



10th ANNIVERSARY



TEN YEARS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS - Looking Back

- ★ BRINGING ATTENTION TO RADICAL ENVIRONMENTALIST PLANNING COMMISSIONER SARAH CHRISTIE, WHO WAS ULTIMATELY REPLACED DUE LARGELY TO COLAB EFFORTS.
- ★ MIKE BROWN JOINED US, BRINGING DECADES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE. COLAB HAS HAD STEADY STAFF CONTINUITY (ANDY CALDWELL AND MIKE BROWN) FOR 10 YEARS ENABLING ACCUMULATED EXPERTISE ON ISSUES AND PERSONALITIES.
- ★ CREATION OF THE WEEKLY UPDATE – PROVIDING AN EXCLUSIVE AND TIMELY LOOK INTO SLO COUNTY POLICY AND ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS EVERY SINGLE WEEK.
- ★ COLAB IS THE ONLY CIVIC ORGANIZATION WHICH APPEARS IN PERSON AT EVERY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING AND THE ONLY ONE WHICH SIMULTANEOUSLY TRACKS AND APPEARS (WHEN NECESSARY) AT APCD, LAFCO, PLANNING COMMISSION AND REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, AMONG OTHERS.
- ★ PLAYED SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN STOPPING PROBLEMATIC REVISION OF AG CLUSTER ORDINANCE.
- ★ PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT PART IN STOPPING A COUNTYWIDE EVENTS ORDINANCE.
- ★ COLAB HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE IN KEEPING NUMEROUS FEES FROM BEING RAISED OR RAISED AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE.
- ★ COLAB WAS FIRST TO POINT OUT, EXPLAIN, AND DETAIL COUNTY PENSION DEBT AS WELL AS THE PENSION BOND FUNDING FAILURE (2011 - WAY BEFORE ANYONE WAS THINKING ABOUT IT) - NOW \$667 MILLION.
- ★ TOGETHER WITH THE HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION, SLO CHAMBER AND ECONOMIC VITALITY CORPORATION, HELPED MAKE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON IMPROVING HOUSING POLICY, REDUCING FEES AND REGULATORY OBSTACLES TO HOUSING.
- ★ COLAB WAS PROBABLY THE DIFFERENCE IN MEASURE J, THE ½ CENT (12% RAISE) SALES TAX DEFEAT - AFTER THE CITIES, COUNTY, AND SLOCOG REFUSED TO PUT MORE SKIN IN THE GAME.
- ★ COLAB CONSTANTLY SPOKE AND WROTE AGAINST MEASURE G, THE ANTI - OIL AND GAS BALLOT MEASURE WHICH WAS DEFEATED.
- ★ COLAB HAS CONSISTENTLY CHALLENGED THE APCD'S PROGRESSIVE LEFT INSPIRED EFFORT TO CLOSE OFF DUNES RECREATION AND HARM THE 5 CITIES' ECONOMIES.
- ★ COLAB HAS POINTED OUT THE FINANCIAL PERILS OF COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO.
- ★ COLAB HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH SEVERAL CANDIDATES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS (WE WILL NEVER TELL WHO) ON BUDGET, PENSIONS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT.
- ★ COLAB PROVIDES FREE SEMINARS ON COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, HOW TO EFFECTIVELY APPEAR BEFORE PUBLIC BODIES, and HOW TO UNDERSTAND AGENDAS AND THE PROCESS.
- ★ COLAB HAS BROUGHT NATIONALLY RANKED SPEAKERS AND COLUMNISTS TO THE COUNTY AND REGIONAL AUDIENCES, INCLUDING HUGH HEWITT, VICTOR DAVIS HANSON, DAN WALTERS, AND BEN SHAPIRO + OTHER CUTTING-EDGE EXPERTS TO THE PAGES OF THE WEEKLY COLAB IN DEPTH, NOT TO MENTION ANDY CALDWELL'S BITING AND INCISIVE EDITORIALS FROM THE SB NEWS PRESS.
- ★ IT HAS DONE THIS AT A FRACTION OF THE COST OF SOME OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, RELYING ON VOLUNTARY DUES AND AN ANNUAL DINNER PARTY & AUCTION.