

SOS in 2010

What is it:

SOS should serve primarily as a watchdog organization that meets monthly or bi-monthly to evaluate progress on the tasks that we have already initiated in conjunction with discussing the current climate for youth in Stockton. This allows members flexibility in maintaining their other commitments, but also differentiates Save Our Stockton from the variety of other youth serving organizations in the city. The meetings of SOS will be checkups for the city, and after the meetings 1-2 members will present “findings” to council on the status of the city. Additionally, SOS should become in the habit of developing “State of the City for Youth” videos/press releases/reports quarterly. (One every 3-4 months)

Moving into 2010, in addition to Teen Center reform and the Task Force, the focus of SOS should be into coalition building, education, and aggressive recruiting.

The best way to maintain members is to remain active/ visible (Do Something) and publicize through the Mayor’s Taskforce on Youth meetings.

In terms of education, the same model that was effective for dealing with city council will be effective here.

Investigate the problem, talk to students, see what’s going on

Agitate- Go to School Board Meetings, Introduce Yourself, Air Grievances, Tell them about the Mayor’s Taskforce on Youth and how education is a key component

Activate- Get active, coordinate another letter writing campaign, work with the school board in seeing what can be done to help

Membership-

Membership in SOS should be 2 tiered- general body and a core. The core group consists of those who have positions and are authorized to speak to the press and the city on behalf of SOS. If someone wants to become a part of the core, they must schedule a time with the coordinator for an informal interview with the rest of the Core and confirmation.

General Body consists of those who support what we are doing, go to our meetings, but are not authorized to speak to the public or the press on behalf of Save Our Stockton.

