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A View



David Hogan

Dear Sierra Club friends, Please, if you do only one thing this crazy year, please vote in the critical November election. The very life of the planet depends on it.

Sierra Club San Diego is pleased to present to you an election issue of the High Sierran chock-full of a record number of political endorsements for candidates we hope and believe will lead us away from environmental destruction and injustice and towards a more sustainable and just future. Now it's up to you to make an informed vote.

For all of us who care and work to protect nature and advance environmental and social justice, it's no hyperbole that this election may be the most important in our lifetime. President Trump is the worst in United States modern history and his removal from office is essential to prevent and reverse so many reckless and destructive federal environmental policies. Trump and his corporate cronies have wreaked havoc on decades of environmental and social progress and another term will spell doom for our beleaguered climate, endangered species, forests, and justice. For these and many other reasons, the Sierra Club has endorsed Joe Biden for President.

Down ballot elections are also critically important with local, state, and federal representatives providing an essential check on the President's policies. There is no race more important for San Diego's environment than that for District 3 of the County Board of Supervisors where the Sierra Club has endorsed a passionate environmentalist Terra Lawson-Remer over a Trump-wannabe incumbent Kristin Gaspar. This is our chance to flip the County Board of Supervisors to a Democratic majority to support a new County climate action plan and finally start putting the brakes on destructive sprawl

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Chapter & Group Executive Committee Elections are Underway - **VOTE!**

A Democratic Sierra Club Demands Grassroots Participation

The annual election for the Chapter's Executive Committee and the North County and North County Coastal (Coasters) Groups Executive Committees are now underway. Your participation is critical for a strong Chapter. All Chapter members are eligible to vote in the Chapter Executive Committee elections. Please check the ballot instructions to see if you are eligible to vote in the Group Executive Committee elections. Groups are specific geographical areas and not all Chapter members belong to a Group.

This year members will be able to cast their ballots electronically or by using the enclosed paper ballot. **DO NOT USE THE PAPER BALLOT AND THE ELECTRONIC BALLOT! USE ONLY ONE METHOD TO CAST YOUR VOTE.** Instructions on how to cast your ballot can be found on page 20.

To Cast Your Ballot Electronically Online, go to:

<http://sc.org/SanDiegoElections/>

The Sierra Club is a democratically structured organization at all levels. The Club requires the regular flow of views on policy and priorities from its grassroots membership in order to function well. Yearly participation in elections at all Club levels is a major membership obligation.

In a typical year less than 5% of eligible members vote in the Executive Committee elections. Our grassroots structure is strengthened when our participation is high. Therefore, your participation is needed in the voting process.

Each candidate provides a statement about themselves and their views. You can learn more by asking questions of your group and chapter leadership and other experienced members you know. Then make your choice and cast your vote!

For the Chapter Executive Committee there are four (2) seats open this year. Two (2) candidates will be elected to serve 3-year terms. The North County Group will elect four (4) candidates for 2-year terms and the North County Coastal Group (Coasters) will elect three (3) candidates for 2-year terms.

Please note your ballots must be received by no later than Election Day, Tuesday, November 12.

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Endorsement of Joe Biden for President

By Ramón Cruz, Sierra Club President

As you know, we are in the final stretch towards what is the most consequential election of our lifetime, and Sierra Club is stepping up to make a difference.

These past four years have been particularly harsh and frustrating. Our planet, our collective humanity, and the integrity of our democracy have suffered under the fascist rule of Donald Trump and his corrupt administration. From coronavirus and a crashing economy to the climate crisis, Trump's racist and hateful Presidency has made just about everything worse. But on November 3rd, we have the power to make a change.

This November, climate change is on the ballot, the future of our democracy is on the ballot, and the health and safety of not just America, but the world, is on the ballot. Over the past 4 years, we have seen that in spite of all of the power we've built and advances made, we will not be able to prevent climate catastrophe and advance social justice so long as Donald Trump is in office.

Throughout this cycle, the Vice President has demonstrated a willingness to listen to climate advocates. We've seen Biden's plan to tackle the climate crisis go from what was once described as "middle of the road" to now centering climate justice and becoming the boldest platform we've ever seen from a presidential nominee. Millions of determined activists pushed him to do that. And when we elect Joe Biden president, we will not sit back and observe, we must -- and will -- remain vigilant and continue to hold him accountable to the goals that led us to making this endorsement. In fact, endorsing him allows us to do this more effectively.

The Sierra Club's power comes from our grassroots - it's how we've protected clean air and water, safeguarded communities, advanced clean energy, and come November 3rd, how we'll elect a new president. That's why, for the first time ever, we engaged members, sup-

porters, and staff before making such a consequential decision. After receiving feedback, we sent out a questionnaire for a final vote on whether we should endorse Joe Biden. The results were overwhelmingly in favor, with nearly 95% of respondents supporting Sierra Club endorsing Joe Biden for President.

Today is an important day as we move one step closer to defeating Donald Trump, the decision to endorse Biden was not made lightly. The Board closely examined Biden's personal history, his public remarks, and his policies -- especially those that run counter to our values in creating a just, equitable and inclusive society. We struggled with how to reconcile our deep concerns, but after careful deliberation, we determined that allowing the current administration to continue is not an option. As a result, we decided to do everything we can do to see Trump unseated, which means we will do everything we can to see Biden elected, and to hold him to a high standard of accountability by leveraging the power of Sierra Club and the strength we can bring to bear with our partners across the environmental and social justice movement. This was not an easy decision with which to wrestle, but with the stakes as high as they are -- particularly for marginalized and immigrant communities -- it is the one we are compelled to make. I am grateful for all the thoughtfulness you have provided throughout this process. Whether it has been through voting or speaking out in town halls, you have not only influenced this decision, but you have reminded us of what makes this organization so strong.

I look forward to putting an end to Donald Trump's chaotic, divisive, destructive, self-absorbed, anti-science agenda and continuing our work in the fight for a healthy, safe, sustainable environment. We will continue to come together, to foster community, to see humanity in one another, and to resist. This work is critical to building our long term power and ensuring we are ready to push for bold change the day after the election. We've got a lot to do together between now and then. Let's get to work!.

2020 General Election Candidate, Proposition and Measure Endorsements – November 3, 2020

U.S. Representatives

49th Cong. District – Mike Levin
50th Cong. District – Ammar Campa-Najjar
51st Cong. District – Juan Vargas
52nd Cong. District – Scott Peters
53rd Cong. District – Georgette Gomez

State Senate

39th – Toni Atkins

State Assembly

76th – Tasha Boerner Horvath
79th – Dr. Shirley Weber
80th – Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher

San Diego Superior Court

Seat #30 - Tim Nader

San Diego County

Board of Supervisors, District 1 – Nora Vargas
OPPOSE– Board of Supervisors, District 2 – Joel Anderson
Board of Supervisors, District 3 – Terra Lawson-Remer

City of Carlsbad

City Council, District 2 – Lela Panagides
City Council, District 4 – Teresa Acosta

City of Chula Vista

City Council, District 3 – Steve Padilla

City of Del Mar

City Council, Bob Gans
City Council, Glen Warren

City of Encinitas

Mayor – Catherine Blakespear
City Council, District 1 – Tony Kranz
City Council, District 2 – Kellie Shay Hinze

City of Escondido

City Council, District 3 – Don Greene
City Council, District 4 – Andres Yanez

City of Imperial Beach

City Council - Mark West

City of La Mesa

City Council – Jack Shu

City of Lemon Grove

City Council - Raquel Vasquez

City Council - George Gastil

City of National City

City Council - Marcus Bush
City Council – Gonzalo Quintero

City of Oceanside

Mayor – Esther Sanchez
City Council, District 3 – Shari Mackin
City Council, District 4 – Jane Marshall
Measure L - NO (North River Farms Project)

City of San Diego

City Council, District 1 – Joe LaCava
City Council, District 3 – Stephen Whitburn
City Council, District 5 – Marni von Wilpert
City Council, District 7 – Raul Campillo
City Council, District 9 – Sean Elo

City of San Marcos

City Council, District 3 – Alan Greasy
City Council, District 4 – Neil Kramer

City of Santee

Mayor - Stephen Houlahan

City of Solana Beach

Mayor – Lesa Heebner
City Council, District 1 – David Zito
City Council, District 3 – Jewel Edson

City of Vista

City Council, District 3 – Katie Melendez

Vallecitos Water District Board of Directors

Division 5 – Tiffany Boyd-Hodgson

State Propositions

Proposition 15 - YES - The California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020
Proposition 16 - YES - Repeal Proposition 209 Affirmative Action Amendment.
Proposition 22 - NO- App-Based Drivers as Contractors and Labor Policies Initiative.
Proposition 25 - YES - Replace Cash Bail with Risk Assessments Referendum

Executive Committee Candidates Statements

San Diego Chapter ExComm Candidate Statements



Evlyn Andrade

I would be honored to continue to serve on the Sierra Club San Diego Executive Committee. I have always been a pas-

sionate proponent of social, economic, and environmental justice. Since moving to San Diego, I have been a vocal advocate of land preservation, aggressive Climate Action Plans, Community Choice Energy, and the San Diego Green New Deal. I am currently the Director of Development at Climate Action Campaign (CAC), an organization completely focused on stopping the climate crisis. I am an elected Delegate for the California Democratic Party and the Democratic National Committee and sit on the executive board of the San Diego Democrats for Environmental Action where I work to support candidates, bills, and ballot measures that aggressively fight the climate crisis. I have a B.A. in Chicano Studies from UC Berkeley and bring years of management and finance experience, overseeing and managing budgets ranging from \$335k to \$6M. Prior to working at CAC, I was Manager of the Center for Public Health Practice and the Office of Diversity at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health.

I hope I can count on your support once again to continue my service on the Executive Committee, where I will continue to bring a diverse voice to the conversation.



Sonja Robinson

Working at a global consulting firm, is when I became more involved and joined the "Green Team" and became the editor-in-chief of their monthly Green newsletter over 10 years ago. Throughout San Diego, I've been heavily engaged in environmental justice and energy democracy initiatives for several years. This includes lobbying legislative environmental bills, advocating CCE, and

increasing awareness of equity for Black communities. As chair, I lead the first Environmental and Climate Justice Committee with local branches of the NAACP. I believe inclusion/diversity brings an opportunity for accountability to address the needs for communities that may not be representative at the decision levels. My passion for environmental justice is rooted in addressing intersectionality of racial, social, economic justice and equity for underserved communities. As host of a talk radio show, Sustainable Urban Network I address and engage urban communities with a lens of environmental intersect justice issues. I believe we're at a critical moment in which I quote, "environmental justice is calling for humankind to correct the wrong doing of marginalizing communities from the past. It is now that we reimagine, reconstruct a just society that lives out our full extent of sustainability for communities that are impacted more severely." (quote by: Sonja Robinson, Sustainable Urban Network (SUN) and Chair Environmental and Climate Justice NAACP San Diego and NAACP North San Diego County)



Lisa Ross

Lisa is Sierra Club San Diego Chapter Vice-Chair, elected to the Executive Committee in 2019. "This year, Sierra Club San Diego has done groundbreaking work on successful green house gas litigation, habitat protection advocacy, electoral influence, and environmental justice coalition building." She is a writer, communications strategist and fine art photographer. Over 30 years, she has helped shape San Diego environmental and planning public policy through advocacy, political campaigning, and grass-roots organizing. Recognized by San Diego Press Club and Society for Professional Journalism, her oped's, many on environmental planning, have appeared in the country's most influential newspapers and on public radio. Lisa has managed field operations, fundraising, communications and policy for local and

national campaigns. In 2019 she directed communications for SAS (Stop All Sprawl): Yes On A, No on B. She was a strategist for some of San Diego's important land-use ballot measures that created habitat preserves while allowing clustered housing and commercial development. Lisa was a Carmel Valley Planning Board Member, Del Mar Mesa Planning Board Chair and is founding co-chair of POPs Protect Our Preserves San Diego. She is a member of San Diego County Democrats for Environmental Action, Shaw Valley Wildlife Coalition, and Friends of Del Mar Mesa. "The next 3 years presents enormous challenges: standing up to development pressure on our habitat preserves, ensuring local chapter autonomy, electing trustworthy public officials, protecting CEQA, and furthering climate goals. I hope to be here to do the work."

www.lisarosscommunications.com

North County COASTAL



John Eldon

While growing up in burning, choking west Los Angeles smog, I developed a keen interest in air pollution, and

when I entered UCLA this quickly led me to Project Clean Air. My love of bicycling simultaneously led me to become active in UCLA's Earth Action Council, which advocated bicycling for transportation. A few years later, the groundbreaking and interdisciplinary Doctor of Environmental Science and Engineering program was established, and in 1978 I became one of the early recipients of the D.Env. degree, while researching mathematical modeling of photochemical smog formation at Technology Service Corporation.

My career subsequently took a different turn, when I began designing integrated circuits to perform real time signal processing using some of the same tools I have used and developed in data science. I never lost a passion for environmental protection, and I have served on the Encinitas Environmental Commission

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since its creation, and I have taught several sessions of a civil engineering course on air and water pollution at UCSD Extension. My current environmental interests include lifecycle accounting of consumer goods, including waste reduction and resource reclamation, as well as climate change, because I understand the science and math behind the models and projections and the technology used in data collection. Just as my doctoral thesis suggested ways of optimizing smog precursor emission strategies, I am likewise interested in realistic and cost-effective strategies that deliver a win-win for the environment, the economy, and human quality of life.



Fran Goldstein

During the past four years, I've been horrified by the dismantling of critical environmental protection policies. These actions, impacting climate change, pollution and wildlife, have reignited my lifelong passion for protecting the environment, and compelled me to take personal action. I need to be a part of the solution to protect the Earth for future generations. Supporting the Sierra Club, and actively helping to advance its environmental efforts, is one of the best ways I can help combat exponentially increasing threats.

Among the many challenges we face, I am most concerned about the impact of plastic pollution... a threat I personally experienced when I pulled a mattress-sized plastic bag out of the Mediterranean Sea.

I recently joined a group of local environmentalists organizing The Story of Plastic film screening and panel discussion. We've since started a local coalition focused on passing county plastic-reduction regulations and supporting state and federal efforts. I hope to provide broader assistance as a North County Coastal Group Executive Committee member.

I am a consultant with more than 30 years experience in project management, grant writing, editorial, and nonprofit and corporate communications. I began my career as a science writer, after obtaining a BS in Biology and Science Communications and an MS in Journalism. I am also a volunteer with the San Diego Humane Society and a member of its Philanthropy Committee.



Sally Prendergast

Residence - Encinitas
Background - Strategic Marketing/Management.
Current Chair of North County Coastal Group

I have been a member of the Sierra Club since 1997 but really became active in the North County Coastal Group, about 5 years ago when I volunteered for the interim Planning Committee. In 2016 we officially re-launched the North County Coasters Group and I was elected for a two-year term to serve on the Executive Committee Board. During this time, I have served as Chair. Additionally, I have served as our Groups representative on the Chapter Executive Committee. Over the last four years our ExCom has spent our time focused on endorsements for political candidates, conservation and development issues, and working with environmental partners on a variety of activities from tackling plastic to supporting legislation to prevent our open spaces from thoughtless sprawl and being lost forever. We have also hosted quarterly meetings that have featured speakers on a variety of topics from Lagoon Restoration to Zero Waste lifestyles and Electrification. My entire life I have enjoyed and appreciated nature and have been an outdoor enthusiast. I feel deeply connected to our beautiful North County environment and I am passionate about its preservation. In particular, I am concerned with issues relating to climate change, preserving open spaces and conservation. Now more than ever I believe it is critical that The North County Coastal Group stays focused on the goal of building a vibrant and active group dedicated to preserving our beautiful North County region, growing our membership and connecting people to the outdoors.

North County Group



Olga Diaz

I am the daughter of immigrant parents who grew up farming land and tending cattle in Mexico. Their personal commitment to environmental stewardship stems from the recognition that

taking care of the land makes it possible to survive. This instinctual environmentalism has influenced my awareness of the value of ecosystem and guided my efforts as a local elected leader in North San Diego for over a decade. As a lifelong Californian and three term Escondido City Councilwoman, I understand the needs of a diverse community and have championed environmental and social justice issues in North County. I have been instrumental in building support for urban renewal projects such as the Escondido Creek Trail restoration. I have served on the Escondido Creek Watershed Alliance, the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority, and as an alternate on the California Coastal Commission. Thanks to representatives and members of the Sierra Club, the Escondido Climate Action Plan has been strengthened and is due for adoption before I finish my third term. I would love nothing more than to invest my time supporting environmental policy improvements in North County after completing my third term on the Escondido City Council.



Pam Heatherington

I was raised in San Diego when Mission Bay looked more like Morro Bay. After graduating with a degree in philosophy from California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo CA. I put my degree to work in connecting the health of the environment to the health of people. My career in medical administration spanned 25 years. Throughout my life I have volunteered time and commitment to various environmental and health related organizations. Having served on the San Luis Obispo County Health Commission for over a decade I received recognition from the County Board of Supervisors for my environmental and health related efforts. Through my service on the Commission I served on the SLO County Domestic Violence Task Force and the Commission's Pesticide Use Task Force. My husband John and I are 30-year members of the Sierra Club. My volunteer energy was directed towards chairing the Santa Lucia Chapter Conservation Committee and as a member of the National Toxics Committee.

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Sierra Club Endorsed Candidates Election 2020

U.S. Representatives



49th Congressional District

Mike Levin

Mike is a passionate believer in clean energy and has over a decade of experience

in the industry, helping to accelerate the transition towards more sustainable power generation and transportation options. Mike has served for several years on the board of the Center for Sustainable Energy, based in San Diego, and co-founded Sustain OC in Orange County. Mike will fight for Medicare for All, affordable higher education, preventing gun violence, protecting Social Security, a woman's right to choose, and a \$15 federal minimum wage. Mike lives in San Juan Capistrano with his wife Chrissy, and their two children, ages 5 and 3.

www.mikelevin.org



50th Congressional District

Ammar Campa-Najjar

The people's candidate, was born in East County, the son of a working-class Latino mother. From his first job as a church janitor to serving in the White House; advocating for small businesses to fighting for American workers: he's devoted his life to service. Ammar is running to give back to my mother's generation, and to all those seeking to live and retire with dignity. One of Campa-Najjar's top priorities is combating climate change. We're borrowing this planet from our children, that's why Ammar believes we must lead the world in combating climate change. Rather than cede America's energy future to other countries, Ammar wants to make bold American investments in renewable energy that will create green jobs in my district, spur small business innovation, and save our planet from the worst calamities of climate change. As congressman, Ammar will present sensible solutions to protect our environment by investing in a 100% renewable energy future, ending oil and fossil fuel subsidies, and promoting a more sustainable world.



51st Congressional District

- Juan Vargas

Juan Vargas was first elected in 2012 to represent California's 51st Congressional District, which includes parts of

San Diego County, all of Imperial County,

and California's entire U.S.-Mexico border. Previously, Vargas served as a San Diego City Councilman, State Assemblyman, and State Senator. A former Jesuit priest and child of farmworkers, Juan Vargas personally understands how Mother Earth, as Pope Francis writes, "governs and sustains us," and how issues of social and environmental justice are interconnected. A strong renewable energy supporter, Vargas maintains a 96% lifetime score from the League of Conservation Voters and a 99% score from Environment America.

<https://votevargas.com>



52nd Congressional District - Scott Peters

Congressman Scott Peters represents California's 52nd District, which includes Poway, Coronado, and much of San Diego. He

is a former environmental attorney, and sits on the Subcommittee on the Environment within the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. He is a member of the Bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus, and is the Climate Task Force Chair of the Sustainable Energy & Environment Caucus (SEEC). He created the Climate Playbook, containing dozens of bipartisan bills with the potential to pass now, to take immediate steps to combat climate change. He introduced the SUPER Act, based on UCSD research, to combat emissions from short-lived climate pollutants like methane, black carbon, and hydrofluorocarbons. He also recently voted to ban new offshore drilling along our coasts. He is working to preserve our environment, protect our clean air and water, and promote sustainability. He is proud to have received the endorsement of the Sierra Club.



53rd Congressional District

Georgette Gomez

A Progressive Leader Who Gets Things Done. San Diego's first LGBTQ Latina City Council President, Georgette has taken on the Trump Administration and stood up for San Diego. We can count on Georgette to stand up to special interests and deliver on universal healthcare, clean energy, living wages, equality and justice. Amid crisis - coronavirus and economic collapse - Georgette is ready to lead. She'll rely on science to protect public health and fight for a fair recovery that puts workers and small businesses first, not big corporations. The Democratic Party, Teachers, Nurses and Sanitation Workers on the frontlines of the pandemic endorse Georgette Gómez. Here's why: When coronavirus hit, Georgette took decisive action as City Council President. She banned evictions,

stopped utility shutoffs, delivered rent relief, helped small businesses survive. Listening to doctors and experts, Georgette acted swiftly to expand access to testing and protective equipment for first responders. The daughter of immigrants, Georgette stands strong against discrimination, authoring the resolution opposing Trump's wall, banning dangerous police chokeholds and joining Supreme Court lawsuits to protect DREAMers. While wealthy corporations pay zero in taxes, Georgette will put working people first, expand paid sick leave, lower prescription drug costs, and require companies pay women and people of color the same as white men for the same work. Georgette will oppose any effort to cut the Medicare and Social Security our seniors earned. Now more than ever, we need leaders who fight for working families and deliver for the people. www.georgettego-mez.org

State Senate



39th - Toni Atkins

Growing up in Southwest Virginia, I saw firsthand the negative impacts of mining on the environment and the health of my family and neighbors, sparking my lifelong commitment to environmental justice. Over the course of my 14 years as an elected official, the environment has always been a priority. I've tackled issues from the tire problem in the Tijuana River Valley, to statewide issues such as enabling the California Coastal Commission to enforce public access to our beaches. As the San Diego region works to adopt and implement its climate action plans, local government and local environmental activists will need to be able to rely on proven leadership at the state level. It is at the local level that the impacts of sea level rise will be seen. I am committed to making sure that the San Diego region is well prepared to take on that challenge. I pledge to continue to use my position in public service to protect and advocate for the issues that matter most to the Sierra Club and I am honored to have your support for the State Senate

State Assembly



76th - Tasha Boerner Horvath

It has been an honor to represent Encinitas, Carlsbad, Oceanside, Vista, and Camp Pendleton in the State

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Assembly over the past year. I'm running for re-election to continue serving as an effective voice for North County and an advocate for the environmental issues we so deeply care about. In my first term, I was proud to co-author critical environmental legislation to require 30% recycled material in single-use plastics and to protect against Trump's attacks on our air and water quality. I was especially honored to author AB 1426, which will bring to a successful conclusion the nearly two-decade old Save Trestles movement. This bill will permanently protect this iconic world class surf spot and the surrounding San Onofre State Park, enjoyed by more than 2.5 million yearly visitors, and home to the last remaining undeveloped watershed in Southern California. As a fellow environmentalist, I am proud to have earned the endorsements of the Sierra Club, California League of Conservation Voters, and dozens of local Democratic elected leaders. I would be honored to earn your vote and continue fighting climate change and protecting our environment. www.Tasha4Assembly.com



79th – Dr. Shirley Weber

At this pivotal moment in our state's history, let us remember that if we keep faith in our California Dream, we can build a better future together. Our economy can be stronger and fairer – which is why I am leading the statewide campaign to make sure every single Californian has equal opportunity to learn, earn and thrive. We can rebuild the most robust economy in the world when we unleash the talents of every single Californian. Our communities can be safer – which is why I have worked to pass pioneering legislation to bring accountability and reform to police agencies so that we can restore trust between the police and communities. Our schools can be so much better – which is why I have fought so hard to ensure schools are being held accountable. I am taking on powerful special interests to make sure that the money we send to schools is spent on kids, not bureaucrats. My family came to California as former sharecroppers because they believed in the California Dream. I went from a housing project to the halls of the state legislature because of great public schools and a moment when our state dared to set the highest expectations for everyone, regardless of where they came from or who they were. I still believe in that California Dream and every day of my public service is dedicated to keeping it alive. I hope you believe too – and if you do, that you will join me at www.drweberforassembly.com



80th – Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher

An environmental lawyer, Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher is a champion for conservation, and clean energy. Since she entered office in 2013, Assemblymember Gonzalez Fletcher has been a strong ally to Sierra Club, championing policies that protect our waters, penalize poachers, and ensure everyone's right to access to California's beautiful coasts. Most recently, the assemblywoman celebrated the signing of her Assembly Bill 273 that banned the practice of fur trapping in California. She also secured a local legislative win with the signing of her Assembly Bill 1730, which enables San Diego County's local leaders to better prepare for the region's future growth. The measure allows SANDAG additional time to develop a visionary Regional Plan that provides real transportation choices that will enhance connectivity, increase safety and sustainability, and improve quality of life. Ms. Gonzalez Fletcher continues to double down in our fight to curb the negative effects of climate change and protect our planet.

San Diego Superior Court



Seat #30 - Tim Nader

Tim Nader is a lifelong environmentalist and long-time Sierra Club member. Tim served on the San Diego Chapter's Executive Committee before being elected to the Chula Vista City Council. As Mayor of Chula Vista, Tim established the first position in the City Manager's office to initiate and coordinate environmental policy, and recruited former San Diego Sierra Club Conservation Coordinator Barbara Bamberger to fill the position. Tim appointed qualified environmental scientists to the city's Resource Conservation Commission and helped initiate the city's first curbside recycling program. Under Tim's leadership, Chula Vista was one of the first cities to begin planning for greenhouse gas reduction. As a community college trustee, Tim has supported conversion to solar energy and commitment to sustainable building practices. Tim is committed to human rights and equal opportunity. Tim is one of five men to have served on the Board of the Lawyers Club of San Diego, an organization dedicated to promoting gender equity in the legal profession and in society at large. Tim has been a California Deputy Attorney General over 18 years, and is the only candidate with experience presiding over quasi-judicial environmental and land use hearings. As a former prosecutor, child support lawyer,

and currently civil litigator, Tim has the qualifications to make an excellent judge. He believes in making decisions based on facts, science and law. We can be confident the environment will always get a fair hearing with Tim. timnader.com

San Diego County



Board of Supervisors, District 1 - Nora Vargas

As a healthcare and education advocate, Nora Vargas has spent her life working to remove barriers for underserved communities through civic engagement, public policy, and community organizing. Nora serves as President of Southwestern College's Governing Board, the only public institution of higher education in San Diego's South County. Most recently, Nora served as an Executive with Planned Parenthood, where she led efforts to increase access to safe, quality healthcare, and education for women and families across California. Nora has a track record of being a social and environmental justice advocate, spanning decades. At Planned Parenthood, Nora fought for clean air and water to improve community health. As a former board member of CalSTRS, Nora voted to divest from U.S. thermal coal. As a proud board member of Mothers Out Front, Nora continues to fight for environmental justice to ensure a healthy environment for all children. Nora is running for a seat on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, where her top priority will be to mitigate the impacts of the COVID pandemic and focus on economic recovery. If elected, Nora will work to champion a Climate Action Plan that prioritizes solutions to systemic racial issues impacting our communities. Nora is committed to working with environmental organizations and advocates to address some of the region's most pressing issues including transportation, sea-level rise, clean water, air pollution, affordable housing, and sprawl development. Nora is proudly endorsed by: Sierra Club, Environmental Health & Justice Campaign, and Climate Defenders Action Fund.

OPPOSE - Board of Supervisors, District 2 – Joel Anderson

Sierra Club San Diego Strongly urges voters in District 2 to vote against Joel Anderson for County Supervisor! Joel is an enemy of the environment and would be a terrible addition to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. During his recent term in the State Senate he had a zero Sierra Club voting record in 2017 and 2018. This means Joel Anderson never voted in favor of the envi-

ronment. His opponent is Steve Vaus who neither sought nor received the Sierra Club Endorsement. Nonetheless he is a better choice. As mayor of Poway Steve has protected substantial open space while supporting new housing in developed corridors. In his public and private communications protecting and expanding open space is a key element of Steve's priorities, which prominently displays on this website. Current Supervisor Dianne Jacob, a friend of the back country and a protector of open space, has endorsed and is working hard for Steve's election. Steve has kept an open mind and open channels of communication with Sierra Club. In this race Steve Vaus is a decent choice and his opponent is not. Sierra Club San Diego urges a vote against Joel Anderson.



**Board of Supervisors,
District 3 –
Terra Lawson-Remer**

Terra Lawson-Remer is an economist and environmental attorney who served as a Senior Advisor in the Obama Administration developing strict regulations to cut down on pollution from oil, mining and other extractive industries. She has worked with the World Bank and United Nations to fund billions of dollars in clean energy projects in the developing world. Terra is a third-generation San Diegan who grew up surfing at our beaches and hiking in our mountains. After graduating from Yale, Terra earned a full scholarship to law and graduate school, receiving her PhD and law degree from NYU. Terra is also an avid surfer and a certified emergency medical responder, and in her free time she takes kids on backpacking trips to teach teamwork, personal resilience, and respect for nature. As Supervisor, Terra will fight to enact a model Climate Action Plan to make San Diego County a leader, not a follower, on global climate change. Terra will stop sprawl development in our back-country open space and protect our chaparral hills, vernal pools, lagoons and biodiversity. Terra Lawson-Remer represents a profound change from the current incumbent, Kristin Gaspar, a Trump supporter who has been an aggressive opponent of a pro-environment agenda. Terra's election will provide the swing vote for the creation of a 3 to 2 pro-environment majority on this powerful Board. Very few local elections have been so important.

City of Carlsbad



**City Council, District 2 –
Lela Panagides**

Lela is committed to fighting for our environment and ensuring we leave a healthier, cleaner planet for future generations. To protect our environment, Lela will:

Preserve and protect our own open spaces, and lead on efforts to increase access to trails, parks and beaches by acquiring new open spaces.

Implement Carlsbad's Climate Action Plan with innovative and multi-disciplinary solutions to support our community's vision to emerge as a leader in future technologies, green development and sustainability. Work with private and public partners to invest in local renewable energy generation and storage while providing new local jobs and sources of revenue to reinvest in Carlsbad. Support land use and transportation policies that will create more effective public transportation across our city, including an e-shuttle system to and from Carlsbad beaches and residential neighborhoods. Lela is a design thinker who first asks the question 'what is?' followed by 'what if anything were possible?' She believes this approach to problem solving is the best chance of creating real-world solutions to our most complex challenges. She also looks for low hanging fruit such as adding outlets for electric bikes on EV charging stations. Something she is surprised doesn't already exist. Lela has an MBA from Indiana University and was selected as a William Davidson Institute Fellow at the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. She has lived in six countries and now lives with her husband and son in Carlsbad. She is proud to have received the endorsement of the Sierra Club. www.lelaforcarlsbad.com



**City Council, District 4 –
Teresa Acosta**

Teresa Acosta will bring experienced, committed leadership to the Carlsbad City Council. She is a small business owner, former teacher, and a policy expert in business, non-profit and government relations. Highly skilled in collaboration and consensus-building, Teresa has worked for the last decade to benefit California communities by developing public-private partnerships. When it comes to our home, Teresa knows there is no Planet B. As your Councilmember, Teresa will champion meeting renewable energy and zero waste goals and call for a strengthened Climate Action Plan with enforceable measures to

achieve meaningful GHG-reduction targets. She will ensure that our coast is not overdeveloped, make the dream of a Ponto Coastal Park a reality, and fight against climate change with every vote. Teresa is a life-long environmentalist and will put people over politics to deliver for our communities. As residents of a coastal city, we value our ocean, lagoons, clean air, and the preservation of our natural resources. Teresa is running for City Council on an environment-first platform and will always prioritize the health of our people and planet. Four generations of Teresa's family live in La Costa, and her daughter graduated from Sage Creek High School. Teresa is a graduate of USC and earned her MBA at Pepperdine University.

City of Chula Vista



**City Council, District 3 –
Steve Padilla**

Councilmember Steve Padilla was elected to the City Council on November 8, 2016 to represent District 3 in the City's first district-only elections. A native of San Diego, CA and lifelong Chula Vista resident, he is a graduate of Bonita Vista High School, a former police officer and police Detective. He is currently Principal of Aquarius Group, Inc., a public affairs consulting practice he began in 2007. Steve's interest in public affairs began early in life as did his service to Chula Vista, where he served as a member of the Board of Ethics and Safety Commission. He was elected for the first time to the City Council in 1994 and served two terms. In 2002, Steve was elected the City's 38th Mayor and served from 2002 – 2006. During his tenure as Mayor, Steve served on the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and as Chairman of the Public Safety Committee of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), on the regional board of the California League of Cities, and as a member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. He served as a member of the California Coastal Commission as an appointee of the Speaker of the California State Assembly from 2005 – 2007. After leaving office he was appointed by the City Council to the Board of Port Commissioners at the Unified Port of San Diego representing Chula Vista from 2009 -2011. Steve's priorities are to encourage job and business investment, strengthen local job opportunities and the city's fiscal health, promote public safety, and enhance neighborhood engagement in civic issues.

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City of Del Mar



City Council - Bob Gans

I am honored to receive the Sierra Club's endorsement. Protection of natural resources (both land and ocean), habitat and species protection, and conservation are priorities I will work for as a Council member. I am inspired by what Del Mar citizens have achieved as environmental stewards, and will work to secure that legacy for future generations.

As a member of the City's Finance Committee, I understand the devastating impact the Covid-19 pandemic has had on our budget. This does not excuse us from facing existential challenges. Indeed, the pandemic and climate change have both underscored the urgent need for science-based public policy and a focus on environmental justice. I am committed to Del Mar's Climate Action Plan, including meeting our GHG targets and bringing greener energy to our region through our Clean Energy Alliance with Solana Beach and Carlsbad. We need to regulate short-term rental businesses and preserve our housing stock, and I believe Del Mar's 7/28 plan accomplishes these goals. We must create a meaningful level of affordable housing consistent with our Community Plan, not only to preserve local control over our future, but also to build a more vibrant, diverse community. We need Council members who are willing to build bridges and work together to achieve these priorities. My 20-year experience as a leader of local non-profits, including as President of Del Mar Foundation, has taught me that, working together, we can accomplish our goals for Del Mar and our region. gans2020.com



City Council - Glen Warren

I first moved to Del Mar in 1983, drawn by the natural beauty, the village atmosphere, and the sense of community identity. After a career as a criminal defense attorney, I joined the U.S. Foreign Service as a diplomat in 1996. For the next 16 years, my family and I lived in developing countries in Latin America and Africa, and I spent a year in Afghanistan. My work focused on developing and supporting democratic institutions and on encouraging free and fair elections in our host nations. I volunteered as chair of international school boards in Kenya and Zimbabwe, and as vice-chair in Ecuador.

Since retirement and returning to Del Mar, I have been involved in a number of volunteer activities. I am currently a member of

the Design Review Board, which reviews construction projects to ensure they are compatible with and enhance our residential and commercial areas. Although Del Mar faces a budget crisis, we must continue to pursue environmental and housing policies that have made Del Mar the beautiful and welcoming city envisioned by our Community Plan. I support our Climate Action Plan (CAP), and the Clean Energy Alliance that will enable us to meet the GHG reductions goals in our CAP. Critical to updating our CAP is our Sustainability Advisory Board, comprised of talented and committed volunteers. I support addressing state mandates for increased housing, including affordable housing. And I support restrictions on short-term rentals to preserve our existing housing stock for residents.

City of Encinitas



Mayor - Catherine Blakespear

In four years serving as the Mayor of the City of Encinitas, we've made tremendous, nationally recognized, environmental strides.

I'm running for re-election to continue our work to cool the climate, enhance open space and trails, and increase sustainability.

We have pursued and become founding partners of one of the county's first CCEs, San Diego Community Power, which will buy clean energy and provide an alternative to power sourced from SDG&E. We also adopted a "gold standard" Climate Action Plan, with measurable standards and accountability. Encinitas has championed active transportation projects to provide safe opportunities for people to get out of their cars, and walk or bike. We are installing a public, fast-charging electric "gas station" station on city hall property for electric vehicle users. With another term in office, I will be focusing on creating a system to effectively divert green waste from landfills, pursue more active transportation and trails projects, continue our ambitious tree-planting commitment, and push our wastewater districts toward greater water reuse. Our Climate Action Plan will remain the foundational document that guides most of our discretionary decision-making.

Mitigating climate change starts locally, through the leadership of cities like Encinitas. Working together, we will continue our progress to make Encinitas an even greener city, and California a healthier place to live! I would be honored to receive your vote to re-elect me, Encinitas Mayor Catherine Blakespear.



City Council, District 1 - Tony Kranz

I've had the honor of earning the endorsement of the local Sierra Club once again and I will continue to work to

address environmental issues as during my previous two terms on the Encinitas City Council. Since 2012, the city has adopted ordinances to reduce single use plastics and Styrofoam, adopted a legally binding Climate Action Plan and joined in the second largest Community Choice Energy organization in the state. I will be looking for ways to use the resources expected from this new alliance to implement more solar energy systems, including the creation of local micro grids. I'm currently serving as the Chairman of the North County Transit District and we bought five new Coaster locomotives with Tier IV emissions equipment, greatly reducing pollution. We're also purchasing two new train sets there is a train that stops in Encinitas every 30 minutes during peak commute hours. We're also moving ahead with the purchase of Zero Emissions Buses, testing both all-battery and hydrogen fuel cell assist vehicles. Major infrastructure projects like a new pedestrian railroad undercrossing near Paul Ecke Central School and the Leucadia Streetscape have received construction clearance and will move forward in a fiscally responsible way. These projects will allow for people to leave their cars at home and bike or walk to enjoy our city. This "mode shifting" is critical to slowing climate change, an issue that threatens our coastal city.



City Council, District 2 - Kellie Shay Hinze

Kellie Shay Hinze serves as Deputy Mayor, leading the community she was raised in as a third-generation Encinitas resident.

Called to public service nearly ten years ago when her mother lost the ability to walk due to M.S., Kellie became a vocal advocate for safe, accessible rail crossings, sidewalks, and streets. Building resiliency in the face of climate change and upholding healthy communities during COVID-19 demands thoughtful, consensus-driven leadership that Kellie demonstrates. She has the proven tenacity and enterprise to lead Encinitas through the challenges ahead. As the former Executive Director of Leucadia 101 Main Street, Kellie brings a strong focus on historic preservation and revitalization. Her leadership engages the diverse perspectives of residents, small business owners, and community members

to maintain the beloved beach town character of Old Encinitas. Kellie's record on City Council reflects she is a champion for Safe Routes to School, clean beaches and oceans, and expanding our city's network of trails and parks. Kellie holds two master's degrees from UC Santa Barbara, one in education and another in international studies. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology at UC Santa Cruz. She speaks Spanish. KellieforEncinitas.com

City of Escondido



City Council, District 3 – Don Greene

I have called Escondido home for 11 years. I have advocated for a better quality of life for low-income, working, and senior families in District Three and affordable housing. I have represented mobile homeowners at council meetings and in court to fight for fair rent increases and against illegal charges. I have worked on environmental issues like the Escondido Creek restoration. I will work to improve our newly released Climate Action Plan and achieve real, sustainable goals to reduce GHG emissions for our city's future. I know how to do this job. For four years I worked as the Council Aide to the Deputy Mayor of Oceanside where I did the job of a City Council member: I analyzed legislation, coordinated with City Staff, I crafted policy for the Deputy Mayor, and I wrote legislation for the City including the draft Medical Marijuana Ordinance. I attended meetings of regional agencies – SANDAG, NCTD, and others. I have experience with how government works at a local and regional level. I am endorsed by Olga Diaz, the San Diego Democratic Party, the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, and the Sierra Club. For all my endorsements and more information about me, please visit my website: <https://greened3.com>.



City Council, District 4 – Andres Yanez

With the help of the Sierra Club, I'm hoping to bring strong environmental policies and programs to Escondido — ones which can properly utilize inclusion and creativity to promote environmentalism and climate justice. More specifically, these are my environmental goals for my first year in office: I'll work towards opening all school playgrounds after hours and on weekends, so as to create more opportunities for the

community to have outdoor recreation, without having to undertake the financial toll of building new spaces, given the upcoming budget deficit; I'll have the city partner with grocery stores in the area, so we can have refill stations for common household products, thus promoting sustainable practices that reduce our usage of plastics, while simultaneously helping the community save money; and I'll create a task force that'll help restaurants reduce their food waste and, where possible, install community fridges that will aid in combating food scarcity. As for climate justice, I'll strengthen our climate action plan with specific objectives aimed at addressing the inequity faced by lower-income households in Escondido. Some of these objectives will include testing the building quality of different neighborhoods, providing air conditioning units for those without the financial capacity to escape from the impact of an increasingly hotter climate, and helping folks frequently test their own water quality. Change is on the horizon, and I'm hoping you'll join me in ensuring we get these changes Escondido.

City of Imperial Beach



City Council - Mark West

Long before he was elected to Imperial Beach City Council in 2016, Mark West was an environmental champion working to clean up and preserve our natural habitat and protect our quality of life. Mark is the former chair of Surfrider Foundation's San Diego County chapter, and during his time as chair, the organization stepped up major efforts, not only to preserve our beaches, but to clean up environmental pollution in our immediate coastal waters. It was during his time as chair that the San Diego chapter helped establish the Northern Baja chapter, keeping watch over the beaches of Tijuana. Council member West's time on I.B.'s City Council has been punctuated by an intense focus on the environment. Mark helped the city pass a landmark Climate Action Plan, putting I.B. on the path to 100% clean and renewable energy, and mitigating the effects of climate change through resiliency planning. He is an inaugural board member of San Diego Community Power, the newly-formed regional energy agency. And he was a major influence in the successful lobbying effort to secure \$300 million to protect and preserve the Tijuana River Valley. www.mark-west2020.com

City of La Mesa



City Council - Jack Shu

Jack has been a passionate and effective advocate for the environment, social justice, and building healthy communities in the San Diego Region for over 35 years. He has a lot of experience addressing environmental issues. After 29 years of public service with the California State Park System as a Park Superintendent he retired 15 years ago. While with State Parks he managed wilderness area, historic sites, statewide community involvement programs as well as training classes for outdoor education and cultural diversity. For the past 25 years he has been the President of the Cleveland National Forest Foundation. The Sierra Club has worked with the Foundation on a number of high profile lawsuits against SANDAG and San Diego County. The Foundation is known for winning many significant cases which have had an affect on protecting open space, environmental justice, reduction of green house emissions requirements in transportation plans and more. Over the years Jack has become a familiar speaker at SANDAG, County Board of Supervisor and City Council meetings. He has also been active with the San Diego Green New Deal, SD 350, Quality Life Coalition as well as social justice groups. In La Mesa he worked to on a Wellness Committee, improving childhood nutrition and helped start both the Task Force on Homelessness and the City's much-needed Police Oversight Board. He has been endorsed by the San Diego County Democratic Club and the San Diego Imperial County Labor Council. <https://jackshu.com/>

City of Lemon Grove



Mayor - Raquel Vasquez

Racquel Vasquez proudly serves the City of Lemon Grove as a historic Mayor. She is the first African American Female Mayor to be elected in both the City of Lemon Grove and County of San Diego. Public service has long been important to the California State University, Northridge graduate. Prior to serving on the Lemon Grove City Council, Mayor Vasquez was an active Lemon Grove community member, serving in various community groups, associations and City task forces. This is where her passion for public service grew.

Mayor Vasquez has worked in City gov-

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ernment, as a professional, for nearly two decades in public relations. She prides herself on putting people and community first. Mayor Vasquez has pinpointed three key priorities to focus on in her four-year term: public safety, economic development and infrastructure improvements. Mayor Vasquez has been married for over 25 years and has two daughters.



City Council – George Gastil

I have been a San Diego Sierra Club member for nearly three decades and I enjoy spending time exploring the canyons, creeks,

mountains, and coastal areas of San Diego County. With your support, I served two terms on the Lemon Grove City Council, from 2008-2016. Since that time, I played a key role in starting the Lemon Grove Community Garden. This multi ethnic/multigenerational activity strengthens our community while promoting environmental awareness! Lemon Grove is a small city with huge potential. We are close to the urban core, but we also have close ties to the less densely populated areas of East County. In Lemon Grove we need to encourage walking and make our neighborhoods more connected. We are planning a walking trail, following the railroad/trolley line through our city. The park will include much of Chollas Creek, and help build support for environmental restoration efforts in that area. While serving on the Council, I helped develop the first community health element for our city's General Plan. I also helped start the discussions that led to the city's first Climate Action Plan. In addition to building on those accomplishments, I will also make sure our city is effectively represented on regional bodies such as SANDAG, MTS, and East County Economic Development Council. Together with progressive leaders from other cities, we can promote sustainable and walkable communities, more effective public transportation, and a vibrant green economy.

City of National City



City Council - Marcus Bush

Marcus Bush is a lifelong National City resident, proud father of 2, and a longtime environmental justice activist running for City Council in National City.

Marcus grew up in National City and earned his Bachelor of Arts in City Planning from San Diego State University and Master's in Real Estate Development from Portland State University. Marcus has served in numerous leadership roles in National City including serving on the Civil Service Commission,

Board of Directors for the hamber of Commerce, President of Rotary Club, and Planning Commission, where he became the youngest Chair in the City's history at 26. Marcus has a long track record of activism in protecting the environment and addressing climate change, from supporting the City of National City's amortization policy in 2013-2014 that phased out industrial, polluting business in residential neighborhoods when he was on the Planning Commission; opposing SANDAG's Measure A in 2016 that widened freeways in vulnerable communities throughout San Diego County; and serving as a Policy Advisor to Council President Gomez in the City of San Diego on land use and environmental issues. If elected, Marcus would make history in National City as the first Afro-Latino, first openly-LGBTQ, and first Millennial ever elected.



City Council – Gonzalo Quintero

Dr. Quintero, known by all as "Dr. Q", is an active member of his community, serving in many different capacities

for his city and regional organizations. Dr. Quintero is a National City resident and registered voter and current Vice Chair of National City's Planning Commission. He previously served on the city's Traffic Safety Committee from 2011-2016, and a current Board Member of Circulate San Diego, an organization focused on transportation justice, and a current Adviser and former Instructor of Marketing at San Diego State University's College of Extended Studies' Professional Certificate program. Dr. Quintero is a proud Sweetwater High School alumni, a product of Southwestern College Transfer Program, and three time graduate of San Diego State University. He holds a Doctorate of Education in Community College Leadership, a Master of Public Administration & Urban Studies, and a Bachelors of Arts in Public Administration & Urban Studies. Dr. Quintero is the General Manager of La Bella Pizza in Chula Vista, a position held since 2012. gquintero@nationalcityca.gov.

City of Oceanside



Mayor – Esther Sanchez

I have led on protecting Oceanside's neighborhoods, parks, open space, coastal and watershed resources, and on expanding recreational opportunities. I have championed green jobs, smart growth, livable streets, and to be a bicycle

friendly community. Since taking office, we have three new parks, skate parks and our "dream" park – the 450 acres of El Corazón with a senior center, green kitchen, 22 soccer fields and now an aquatics center.

I've actively supported Preserve Calavera and the Luiseño Band of Mission Indians in preserving the cultural, historic and wildlife resources of the city including the Marron Adobe Valley, ancient El Salto Falls and wildlife corridors. I've pushed for implementation of our subarea plan, restoration of the Buena Vista Lagoon, championed Zero Waste, and served on the California Coastal Commission. We are, however, at a crossroads. El Corazon Park is endangered by high density residential development inconsistent with its specific plan, and we are threatened with urban sprawl such as the North River Farms project that would destroy our farmlands and the economic and environmental sustainability of Oceanside. We need strong environmental policies to implement community choice energy, an effective Climate Action Plan, environmental justice programs and to address sea level rise and sand retention. We need to elect a new majority – Shari Mackin in District 3, Jane Marshall in District 4, and me as mayor - all with a strong commitment to our environment and record of getting things done.



City Council, District 3 – Shari Mackin

I am honored to be endorsed by the Sierra Club, I have a history of getting things done for our environment!

I am a 40-year resident of

Oceanside, mom, grandmother, and retired teacher. People know me as a fierce defender of our neighborhoods, parks, and beaches. As an activist, I was a leader in fighting the proposed "aquarium" at Harbor beach that would have eliminated the beach. I also worked to beat Doug Manchester at the Coastal Commission to keep our public parkland at the Pier. I spent years studying our local coastal plan, I used that knowledge to open a secret, hidden beach access in South Oceanside. As deputy mayor for the city of Oceanside, I worked relentlessly to seek grant funding to improve water quality and secured a \$7.3 million grant for UV water treatment and dollars for acquisition of polluting properties to bring us to the current creek restoration plan. My vision for our city, no more kicking the can down the road – let's revise our current CAP and add an accountability piece that holds us responsible for true progress towards goals. Revisit our SLR plan and make sure that the soon-to-be decommissioned wastewater plant is converted to a dedicated parkland and somewhere people can enjoy when tides rise and

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VOTE SAFE, VOTE EARLY

Every registered voter in California will receive a ballot in the mail for the upcoming election

With the COVID-19 pandemic still raging, every registered voter in California will receive a ballot in the mail for the upcoming election. Ballots will be mailed starting the week of October 5. You do not need to request a vote by mail ballot. Just mark your ballot, sign it (be sure to sign it as to match the name as registered), date it, and mail it in the postage paid envelope provided.

What You Need to Know

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Check your registration at <https://rov.sandiegocounty.gov/rov/Eng/Voters.asp>. Not registered to vote, changed your name or moved? Re-register at <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

If you are registering or re-registering less than 15 days before the election you will have to complete the HYPERLINK "<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/same-day-reg/>" Same-Day Voter Registration process and request your ballot in person at the county Registrar of Voters office or at your polling location.

MAIL BALLOTS

All ballots must be postmarked no later than election day, Tuesday November 3, however, its best to mail your ballot in as soon as possible. Be sure to sign and date. Your signature is required for your ballot to count!

"Where's My Ballot?" - You can track every step of the way by signing up for "Where's My Ballot?". To receive notifications, sign up at: <https://www.sdvote.com/content/rov/en/elections/wheres-my-ballot.html>

IN-PERSON VOTING

If you need to vote in-person, polling places will be open for four days, Oct. 31 through Election Day on Nov. 3. Polling places will be open 7am to 8pm.

Wheeling Safely Through the Pandemic

by Dawn Nowlin, Sierra Club SD Chapter Bicycle Section

The benefit of physical exercise is even more important for our well-being during the extended duration of Covid-19 spread. Bicycle riding has become very popular as a lower risk activity for outdoor recreation. Whether new to the sport, or avid bike riders like many of us in the Bicycle Section, following the guidelines from the Center of Disease Control (CDC) is reasonable.

It's great seeing families bicycling together. Many of us are riding bikes solo as a means to limit socialization outside of the household. Some of us are riding with friends because it is motivating and socially gratifying. However, we've limited our shared rides to 1 - 4 closest pals that we know follow the CDC guidelines as a lifestyle. Riding with a group has made us even more diligent in applying the CDC recommendations for hygiene, self-distancing and facial covering during the rides.

We bicyclists now think of our facial covering, like a helmet, part of the required gear to ride safely these days. The helmet protects our noggin in case of a fall; the mask provides a barrier to slow the spread of coronavirus! Our bicycling facial coverings have taken on many colorful and functional forms to wear at all times, or at a minimum, worn when it is difficult to maintain more than 6 ft from others such as on public pathways, busy streets and when stopped at intersections with vehicles and pedestrians. Mountain bike riders may encounter hikers or other bikers on the trail and should be prepared, as well.

Bicycling, under any circumstance, is made safer by being ready for the unexpected. Taking precautions against the coronavirus has become just as important as avoiding bicycle injuries and accidents. Bicyclists around the county are doing this and continue to ride!

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October 2

Amazing World of Bats:

Nature's Tiny Fighter Jets Bats! Those strange, mysterious creatures we only catch glimpses of around twilight. Bats are fascinating animals with incredible skills of flight and nighttime navigation. They contribute to our environment in surprising ways including serving as master catchers of insect pests, pollinating wild fruits, and helping reforest disturbed lands. Poorly understood and frequently feared, they are under threat world-wide due to use of pesticides, loss of habitat, and being killed by humans. They need our protection as much as we need them in healthy populations. This multimedia presentation features photographs, video, audio clips, and museum specimens. Using an ultrasonic microphone and a tablet, The presenter, Don Endicott, will demonstrate how we hear and identify their high frequency echolocation calls used to navigate and find and catch prey in complete darkness.

Don is a retired civilian research engineer/executive in the field of Navy Communications and Network Technologies, He discovered a second career as a volunteer naturalist, becoming a public educator for the San Diego Natural History Museum and the San Diego Humane Society's Project Wildlife's "Bat Team". He contributes full spectrum bat echolocation call recordings to the San Diego Natural History Museum and Wildlife Acoustics, a bioacoustics monitoring systems company, where they have been incorporated into reference libraries for species identification.

November 6

Geologic History Of The San Diego Region

This presentation will feature some of the geologic highlights that have made the San Diego region the great place that it is for hiking and all sorts of outdoors activities. Prior to about 200 million years this area was occupied by seafloor and the space was gradually filled in by giant intrusions of granitic rocks capped by volcanoes. By five million years ago, a series of faults became the San Andreas fault system Baja California pulled away from mainland Mexico and the Gulf of California and Imperial Valley began forming. Several million years ago a branch of the San Andreas, our Rose Canyon fault, became active and pulled Point Loma away to form San Diego harbor.



The presenter is Monte Marshall, a fourth generation San Diegan with a Stanford PhD, in Geology and Geophysics..He worked for the United States Geological Survey and then began teaching and research in the SDSU Dept. of Geological Sciences. His main research projects have been using paleomagnetism to measure plate motions in Southern California, and gravity studies of the faults of metropolitan San Diego and the western Imperial Valley.

December 4

How Nature Lovers Survive COVID on Mt. Whoville

Kati and Ernie transformed their 1.5-acre parcel into a nature sanctuary. They have provided water, planted bird, butterfly and wildlife friendly plants that interface with the native chaparral environment. This allows the native neighbors to feel right at home and as a result they see daily visits from hummingbirds, roadrunners, snakes, coyotes, possums, quail, butterflies and an endless parade of bugs of all sorts. The COVID lockdown has actually allowed them to spend more time right at home on Mt. Whoville enjoying and observing visitors. Their photography has included game cameras as well as an intimate nest camera to see night visitors and the annual nesting of house wrens. The many friends from nature they made have inspired a Holiday poem.

The presenter, Ernie Cowan is a noted photographer, lecturer, instructor and author. He began his photography career as a journalist, For six years he wrote the monthly "Backyard Bird-watching" column for the San Diego Union-Tribune and currently writes a twice-monthly "Nature and Outdoors" column for the paper. Many of his columns were written about Mt. Whoville experiences.



there is no beach left to enjoy. This is such an important election for Oceanside. Working together we can make a real difference. shari4osidedistrict3.com.



City Council, District 4 – Jane Marshall

Jane Marshall, Oceanside Council District 4 candidate, is committed to Sierra Club goals.

Working with Scenic Oceanside she stopped the city council from placing Las Vegas sized digital billboards on city land that would have generated massive light pollution and Oceanside's largest source of climate-changing emissions from lighting. Jane has organized and led Oceanside neighbors in successfully stopping a four lane highway through Guajome Park that would have destroyed natural habitat. She walked District 4 to gather the signatures that successfully placed Measure L on the ballot to let Oceanside voters decide on a sprawl housing project that threatens North San Diego County's last remaining contiguous farmland. Jane has lived in District 4 for 30 years, rising her family and running their small business. She volunteers at the Oceanside Kitchen Collaborative to provide food for seniors and the homeless using zero waste principals. She has worked on the Local Coastal Plan and Climate Action Plans to advance SMART growth. Jane supports the El Corazon Master Plan and is working to officially designate El Corazon as a "park" to prevent housing encroachments. Voting for Jane Marshall is a vote for Oceanside's neighborhoods, parks and government policies that promote a sustainable environment. www.jane4oceanside.org.

Measure L - NO (North River Farms Project)

Stop the Conversion of Farmland to Dense Sprawl Development

Measure "L" is a citizens' Referendum to stop the rezoning of 176 acres of Oceanside farmland to enable a housing development of 585 homes known as "North River Farms." The City Council approved this project despite intense public opposition. Voting No will halt the developer's plans to put a housing development on active farmland. The Planning Commission and staff rejected this development three times because it violates the goals in the City's General Plan and Climate Action Plan. This development would destroy farmland/open space and benefit only the developer, while creating more infrastructure costs and problems for Oceanside residents. The Sierra Club does not oppose development- we support it in the right places- with affordable

housing where people can access services and jobs. But this project violates smart growth principles and favors high priced housing over housing for working families.

Voting NO on Measure "L" will:

- *Stop a steep escalation in traffic congestion and GHG emissions*
- *Prevent the permanent loss of some of the last remaining farmland in North County*
- *Avert a wildfire safety nightmare*
- *Empower grassroots environmental action. Local residents (including Sierra Club volunteers) gathered 12,000+ signatures in a grassroots campaign to put this measure on the ballot. www.lettoceanside-vote.org*

City of San Diego



City Council, District 1 – Joe LaCava

Nearly every year the state's fire season begins earlier, ends later, and destroys ever larger areas of the state.

Even as I write this, there are over 600 wildfires burning throughout California. This is just the most recent example of why it is vital that we take real steps now to protect our environment and address climate change. As a community leader with over 15 years of experience serving on nearly 30 civic boards, local planning groups and commissions, I have a demonstrated commitment to standing up for the environment. My priorities include the continued implementation of the city's Climate Action Plan (CAP), creating a Climate Adaptation Plan to prepare for the future impacts on our region due to climate change, protecting our open spaces, and supporting new housing that respects the environment. As part of the city's commitment to addressing and mitigating climate change, the CAP must serve as the foundation that informs everything we do as a city. For example, I was an early voice in arguing that community plan updates should be measured against whether they help meet CAP goals. It is not enough to simply create new environmental regulations or policies, we must take a holistic approach to the city's environmental policy and lay the groundwork now for how businesses, institutions, and residents will help achieve our climate goals. This will not be an easy task as it will require a cultural shift in how San Diegans live, work, and play. However, elected officials must be at the forefront in leading San Diego in these important environmental issues.



City Council, District 3 – Stephen Whitburn

Fellow Sierra Club members: As you know, San Diego City Council District 3 boasts beautiful canyons, borders San Diego Bay, and

is the proud home of Balboa Park. At the same time, we struggle with aging infrastructure and urban runoff, and we're surrounded by freeways. We have much to protect and much to improve. We also play a key role regionally. District 3 includes Downtown where we can add housing and take pressure off the backcountry. It's also the hub of our transit system which needs to take more pressure off our roadways. The environment will be a top priority of mine. We must fully fund San Diego's Climate Action Plan and achieve its goals. I'll also work to end our homelessness crisis, improve housing affordability, protect public health, and help San Diegans through the current economic disaster. Accomplishing this will take proven, effective leadership. In the community, I've been active on nonprofit boards, city committees, and community organizations for the past 20 years. Professionally, I was director of the American Cancer Society in Southern California and earlier was a regional director at the American Red Cross. I am honored to be endorsed by the Sierra Club. I request your help to ensure District 3 elects a council member who prioritizes the environment. Please visit whitburnforcouncil.com to list yourself as a supporter, donate, or volunteer. I look forward to working with you on issues in District 3 and region-wide.



City Council, District 5 – Marni von Wilpert

Marni von Wilpert is currently a Deputy City Attorney, protecting San Diego residents by working to hold environmental

polluters accountable, going after the opioid industry, and finding concrete ways to address the city's homelessness crisis. Marni is running to ensure we address climate change by meeting the City's climate action goals, protect neighborhoods from wildfires, and invest in a world class transit system to reduce traffic and carbon emissions. Marni has dedicated her career to public service as a civil rights and labor rights attorney. She has also provided legal representation for people living with HIV/AIDS who faced discrimination in housing, employment, and access to medical care. Before law school, she served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Botswana. Marni grew up in the district, graduated Scripps Ranch High school, and now lives a few miles from her childhood home.



**City Council, District 7 –
Raul Campillo**

Raul Campillo is a former public school teacher and current Deputy City Attorney for the City of San Diego. Raul's prior-

ities are to strengthen our local economy by finding immediate, workable solutions to the mental health and homelessness epidemics, building more affordable housing, making public transit safer and faster, protecting Mission Trails and Cowles, and promoting public safety. Born and raised in San Diego, Raul graduated from Uni High School in Linda Vista and Harvard Law School. Raul is particularly excited to serve District 7 (Mission Valley and Linda Vista, east to Lake Murray, and north to Tierrasanta) because it would mean he also is appointed to the San Diego River Conservancy, thereby being in a position to promote the protection of native species, invest in technology to improve water quality, and oversee preservation of the San Diego River watershed.



**City Council, District 9 –
Sean Elo**

As a proud environmentalist and member of the Sierra Club, I am honored to have your endorsement of my campaign for San

Diego City Council District 9. I am committed to being a steadfast partner in the fight against climate change and for environmental justice.

Amongst my top priorities is committing the resources for San Diego to reach its Climate Action Plan goals by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, planting more trees, and protecting open space.

The planet is in the midst of an environmental crisis and I firmly believe bold local action can save us. With your help, San Diego can rise to the occasion and move our city toward the future-focused solutions necessary to protect our planet. Now let's win this race so we can get to work.

www.seanelo.com for more information about how to get involved.

City of San Marcos



**City Council, District 3 –
Alan Geraci**

Alan Geraci is running for San Marcos City Council District 3. He is a lawyer practicing in San Marcos who has focused on public

interest cases. As a Deputy City Attorney, Alan fought developers in court to protect the 5800 acre east San Diego Mission Trails Regional Park. He will fight to protect open spaces and is against sprawl developments in North County's back country. He and his wife Karen love to hike the beautiful trails throughout our region.



**City Council, District 4 –
Neil Kramer**

I believe my values and work in public and human services have provided me the experience and qualifications to be an

effective city councilmember. I'm committed to working together to preserve what's best about San Marcos and moving forward on needed improvements. My top priority is to protect our hillsides, open space and parks. I will work to ensure the sustainability of our region, including reducing the production of greenhouse gases through adoption of a strong regional transportation plan and promotion of reduction of combustion engine vehicles on our roadways, ban single use plastic in San Marcos, promote solar panels on City-owned buildings, increase the number of electric vehicle charging stations throughout the city, and increase access to solar for all residents. I will not take campaign contributions from developers. My additional priorities:

- Reduce traffic congestion through collection of traffic data and plan accordingly
- Increase affordable housing opportunities
- Support local small business and expand economic development
- Enhance services to seniors and disabled

I'll use my experience as a member of the San Marcos Budget Review Committee and my extensive legislative experience to provide steady leadership and innovative thinking to preserve city services during the unprecedented challenges brought by COVID-19. I promise to seek community input, work hard and make decisions on behalf of all our residents.

City of Santee



Mayor - Stephen Houlahan

Councilmember Stephen Houlahan, RN, MSN, MBA, CCS, CCDS has over 20 years' experience as a Registered Nurse, having graduated from San Diego

State University School of Nursing in 1998. In 2010 Stephen Houlahan became a founding member and the President of the activist group "Save Mission Trails". This group's primary focus is to protect Mission Trails Regional Park and the adjacent East Elliott open space from encroachment. On September 12th, 2014 with Houlahan's leadership Save Mission Trails successfully led the effort to stop the Quail Brush Power Plant from being built adjacent to Mission Trails Regional Park, in East Elliott, at the western gateway of Santee. Additionally, on July 27, 2016, as the President of Save Mission Trails, Houlahan successfully led the effort to achieve "Scenic Highway" designation for State Route-52 from Mast Blvd to Santo Rd. When Houlahan learned of the attempt to export fracked liquefied natural gas through San Diego in 2018 by constructing the "Rainbow to Mission Valley Pipeline Project" at the expense of rate-payers, he once again organized the community and successfully stopped yet another boondoggle. Councilmember Houlahan has coached baseball at West Hills Little League (WHLL) and coached soccer for American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) for the last 6 years. Houlahan is a voting member of the San Diego River Conservancy, Mission Trails Taskforce, Goodan Ranch Advisory Committee, and the Santee Fire Fighter/Paramedic County Service Agreement (CSA-69). Stephen Houlahan is a homeowner, happy husband, and proud father. He is committed and dedicated to his community, beautiful Santee!

City of Solana Beach



Mayor – Lesa Heebner

Solana Beach has been my home for 44 years. Surrounded by two lagoons, the ocean, and extensive green space, our natural setting is a

daily reminder of how important protecting our environment is, and one of the major reasons I'm running for Mayor of Solana Beach. I'm concerned about the effects of climate change, including sea level rise and habitat loss, plastic use and litter, pollution from freeways, and ever-expanding freeway lanes.

Additionally, I will advocate for retaining local control of land use, assuring fiscal sustainability of our small businesses, and a more green, accountable and 21st Century use of the Del Mar Fairgrounds. My involvement with the City began in 2002 when I led the grassroots effort to

create the Coastal Rail Trail design we see today, adding significant tree canopy and native plantings. While on City Council (2004–2016), we enacted the first single-use plastic bag ban in the County and launched the first Community Choice Energy program. I signed onto the US Compact of Mayors on Climate Change in 2007, and contributed to the effort to preserve 3.4 acres of open space at the northern terminus of the City, now known as Harbaugh Seaside Trails. Solana Beach has been consistently recognized as the most environmentally progressive City in the region. I served 10 years as the Primary Board member on SANDAG and Chair of SANDAG's Regional Planning Committee. I often and fervently advocated for transit and other environmental measures. www.lesa4SolanaBeach.com



**City Council, District 1 –
David Zito**

Councilmember, City of Solana Beach

I am proud of what my City has accomplished during my time in office, and am excited for Solana Beach to continue as a regional leader in environmental issues. During my current term in office Solana Beach became the first City in San Diego County to implement Community Choice Aggregation and immediately set the baseline GHG free at 75% - one of the highest in the State. We were the first to go through this transition with SDG&E and blazed the trail for many Cities in the region to follow. We have also passed some of the most restrictive single use plastic regulations in the State, and are in the process of rolling them out. There continue to be many important tasks ahead of us, including the rapid implementation of the strategies outlined in our Climate Action Plan. Our focus on renewable energy, water re-use, and pollution reduction will continue to be a top priority for me and I'm honored to receive again the Sierra Club endorsement to this end. I am looking forward to being able to continue to serve my community and keep Solana Beach on the forefront of environmental stewardship. We have demonstrated that such a strategy is possible, even necessary, to ensure a vibrant economy and a great quality of life. An election has never been more important to the future of our Country than this one, so please take a few minutes to encourage your friends and neighbors to get engaged, and vote!



**City Council, District 3 –
Jewel Edson**

Growing up, my parents instilled a deep appreciation for the earth in all its beauty and splendor. I followed suit when raising my own son. Not surprisingly upon moving back to the states in 2016, we looked for a community that reflected these values.

Solana Beach has a long history of environmental leadership and continues to pursue that noble path. In mid-2017, we adopted our first Climate Action Plan. In December 2017, Council voted to adopt the first CCA program in San Diego County -- successfully launching Solana Energy Alliance (SEA). Through a JPA formed with partner cities Carlsbad and Del Mar, SEA will become CEA. Another major sustainability milestone was the adoption of Ordinance 504 in August 2019. Among its prohibitions are use or sale of food service ware that's not recyclable or compostable. We have also continued to improve the health and quality of life of residents and visitors through expanded park space, new walking paths, and safer routes for kids to walk and bike to school. The Lomas Santa Fe Corridor Improvement project will further enhance multi-modal transportation and add a second linear park. Our fragile coastal bluffs have benefitted from the import of sand that nourishes our beaches, slows erosion, and expands recreational use. With the aid of Congressman Mike Levin, Solana Beach has succeeded in securing long awaited federal funds necessary to move our Shoreline Protection Project forward. This is a significant step in combatting sea-level rise and securing sand replenishment for decades to come.

City of Vista



**City Council, District 3 –
Katie Melendez**

Katie Melendez grew up in Vista, and is a proud alumna of Vista public schools and a first generation college graduate. She served in Americorp, advocated for affordable housing in Sacramento, and currently serves as a social worker in North County San Diego. Katie is running for Vista City Council District 3 to make Vista a safe, happy, and healthy community for all. She champions improvements to our infrastructure in order to make it easier for residents to walk, bike, or skateboard, which will get cars off the road. Katie is a fierce defender of our environment and will prioritize the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, expansion of our tree canopy,

and involvement of environmental experts and concerned citizens. As we fight against the climate crisis, Katie knows that working and vulnerable communities will be hit by the consequences the hardest. That's why she fights for inclusive housing and green development. Katie is proud to be endorsed by Sierra Club and will honor her commitment to our planet as she serves on Vista City Council.

**Vallecitos Water District Board
of Directors**



Division 5 – Tiffany Boyd-Hodgson

I will ensure delivery of safe, reliable water at the lowest price, stimulate our economy by creating a training pathway for water operator jobs, disincentivize sprawl, incentivize smart growth, and protect our environment. Vallecitos receives income from two sources: ratepayers to cover infrastructure and improvements and developers to cover their costs to build. Board policies have enabled developers to avoid payments leaving a \$15M deficit in that fund. We're paying for it: 15% of our water bill subsidizes development. Our water rates just went up and will keep going up. I'm focused on what's best for ratepayers and to stabilize water rates. That's why I will not take developer money. I'm a scientist by training and am knowledgeable of District issues and delivery of water. I became involved in water safety when PFAS, toxic Teflon chemicals, were found in my local water supply while living in Pennsylvania. I'm a former school board member, experienced in budgeting and maximizing resources to maintain fiscal stability. As a mother and community leader, I'm committed to making sure we all have the safe and affordable water we deserve and will govern with integrity, energy, empathy, and compassion. I am endorsed by The Sierra Club, 314action.org, and Senate pro Tempore Toni Atkins as well as numerous other elected officials, candidates and community leaders. Tiffanyboydhodgson.com.

State Propositions

YES Proposition 15

The California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020. The measure closes commercial property tax loopholes that benefit corporations and wealthy investors and reclaims \$12 billion every year to fund schools and strengthen local economies. This does not affect homeowners or renters property tax.

Ever since its passage by voters, Prop 13 has reduced funds for local government services,

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including schools and parks. This is the first structural and equitable tax reform of Prop 13.

YES Proposition 16 -

Repeal Proposition 209 Affirmative Action Amendment.

California voters passed Proposition 209 in 1996, which banned affirmative action at state institutions. Proposition 16 will once again allow schools and public agencies to consider race, sex, gender, and ethnicity when making admission, hiring or contracting decisions. It will create real opportunities for all Californians.

Sierra Club embraces efforts to ensure that equity and social justice are incorporated into public policy. Proposition 16 does that and also helps ensure that everyone will have an equitable chance to play a key role in learning about or becoming leaders in environmental policy.

NO Proposition 22

App-Based Drivers as Contractors and Labor Policies Initiative. The initiative would consider app-based drivers to be independent contractors and not employees or agents. If passed Proposition 22 would override Assembly Bill 5, which Sierra Club California supported and the legislature passed in 2019.

Independent contractors are not covered by various state employment laws. Instead, the drivers would be subject to the labor and wage policies specific to the app-based companies. Proposition 22 would deny drivers the basic rights to earning the minimum wage for all hours worked, social security, reimbursements for their costs, overtime pay, and the right to organize. It would also discourage transportation network companies from taking responsibility for reducing tailpipe emissions from cars used in their network.

YES Proposition 25

Replace Cash Bail with Risk Assessments Referendum. The initiative would replace cash bail with risk assessments for detained suspects awaiting trials.

The cash bail system is inherently discriminatory and antithetical to our values of justice, fairness and racial equity. By charging people nonrefundable fees for pretrial release, the bail industry makes billions of dollars off of vulnerable individuals in dire circumstances, especially people most affected by racial and economic inequities.

This measure upholds SB 10, the original legislation that Sierra Club California supported and the legislature passed in 2018.

In addition, I served as treasurer for the San Luis Bay Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation, as a commissioner on the Atascadero Planning Commission, a founding partner of the Marine Interest Group out of Morro Bay CA, and as a founding member of the Organization for Regional Coastal Activist (ORCA) among other activities. For the past year I have served on the Executive Committee of the North County Group. The experience has left me wanting to do more to bring environmental awareness and passion for preserving our planet to the residents of north county by seeking another term.



Linda Stanwood

I am running for the Executive Committee of the North County Sierra Club because in the years I have lived in north San Diego County, I have seen a lot of threats to the things I love about the area. I am concerned about development that does not put a premium on preserving the hiking trails, the agriculture and the open space that makes this area unique. I am concerned that our city and county governments are not acting with sufficient speed and determination to combat the growing threat of climate change. And I am concerned about the increasing risks of fire and drought that need to be addressed locally and immediately as we struggle with the challenges of climate change. The Sierra Club has been a real force for change in North County, and I would like to support its efforts to get the Multiple Species Conservation Plan adopted. Because of my legal and volunteer background, I have a deep understanding of how financial and social organizations work, and I would like to put my skills to work in helping the Sierra Club reach its goals to increase quality, appropriate urban density, decrease urban sprawl, and support existing green projects such as SANDAG's forward looking Regional Transportation plan. I firmly believe that best solutions are local solutions, and that by improving our housing, transportation and environment here in North County, we are taking important steps toward solving difficult challenges facing California and our country.



Tim Swift

Greetings fellow Sierrans! I'm running for NCG ExCom because safeguarding our natural world and our most vulnerable populations is of the utmost importance & timeliness. Growing up in northern New Mexico, I was fortunate to spend my formative years adventuring all over the "Land of Enchantment" & the four corner states. Jacque Cousteau keenly recognized that we only protect what we know and love, and so I'm fully committed to helping Sierra Club preserve & expand the accessibility of our majestic open spaces to people of all ages, colors, backgrounds, and experience.

After high school I traded mountains for beaches and moved to California to earn a degree in Biochemistry at UC San Diego, after which I settled in to a career working for Phenomenex, a global technology leader that delivers analytical chemistry solutions to Life Science & Environmental laboratories. For forty years I've acquired and developed a unique combination of skill sets, personality attributes, & experience that makes for effective activism. In addition to my contributions to NCG Conservation Committee & Political Committee, for the past year I've been an active member of the Escondido Community Advisory Group for Environmental and Climate Action, where I've focused on land-use planning, development of urban forestry initiatives, and defining an approach to achieve social equity in our community's climate action plan. I would be THRILLED to continue this critically important work as an ExCom member, and effectively see this planning effort through to adopted policy. Thanks for your consideration!

Sierra Club Bus Trips

Dear Friends, We planned 6 wonderful bus trips for 2020, but the Covid-19 Pandemic has changed everything.

We cancelled the March trip to the Tonto National Forest. Everyone that signed up got a full refund.

We cancelled our May trip to the Grand Canyon, the July trip to Hoover Wilderness, the August trip to Yosemite, and the September trips to Channel Islands and Zion in October.

We plan to move the entire 2020 bus trip schedule to 2021. Please check our website <https://www.sdsierracub.org> for continued updates. . Hopefully, a vaccine will be developed soon, and we will be able to safely travel together again.

The Bus Trip Committee

Sierra Club Seal Society Coffee Table Book Sale

by Ellen Shively

Docents of the Sierra Club Seal Society will benefit from a generous donation to the local Chapter of a spectacular coffee table size book "The Miracle of Life at La Jolla Cove" by wildlife photographer David Sattler with a forward by renowned primate biologist Jane Goodall. The proceeds of the sale help fund help fund educational materials and equipment we use in our docent activities. A successful promotional sale was held twice last month outside Mangelsen's Images of Nature Gallery in La Jolla.

In the absence of our yearly booth at the Earth Day venue in Balboa Park, we had the opportunity to speak to a diverse number of groups interested in what we do - educate visitors about the seals and sea lions daily habits, keeping a safe distance while seal viewing and the value of protecting the marine life for their role in the balanced near shore coastal region. We were also able to attract new prospects interested in taking our docent training class.

The books are still available through the Sierra Club office and on the second Saturday at Mangelsen's from 11-3 pm until the end of the year. Please contact the office to confirm a hold on a book for you at the reduced price of \$30 . Book mailings will include the postal charge.



Sierra Club Seal Society

By Ellen Shively

The merge of the San Diego Chapter and the “Seal Society” has been a “win-win” for all. Invariably, as we are on the beach more than one person will look at both sides of our teal shirts and recognize the two distinct logos. It seems to give us credence for what we docents do - “educate, preserve and enjoy” nature at it’s very best.

We would like to link the two logos - the mountain pine tree and the beach seawall with the profile of the harbor seal superimposed, but a believable blended habitat has yet to be designed.

Since the opening back up of Casa Beach (aka Children’s Pool) so many beach-goers have crowded the beach area with an array of gear, canopys and strollers, it is hard to even see a harbor seal anywhere near to “pool”. So, the docent group has directed our energies slightly northward to the rookery of sea lions who have populated the rocky outcrop just south of the Cove including Boomer’s Beach.

This rookery and colony congregates along an open ocean area, so the borders of the Cove’s Marine Protected Area does not include their haul out area. When we first noticed the sea lions, we agreed that they deserved

much the same viewing guidelines given the harbor seals, so we began to educate ourselves on the differences and provide the hundreds of visitors the same type of education we had given for the harbor seals.

We now know that their pupping season lags behind the harbor seals by two months, they have the same gestation time of nine

months, that there is a strong dominant male with several females in a “harem”, that nursing may go on for up to 9 months due to their larger size, that they are remarkably social and sometimes climb all over each other and most males are vocal with a dog like bark. Once you visualize the different characteristics, it is easy to tell them apart. It is interesting that they seldom intermix between the two colonies, however.

Our long-term goal is to strengthen the city’s management of these animals. We have asked that the information signs contain more specifics about safe distancing so as not to disturb their normal behaviors, that the area is monitored frequently by city rangers to enforce existing marine mammal protection laws, and eventually

ly we will lobby for closure of the access points so that the pupping season will be a time of security and peacefulness for the mothers to be and the newborn pups as they learn to swim and survive in this treasured natural ocean habitat amidst a busy urban area and popular recreational spot. As for now, excellent viewing is available from the sidewalk.

If you would like to become a docent with the Sierra Club Seal Society, please call for more information. We will soon have the training program on the Chapter’s web site, but for now, ask me at ellenshively@sbcglobal.net or leave a text at 1-619-245-8953 with your contact information.

Also check out our Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/SealSociety>.



Chapter & Group Executive Committee Ballot Instructions

This year we are offering members the ability to cast their ballot(s) online.

All Chapter members are eligible to vote in the Chapter Executive Committee election. Where you live determines if you can vote in the Group Executive Committee election. If you do not live in one of the Group cities listed below, you are NOT eligible to vote in the Group elections. If you live outside of a Group city, but have opted to be a member of a different Group, please vote in that Group's election

If you live in these cities, please vote in the North County Group election!

Bonsall, Escondido, Fallbrook, Oceanside zip code 92058, Pala, Palomar Mtn., Pauma Valley, Poway, Ramona, San Diego zip codes 92127, 92128 & 92198, San Marcos, Santa Ysabel, Vista, and Valley Center.

If you live in these cities, please vote in the North County Coastal (Coasters) Group election!

Cardiff, Carlsbad, Del Mar, Encinitas, Oceanside zip codes 92052, 92054, 92056 & 92057, Rancho Santa Fe, and Solana Beach.

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Executive Committee Candidate Statements can be viewed at

<http://sandiegosierraclub.org/executive-committee-candidate-statements/>

Problems or questions? Please email the Chapter office at scoffice@sierrasd.org or call 858-569-6005.

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Remember To Vote



Chapter and Group Executive Committee Ballots

All Chapter members are eligible to vote in the Chapter Executive Committee election.

San Diego Chapter Executive Committee Ballot

Vote for no more than two (2) candidates, including write-ins, by marking the box next to a candidate's name, including write-ins. For JOINT memberships please use the second set of boxes to vote. (The order of candidates' names was randomly chosen.)

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 2

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North County Group Executive Committee Ballot

Vote for no more than four (4) candidates, including write-ins, by marking the box next to a candidate's name, including write-ins. For JOINT memberships please use the second set of boxes to vote. (The order of candidates' names was randomly chosen.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Linda Stanwood | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Pam Heatherington |
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If you live in these cities, please vote!

Bonsall, Escondido, Fallbrook, Oceanside zip code 92058, Pala, Palomar Mtn., Pauma Valley, Poway, Ramona, San Diego zip codes 92127, 92128 & 92198, San Marcos, Santa Ysabel, Vista, and Valley Center.

North County Coastal (Coasters) Group Executive Committee Ballot

Vote for no more than three (3) candidates, including write-ins, by marking the box next to a candidate's name, including write-ins. For JOINT memberships please use the second set of boxes to vote. (The order of candidates' names was randomly chosen.)

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 3

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development in San Diego's backcountry. District 1 of the County Board of Supervisors is another important race where Sierra Club has endorsed progressive Nora Vargas over Ben Hueso who has been a dear friend of big oil. We've endorsed environmentalist and La Jolla community leader Joe LaCava as the best candidate by far for San Diego City Council District 1. And we've endorsed Georgette Gomez for California's 53rd Congressional District

to join an inspirational team of progressive women of color in the House of Representatives and to press a strong agenda for the environment and justice.

Please engage however you can in this election of our lifetime. Makes calls or send personalized postcards to engage voters in Presidential swing-states.

Donate and volunteer your time for a local candidate who inspires you. And above all, exercise your right to participate in our imperfect democracy and VOTE!

Out of a preponderance of caution due to the Coronavirus, the club is temporarily closing its offices, suspending in-person committee meetings, outing and public activities.

Many meetings have moved to online video and phone conferencing. Please check our website

www.sandigosierraclub.org for updated information on the status of events and how to continue your participation.

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