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Chuck Stevenson, AICP



Chuck retired as Division Manager for Long Range Planning for the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Planning and Building. He and his staff of seventeen prepared comprehensive plan updates and plan implementation programs for 10 unincorporated towns and rural areas; and was responsible for resource capacity and infrastructure studies, oversaw energy efficiency programs and preparation of the County's Climate Action Plan, and administered state housing grants and federal Community Development Block Grants. He evaluated city requests for annexations through LAFCO, balancing them with County policies. Working extensively in public engagement efforts, he was an early leader in the County in promoting regional planning efforts, smart growth policies, infrastructure planning, and bringing healthy community principles into planning policies. He co-founded the Healthy Communities Working Group, a group of staff and volunteers under the County Health Agency that advise decision-making bodies on land use projects and policy documents from a health perspective. Major planning policy documents and community design plans under Chuck's supervision received awards from the California Chapter American Planning Association, the Association of Environmental Professionals, and the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions.

Chuck taught planning courses as adjunct faculty in the City and Regional Planning Department at Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo for five years. He collaborated extensively with CRP classes in assisting with County planning studies. Dedicated to his community, he served the City of San Luis Obispo for eight years on the Architectural Review Commission – five as Chairman – and 12 years on the Planning Commission, four as Chairman. He was appointed by the City Council to the Creative Vision Team that developed and guided the Downtown Concept Plan. Chuck also served on the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity and for Judson Terrace, a low-income senior housing development.