the Sustainable Economies Law Center

The Cartoon Guide to SELC's

2011 Accomplishments

Serious legal minds doing serious legal work....

...and then making cartoons about it, because we seriously want everyone to read this.

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We gave hour-long legal advice sessions to 24 small food and farm enterprises!

We helped to draft and introduce AB 1161, California's Worker Cooperative Statute Bill!

We provided legal advice sessions to 9 Hmong and Lao farmers in Fresno!

Our Refugee Farmer Project continues to research labor law barriers to cooperative and family farming.

We drafted a cottage food bill for CA's 2012 legislative session!

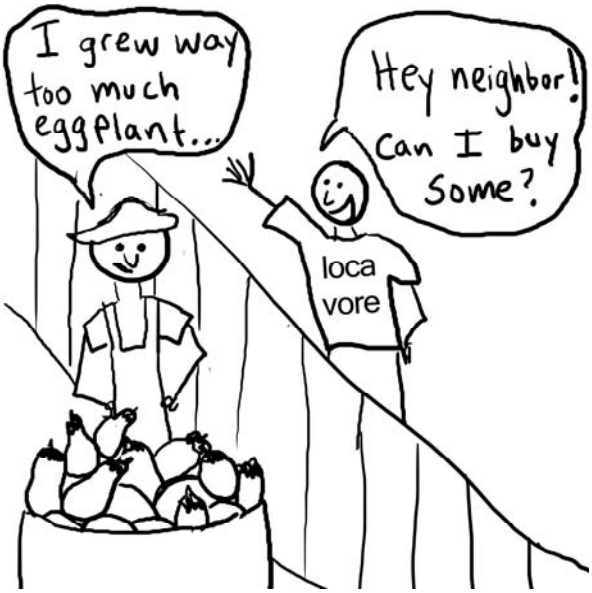
This will let people sell certain foods they make at home, and farmers will be able to make their own value -added products.

We petitioned WA state to allow people to make up to $1000 investments in small local businesses!

We packed the house for 2 legal workshops for food enterprises!

We used fun and fast-paced graphical presentations to explain topics such as:
Contracts - Land - Zoning - Commercial Leasing - Building Codes - Health and Safety - Labor - Insurance and Liability - Bartering and Donating - Cooperatives - Nonprofits - Financing - Social Enterprise

We helped with Berkeley's proposed law to allow sale of homegrown veggies!



We have 7 volunteers working to build the first Urban Agriculture Legal Resource Library!

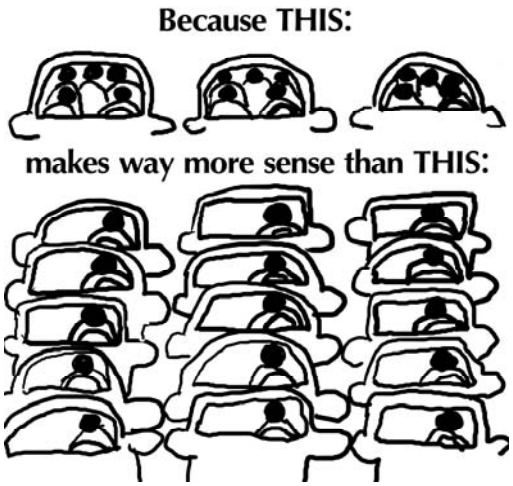
We taught 2 social enterprise legal workshops for Continuing Legal Education credits!

We researched U.S. constitutional law affecting the creation of local currencies!

We wrote a section of the forthcoming *Capital Cookbook* and produced other legal resources on local investing!

We wrote a 20-part article series for Shareable.net called "Policies for a Shareable City"

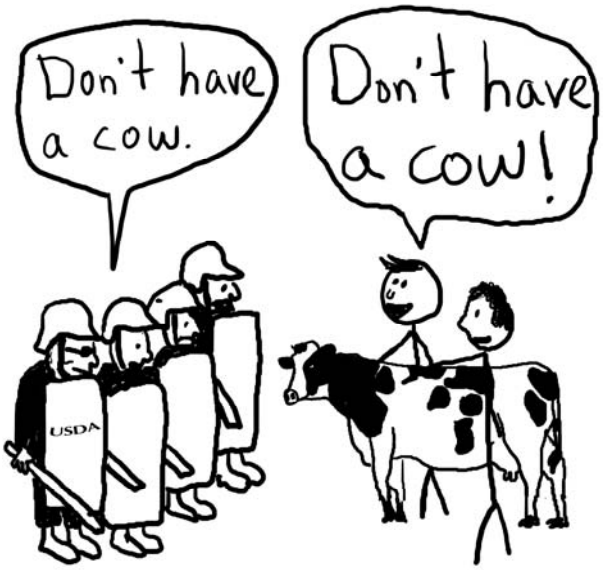
City policies that enable and incentivize:
Car Sharing - Parking Sharing - Ride Sharing - Bike Sharing - Shareable Commercial and Work Spaces - Shareable Housing - Homes as Sharing Hubs - Shareable Neighborhoods - Recreational and Green Spaces - Community Gardening - Co-operative Enterprise - and **more**!



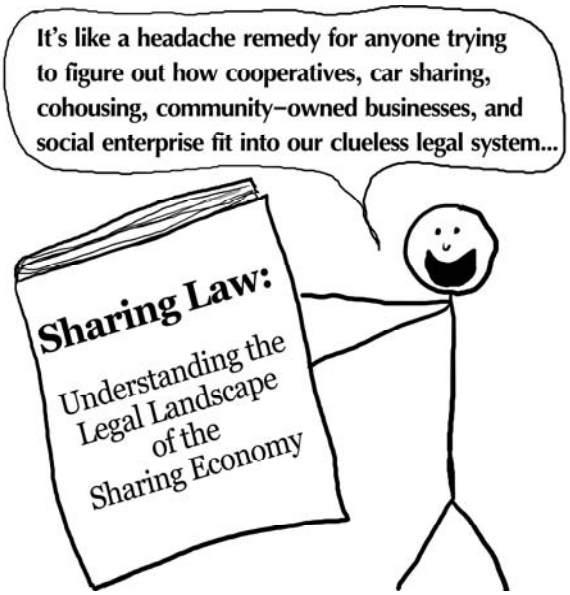
We wrote a legal guide to barter and gift economies!

We researched and wrote about the labor law barriers to cooperatives!

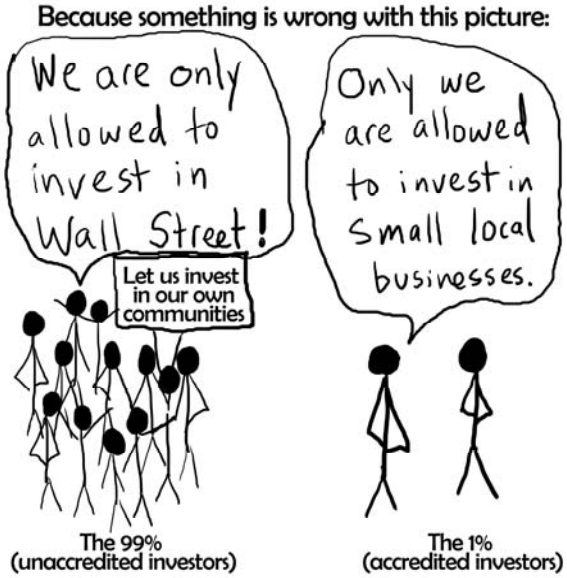
We researched the legalities of community-based milk production!



We are writing a book for the American Bar Association on our unique area of legal practice!



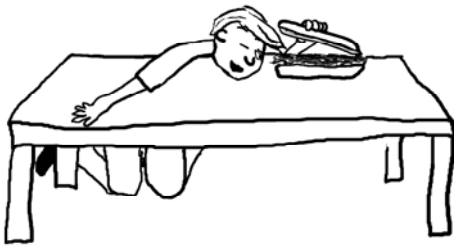
Following our 2010 petition to the SEC, we continue to give input on H.R. 2930, the first "crowdfunding bill!"



We researched the legalities of the "underground food movement!"

We made a cartoon movie called Economy Sandwich!

...which included the discovery of the new economy inside a sandwich,



...a plan for getting through complicated legal hoops,

...and an Elvis sighting!

We launched a series of case studies on economically sustainable housing models, beginning with a legal profile of Maitri House!