

August 28, 2009 marked the year anniversary since the dismissal of Ladera Hope's lawsuit against the County of Orange, SDG&E and Wellhead and the defeat of the power plant project proposed for Ladera Ranch. While we celebrated the victory a year ago, we also cautioned the Ladera Ranch community to remain vigilant. We want you to know that the Ladera Hope Board has done just that. As part of our ongoing battle to insure that a power plant is not built next to our homes, schools and parks, we continue to work hard on behalf of the Ladera Ranch community participating in and/or monitoring proceedings at the Public Utilities Commission, the California Energy Commission and the South Coast Air Quality Management District. We have also stayed abreast of developments in relevant litigation matters, and we are in close contact with our County Supervisor, Patricia Bates. For more information, please visit our website, www.laderahope.org.

The issue of the power plant highlighted a critical issue for the community of Ladera Ranch.

The Problem: Ladera Ranch is an unincorporated community in the County of Orange. We do not have a city council. Our homeowners' association, LARMAC , and our Community Services Organization, LARCS, were never intended to provide civic and/or political representation for our community.

The Solution: The Ladera Ranch Civic Council

The Ladera Ranch Civic Council (LRCC) was formed in September 2008 by community leaders to meet the increasingly complex civic needs of the growing community of Ladera Ranch, specifically in the areas of public safety, planning and public works. With these goals in mind, the LRCC was established in September 2008 with the support of Patricia Bates, our 5th District Supervisor. The LRCC is an all volunteer organization dedicated to providing civic leadership, as well as improving communication and cooperation among community groups and individual homeowners and residents in Ladera Ranch.

Call to Action: Please register to become a member of the LRCC

As a member of Ladera Hope, you have already proven that you care about this community and are willing to take action to protect it. Of course, we don't know what the next big issue will be or when it will arise – but you can be sure we want to be ready. Communication is vital. As a registered member of the LRCC, you will receive emails from the LRCC which will keep you and your family informed and prepared regarding important issues affecting this community. Also, you will be able to vote in the upcoming LRCC elections scheduled for September 17 – 25. However, in order to be eligible to vote, you must register by Monday, September 7, 2009. Please REGISTER NOW – go to www.lrciviccouncil.org.

Thank you for your support of the LRCC and for your ongoing dedication to Ladera Hope!

Warmly,

The Ladera Hope Board