The seventh annual “The ‘Take a Shot!” digital photography contest received well over 100 online submissions this year capturing from many perspectives the diversity of people and cultures in our community as well as our city’s stunning natural landscapes.

In November judges (professional photographers and community leaders) selected winners from Ventura’s amateur and professional photographers in these six youth and adult categories:

1. Environment — skylines, open spaces, beaches, parks & wildlife
2. Architecture — urban design, cityscapes, landmarks & infrastructure
3. People Portraits — of residents participating in city sponsored events & classes
4. Community Life — education, volunteer, street/nightlife, celebrations, arts & cultural scenes
5. Altered Images — photos manipulated for artistic purposes
6. Photo Voice — images illustrating a community issue or problem

139 members of the public cast their own votes online to select their favorite “People’s Choice” awards. Judges included Public Art Commissioner Kara Davis, professional photographer Lis Schwitters, Cultural Affairs Commissioner Phil Taggart and Councilmember Christy Weir.

The contest’s enduring popularity shows it is still a great tool for expressing community pride. All entries are eligible to be featured in citywide publication of print or electronic media with photo credit.

There was also good evidence—from the huge increase in and diversity of online voters this year for the People’s Choice awards—of the new influence of Facebook and Twitter as photographers participating in the contest encouraged their social network “Friends” to vote for them.

2011 Contest
Photographers may enter the 2011 contest starting January 1, 2011 following the guidelines at www.cityofventura.net/photocontest where the public may also view all of the current 2010 entries online.
“Take A Shot!”
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Environment
Adult

Judges’ Choice:
Ventura’s Two Trees by Donald Anderson

People’s Choice:
Lightning by Warren Barrett
"Take A Shot!"

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**Environment**

**Youth**

Judges' & People's Choice:
*Beach Seagull* by Aysen Tan
"Take A Shot!"

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**Architecture**

**Adult**

**Judges' Choice:**
Pierano’s Parrot by John Whitt

**People's Choice:**
Pier Sunset by John Ferritto
Judges’ & People’s Choice:
Window to Soul by Karly Hemenway
Judges’ Choice:
Ventura Fair Performer by John Ferritto

People’s Choice:
July 4 Street Fair by Mary Diamond
Judges’ & People's Choice:  
_Aquatic Center_ by Aysen Tan
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Community Life
Adult

Judges’ Choice:
Rockitect by Jac Keo

People’s Choice:
Feelin’ Like Summer in Fall by John Whitt
Judges’ & People’s Choice:
*Fair Horse* by Karly Hemenway
Judges’ Choice:
*Altered Sea* by Sheldon Brown

People’s Choice:
*Parade of Lights* by Kristine Ellison
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Altered Images
Youth

Judges’ & People’s Choice:
Carol-N-Rose by Karly Hemenway
Adult
Judges’ & People’s Choice: Budget Cuts by Stephen Osman

Youth
Judges’ & People’s Choice: Dustin Malson Mojave Desert Racing California 200 Victim Forever in Our Hearts by Justin Benscoter