

## Threats (225)

- Planning & Development Issues (77 – 34%)
  - Uncontrolled Growth (20)
  - Lack of Affordable Housing (14)
- Infrastructure Issues (59 – 26%)
  - Traffic & Traffic Congestion (18)
  - Parking (7)
  - Keeping the Airpark (7)
  - Water Supply (6)
- Extrinsic Issues (39 – 17%)
  - Hurricanes (13)
  - Red Tide (8)
  - Pollution (8)
- Social & Community Issues (29 – 13%)
  - Safety & Crime (11)
  - Influence of Scientology (8)
- Financial & Economic Issues (16 – 7%)
  - Taxes (3)
  - Increasing Property Values (3)
- Administrative Issues (5 – 2%)



## Analysis

**Planning & Development** issues (34%) accounted for over one-third of all the perceived threats to the future of the City, with concerns for growth, in general, and uncontrolled growth, in particular, and the lack of affordable housing dominating this category.

**Infrastructure** issues were the second dominant area of concern, accounting for over one-quarter (26%) of the votes. Again, traffic and parking lead this category, with concerns about congestion, safety and accessibility.

**Extrinsic** issues (17%) are also seen as a potential threat, including, primarily, hurricanes, red-tide, and pollution (primarily water pollution).

The respondents perceive potential threats related to **Social & Community** issues (13%), including concerns for safety and crime, and the influence of Scientology, particularly within the Downtown.

## On-line Survey

The results for the top two perceived Threats from the on-line survey were almost identical to those of the community meetings: Planning & Development Issues (33%) and Infrastructure (26%). The two methods were also very similar in the third and fourth rankings, where Social & Community Issues and Extrinsic Issues tied at 16% each. The former was led by the concern over the influence of the Church of Scientology and the latter by concerns over pollution.

## Summary

Not unsurprisingly, the community's biggest concerns relate to the growth and development that is currently taking place and is predicted to continue and accelerate into the future. These concerns focus on the sense that future growth and development will lead to an inevitable deterioration in the quality of life that the community now experiences, and that infrastructure development will not be able to keep up with future growth. As the map of Composite Threats clearly shows, concerns are most intense about future growth on the Beach.

