

## Accomplishments of Coalition for Sensible Planning

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CSP operates as a group of concerned, unpaid residents. Looking back, it's amazing to see what we have collectively accomplished. We are always happy to meet others who choose to learn more and join our cause.

Our supporters/members have contributed in many ways to working towards our goal of keeping land use issues under the local control of the residents. Here is an quickly compiled short list of some of those accomplishments:

1. We were instrumental in exempting Goleta Valley from housing element site selection prior to complete of the GVC 20/20 visioning document.
2. Influenced the starting of the Goleta Visioning Committee supported by the community.
3. Shaped the debate for the 2006 2nd district supervisor election to make housing and land use issues prominent.
4. Advocated to keep San Marcos Growers property zoned as is, for agriculture. San Marcos Growers continues to be a vibrant working farm today.
5. Countered special interest funded high-density advocacy.
6. Hosted the most attended political debate in county history.
7. Focused debate against high-density development on the Tatum and Hidden Valley properties owned by the public through the school district.
8. Obtained financial grant to further our work.
9. Worked with Santa Barbara County Supervisors on an individual basis.
10. Fought to get update of community plan starting with the visioning committee.
11. Exposed county's behind-the-scenes plan to put 150 units on county campus without any public input or notification.
12. Organized press conference to stop county supervisors from eliminating public comment.
13. Forced policy of supervisors staying seated during public comments.
14. Produced numerous editorials, opinion pieces, and letters to the NewsPress, Valley Voice, Montecito Journal, and The Independent.

15. Influenced Goleta Water Board decisions and exposed conflicts of interest on the part of counsel.
16. Were watchdogs for the school board exposing conflict of interest on the part of Unidev.
17. Hosted in-house coffees for supervisor candidates.
18. Provided avenue for candidate statements on internet.
19. Were a major force in the 2006 Supervisor election by walking neighborhoods, organizing callers, and raising money.
21. Raised community awareness on land issues and secured hundreds of signatures on petitions.
22. Created a force to be reckoned with as a community influence!