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Sierra Club California Congratulates Senator de Leon on Election to President pro Tem

SACRAMENTO--Today the California Senate has voted to make Senator Kevin de Leon the Senate President pro Tem, the leader of the Senate.

Statement from Kathryn Phillips, director of Sierra Club California:

"Senator de Leon has been a thoughtful member of the Senate who has advanced environmental quality in California. He has been a strong advocate of parks, clean air, and renewable energy. Just recently, he supported a moratorium on fracking, an oil extraction process that threatens public health, environmental health and economic sustainability. In all his work, he has been an important champion of equity and environmental justice.

"As California continues to dig out of the Great Recession, it's important for the legislature to help make sure that our recovered economy respects the need for a healthy environment. Everyone deserves to breathe clean air, drink clean water, and access wild spaces in which to spiritually restore. We believe Senator de Leon gets this. We congratulate Senator de Leon on his new leadership role and look forward to continuing to work with him."

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