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take effective steps to solve structures, and the financial included the following its common problems, it is

necessary for opinion leaders in that community to agree about what those problems are. One of the primary functions of the Community Con ference on Environmental Problems and Urban Design and Beautification was to pro vide some sense of the atti-tudes of local citizens and community planners toward what presently needs to be done in confronting, urban problems.

More than 200 laymen, bus iness men, politicians, and professional planners partici pated. Opinions were of great variéty, as were ideas for solving specific situations. At one end of the spectrum, a number of people expressed the conviction that the Los Angeles area is now quite beautiful and distinctivethat we have no major ur ban problems in the area of environmental design and should leave well enough alone. A few outside observ ers added that Los Angele is not so much an ugly city is not so much an ugy city as it is a young city, dis-playing much of the brash-ness dislocation, rapid growth, and apparent lack of order of youth; as the city grows older, it will solve those problems apparent to-

ON THE other hand, the majority of the participants in the conference believe that southern Los Angeles County southern Los Angeles County, together with the entire met-ropolitan area, is suffering from urban sprawl environ-mental blight, and conditions which engender deterioration.

ity were urged to ask them selves if their city is provid

communities to evolve some sort of statement of goals and then strive to win public support for achieving these goals. The public should be involved in the initial steps of plan-ning. Once a statement of objectives has been written it can be submitted to vari ous citizens' groups and civi organizations for comment and criticism. The statement of goals may be circulated through the communications media so that the general public learns of it and com-ments are solicited. Political and industrial elements should participate in revising the list of objectives. The final statement as much as possible should represent a general consensus of the community. No statement of goals.

TO CARRY out proposals, communities need at least the tolerance of the general pub-lic, the approval of the press, the cooperation of local edu-cational institutions, the mo-

