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## Sierra Club Endorses Tim Orozco for San Jose City Council District 4

San Jose needs a City Council that will take action on environmental issues and protect the long-term health of our air, water and natural surroundings. Please urge people to get out to vote for the environment on April 7!

Tim Orozco is the best environmental candidate for the San Jose City Council seat left open by Kansen Chu who was recently elected to the State Assembly. The special election will take place on April 7, 2015 with early voting starting on March 9.

Orozco promises he will be a strong supporter of environmental issues on the City Council. Environmental issues he supports include: water re-use; bag and Styrofoam bans; electric vehicles; addressing water quality issues in the bay; mixed-use infill on transit corridors especially BART; and housing impact fees.

Tim's website says "With BART coming to District 4 in Berryessa, there is a tremendous opportunity for smart growth - a mix of residential and commercial development - and the creation of an urban village setting which meets one of the strategies of our General Plan."

Tim Orozco is the most experienced candidate, having many years of service under his belt, most recently as Legislative Aide to State Senator Bob Wieckowski representing the communities of Berryessa and Alviso in north San Jose. This experience makes Orozco particularly well placed to be an effective Councilmember for District 4, with excellent knowledge of local issues and already established connections in Sacramento.

The Sierra Club joins many others in endorsing Orozco as the best candidate, including Senator Bob Wieckowski, San Jose Councilmembers Ash Kalra and Don Rocha, Santa Clara County Supervisors Cindy Chavez and Ken Yeager, the League of Conservation Voters, the South Bay Labor Council, and the Santa Clara County Democratic Party.

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