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## Sierra Club Guadalupe Group ExComm Meeting Minutes

July 1st, 2020

**Attendees:** Gary Latshaw - ExComm Chair, Molly Cox - ExComm Co-Chair and Secretary, Charles Schafer - Treasurer, Shawn Britton - Outings Chair, Dave Poeschel - Conservation Committee, John Cordes - Pol Comm

Meeting Started: 7:10PM

### Political Endorsements:

Terry Trumbull has been leading the endorsement committees for League of Conservation for 20 years, and is now stepping down, delegating his role to other individuals by city.

Dave is working with Joseph Sanchez in Morgan Hill for candidate endorsements. Rene Spring has been endorsed early. Also working on Gilroy endorsements.

Rod Diridon reached out to Dave to work on Santa Clara and Campbell endorsements. John will work on Sunnyvale and Santa Clara.

Charles - Los Gatos

Diane Gleason - Palo Alto, East Palo Alto

Gary - Saratoga

**Action: Shawn** - post Facebook ad for getting volunteers for endorsement committees.

Note: Candidates must announce intention to run by August 7<sup>th</sup> (in Sunnyvale, for example)

Sunnyvale

Mayor: Kristel W., John, Diane G., and Hoi Poon met to discuss endorsements. All are good, no endorsement will be made.

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DISTRICT 4: NO endorsement. TWO more district candidates need to be interviewed.

Early endorsements are better because there is early voting as soon as October 8<sup>th</sup>, so candidates can use the endorsements in their flyers.

**Action: John** - Spreadsheet with City, Lead Person, Interview dates

## **CHARCOT AVENUE EXTENSION PROJECT**

A \$50 million bridge project that will shave 7 seconds off a commute. San Jose City Council passed 6-3 with 2 abstentions. To go forward, they need 8 votes to pass eminent domain part of the school (which has a large minority population). Also, the EIR is going to be challenged. If the vote can be pushed out until January, new council members may vote against the project.

Bay Advocacy Program – Starts mid-July.

**Action: Gary** – ask Susan DesJardin to speak about the program in our July meeting.

House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis has published a 500+ page report. Chance of approval by Senate are nil. The report is available at <https://climatecrisis.house.gov/report>

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

July 8th - SCU Professor Emeritus to talk on Climate Change

August - Drawdown video – Green Money Journal

September - John Cordes – Political Endorsements, DEI – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts by the Sierra Club

October – Shawn suggested the movie “Pelican Dreams”

Upcoming Outings:

Suspended through the end of August

Other Events:

Guardians of Nature Benefit (Virtual) October 9th

Meeting Adjourned: 7:59PM