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CSAC Listed as One of the Top Ten Advocates in Sacramento

Yesterday, the *Sacramento Bee* published an article of the impacts advocacy has had on legislation on Sacramento during 2011 ([“Lobby Power Pivotal on Bills”](#)). While the article mostly describes the efforts of business interests killing bills that threatened their business environment, or “job killers”, it contains several tables that ranks the efforts of various advocacy groups (click on the box in the article for the tables).

The article ranks the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) as #5 in the “*Top Ten Groups by Wins*” noting that CSAC was successful was successful on 31 bills in which we registered support; behind the California Chamber of Commerce (62), AFSMCE (61), Cal Labor Federation (50), and ACLU (35). Interesting that CSAC is the only public advocacy group listed in the top ten.

CSAC is also listed as #4 in the “*Top Ten Bill Advocates*”, noting that CSAC successfully supported 18 bills in 2011; behind AFSCME (40), CA Labor Federation (23), and the State Sheriff’s Association (19). But what is also notable is that CSAC is not listed among the 15 advocacy groups ranked under “*Highest Spending on Lobbying*”.

One could conclude from this article that not only has CSAC been one of the most successful advocacy groups in the Capitol during the past year, but we have done so at a very low cost. Thank for helping CSAC make 2011 such a successful year.

CSAC offices are closed this week and will re-open on January 3rd.

Enjoy the Holidays and have a safe and prosperous New Year.

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