

The Characteristics of Suburbanisation in LA in contrasting areas:-

MISSION VIEJO

- Mission Viejo in Orange County has a population which grew by over 1m between 1970 and 1990. People are moving out of the centre of LA in search of pleasant environs, good schools and clean, safe streets. In 1998, the estimated population of Mission Viejo was 80 470, a 10.4% increase since 1990.
- The city is mainly residential, although there are a number of offices and businesses within its city limits. The city is known for its picturesque tree-lined neighbourhoods, receiving recognition from the National Arbour Day Foundation.
- Mission Viejo is what we could term an 'edge city' as it is in on the outskirts as it is almost a city in itself of LA, with its own mayo. It has a very large number of large houses with usually around 3 bedrooms with on suites and drives.
- It is not a very ethnic diverse area as the outward spread of people from the inner city was termed the 'white flight' as there are the people who had become more successful and consequently could afford to move out into the suburbs. 80% of this population are white with very few afro-Caribbean as this ethnic city was far less well off. Furthermore here, the predominant age group is 35-44 at 13.5% and 45-54 was at 17.9% of the population.
- Within this community there are many modern facilities such as colleges, private schools as well as hair and nail salons. These facilities provide a sense of community for the people and consequently an organisation has been set up like neighbourhood watch and as a result was named the safest city in America.



IRVINE

- Irvine is an affluent suburban city in Orange County, California, United States and spans approximately 66 square miles and a population of 221,375.
- It is a planned city, mainly developed by the Irvine Company since the 1960s.
- The city's mission statement is *"to create and maintain a community where people can live, work, and play in an environment that is safe, vibrant, and aesthetically pleasing"*
- Irvine is home to very good public schools, a large number of jobs requiring a skilled workforce, and residential housing and was chosen in 2008 by CNNMoney.com as the fourth best place to live in the United States.

