

Blueprint for Democracy

"Democracy is never a final achievement. It is a call to an untiring effort."

-John F. Kennedy

Get Educated.

Stay Informed.

Be Involved.

"All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent."

—Thomas Jefferson

- The importance of civic responsibility is paramount to the success of a democracy and involvement with our government keeps it accountable to its citizens.
- Support organizations that you believe are accomplishing like-minded goals. Support can be time or support can be money. Support can be reading P.O.L.O. and POSY's updates. Support can be signing petitions that you agree with. Support can be spreading the word and getting others informed and involved. P.O.L.O. and POSY cannot continue without support.



MISSION STATEMENT

Preservation Of Los Olivos (POLO) is a group of citizens who are interested in preserving the quality of life in our rural community. Our mission is to be actively involved in the creation of guidelines and goals in order to ensure a balanced community plan.

We endeavor to protect our water, air, open spaces, habitat areas, cultural resources and our heritage that make up the quality of life in the Santa Ynez Valley.

WE BELIEVE AND STRIVE FOR

- TRANSPARENCY IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT
- THE RIGHT OF A COMMUNITY TO BE HEARD

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OPPOSING THE PROCESS

P.O.L.O. and POSY oppose the process of tribal fee-to-trust, including government-to-government agreements, because *the process* excludes the community and it is impossible to guarantee that land placed into trust will be developed according to the established community approved guidelines.

The mass development that inevitably ensues once land is placed into federal trust status is welcomed in some communities, but the point is that the community should have a say in the *process* for these developments and able to enforce the development that does take place is within the guidelines of the Community Plan.

At this time, under current federal law, enforcement of tribal development plans is impossible due to the Tribe's sovereign status.

We believe transparency and the right of a community to be heard should apply to ALL community planning and development.

When these basic and fundamental rights are not being followed, POLO will challenge any governing body, including the County, State and Federal Government to remember that they are elected to represent "We the People."