encouraged to help improve the structure of services in your community.*

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# Current Formation Committee Status



We Are Here

\*Note: All legally required processes and steps will occur. This slide is a high-level representation of processes for ease of audience consumption.



# Operational & Structural Challenges

## County Service Area 4

- **Consistent, Longstanding Community Concerns**
  - *Inappropriate and poorly planned landscape decisions*
  - *Delayed and inconsistent follow-through on issues*
  - *Limited opportunities for meaningful resident input or feedback*
  - *Insufficient budget transparency and long-term financial clarity*
  - *No locally elected, directly accountable governance for CSA-4 residents*
  - *Multiple layers of bureaucracy that slow maintenance and corrective action*
  - *Structural mismanagement and ineffective financial planning*
    - *“Reserves will be entirely depleted in four years.” – VC Public Works*
      - **Accordingly, without a new tax assessment, service reductions or service elimination will have to occur.**



# Operational & Structural Challenges

## Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District: Oak Park

- **Consistent, Longstanding Community Concerns**
  - *Insufficient dependable funding for wildfire fuel reduction*
  - *Delayed and inconsistent follow-through on issues*
  - *Limited opportunities for meaningful resident input or feedback*
  - *Insufficient budget transparency and long-term financial clarity*
  - *No locally elected, directly accountable governance for RSRPD Oak Park residents*
  - *Multiple layers of bureaucracy that slow maintenance and corrective action*
  - *Structural management concerns and ineffective financial planning*
    - *Finance Committee Meetings Have Identified A Structural Deficit*
      - **New Tax Assessment Modeling Has Started and Initial Numbers Were Shared with the Community.**



# Community Poll

## Oak Park Public Facebook Group



Mark Perryman

November 7 at 9:02 PM · 🌐

Curious what you think:

Creating an Oak Park Community Services District would *finally* let residents elect Oak Park leaders directly responsible for parks, wildfire brush clearance (currently unfunded), landscaping, street lighting, the Kanan Shuttle, and crossing-guard services.

With RSRPD leaders based in Simi Valley now considering a new tax assessment because Oak Park's budget is running a deficit, should residents have real local control — and the ability for the first time to prioritize safety, brush clearance, and community needs through it's own District?

Read a letter to the editor on this topic:

<https://www.theacorn.com/articles/unify-oak-parks-open-space-services/>



Keep the existing structure with higher tax assessments and no local control (decisions remain in Simi Valley & Ventura County Public Works) 10% >



Create a Community Services District with local control (replacing current RSRPD & CSA taxes while funding Wildfire Brush Clearance & Admin) 90% >



Add poll option...



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56 Votes 24 comments



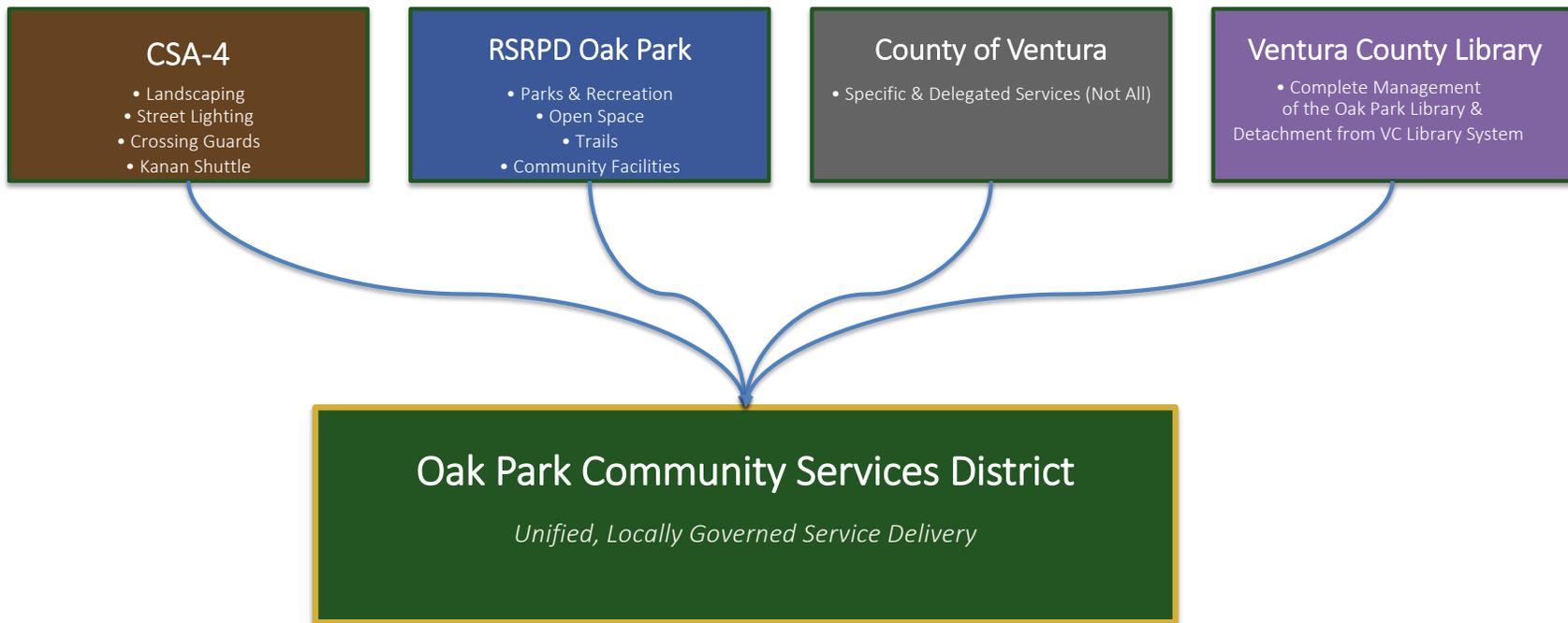
# Community Engagement



- 16 informal community meetings
- Over 129 Oak Park community members feedback received
- Participation and informal feedback received from nearly every major Oak Park community organization
- Multiple Letters to the Editor
- News articles published with little to any negative community response.



# Theoretical Service Takeover



\*Note: Information provided is directional in nature but not final as is subject to completed due diligence and LAFCo processes. Complete takeover of CSA-4, Detachment from RSRPD and the Ventura County Library system are contemplated but not final. Not all services are included. The Oak Park Community will ultimately approve any Community Services District by Election.



# Due Diligence Status

- Conducting formal due diligence on the assets, liabilities, operations, and budgets of CSA-4, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD), the Ventura County Library District assessment, and County services provided within Oak Park.
- Review is intended to ensure any proposal advanced is fiscally sound, and operationally feasible.
- Substantially all Public Records Act responses have been received, with the latest production delivered yesterday.
- More than 600 pages of records are currently under detailed review, including RSRPD real property holdings.
- Targeted consultations with County department leadership have started to validate data, confirm service assumptions, and evaluate options aligned with the long-term interests of the Oak Park community.
- All Oak Park Tax Rate data including AB-8 allocations of the 1% Proposition 13 Property Tax have been received



# What is a Community Services District

- A Community Services District (CSD) is a form of local government authorized under the Community Services District Law (California Government Code §61000 et seq.).
- Established to provide locally controlled municipal services in unincorporated communities.
- Governance is led by a locally elected Board of Directors, accountable directly to residents.
- Possesses independent authority over budgets, service levels, and long-term planning.

## Purpose

- Designed to consolidate essential services under a single governing body to improve efficiency, transparency, and responsiveness.
- Enables communities to align service delivery with local priorities.

## Why Communities Form CSDs

- Establish local control rather than relying on layered governance.
- Increase fiscal transparency
- Improve service accountability
- Create long-term financial planning stability



# Are there Many Community Services Districts?

- There are around 325 Community Services Districts in California
  - Famous Areas You May Know:
    - **Cambria CSD** (1976) – Parks & Recreation, Landscaping, Trails, Water, wastewater, fire protection, street lighting, trash collection, etc.
    - **Discovery Bay CSD** (1997) – Parks & Recreation, Landscaping, Water, wastewater, etc.
    - **Big Bear City CSD** (1966) – Water, sewer, solid waste, fire protection, street lighting, etc.
    - **Pebble Beach CSD** (1982) - Wastewater, fire protection, emergency response, law enforcement, garbage collection, recycled water, etc.
    - **Northstar CSD** (1990) – Water, sewer, solid waste, fire protection, fuels management, etc.
  - There are two in Ventura County
    - **Bell Canyon**
    - **Channel Islands Beach**



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