

# Election Insight 2016

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## The Loma Prieta Chapter Endorses the Following

<b>President</b> Hillary Clinton	AD 30 Karina Cervantez Alejo	(Require 2/3 Vote to Rezone Parks) – Yes	<b>Cupertino</b> David Fung Rod Sinks	<b>San Jose District #2</b> Sergio Jimenez
<b>Vice President</b> Tim Kaine	<b>COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES</b>	<b>Santa Clara Measure R</b> (Require 2/3 vote to sell or lease Open Space & Parks) - Yes	<b>Gilroy</b> Tom Fisher Dan Harney Fred Tovar	<b>San Jose District #6</b> Helen Chapman
<b>U.S. Senate</b> Kamala Harris	<b>San Mateo County Measure K</b> (Sales Tax Extension benefiting parks & affordable housing) – Yes	<b>SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARDS/COUNCILS</b>	<b>Los Altos</b> Jan Pepper Jeannie Bruins	<b>City of Santa Clara Seat #4</b> Raj Chahal
<b>Congressional Representatives</b> 12th – Nancy Pelosi 14th – Jackie Speier 17th – Mike Honda 18th – Anna Eshoo 19th – Zoe Lofgren	<b>Santa Clara County Measure A</b> (\$950 million Affordable Housing Bonds) – Yes	<b>Santa Clara Open Space Authority District #4</b> Dorsey Moore	<b>Los Altos Hills</b> Peter Evans Roger Spreen	<b>City of Santa Clara Seat #6</b> Suds Jain
<b>State Proposition 67</b> (End Plastic Bags) – Yes	<b>Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Measure B</b> (30 year sales tax extension) – No	<b>San Mateo County Harbor District 2 Year Term</b> Ed Larenas	<b>Milpitas Mayor</b> Carmen Montano	<b>City of Santa Clara Seat #7</b> Teresa O'Neill
<b>State Proposition 56</b> (Cigarette Tax) – Yes	<b>CITY BALLOT MEASURES</b>	<b>San Mateo County Harbor District 4 Year Term</b> Sabrina Brennan	<b>Milpitas Council</b> Gunawan Ali-Santosa Mark Tiernan	<b>Saratoga</b> Manny Cappello Dede Smullen
<b>State Proposition 58</b> (End Bilingual Restriction) – Yes	<b>Pacifica Measure W</b> (Quarry Development Entitlement) - No	<b>Montara Water &amp; Sanitary District</b> Scott Boyd Kathryn Slater-Carter	<b>Morgan Hill</b> Rene Spring	<b>Sunnyvale Seat #6</b> Nancy Smith
<b>State Senate Seats</b> SD 11 Jane Kim SD 13 Jerry Hill SD 15 Jim Beall SD 17 Bill Monning	<b>Cupertino Measure D</b> (Vallco Specific Plan) – No	<b>Midcoast Community Council 2 Year Term</b> Barbra Mathewson	<b>Mountain View</b> John McAlister Chris Clark Lisa Matichak Margaret Abe-Koga	<b>Sunnyvale Seat #7</b> Tara Martin-Milius
<b>State Assembly Seats</b> AD 19 Phil Ting AD 22 Kevin Mullin AD 24 Vicki Veenker AD 25 Kansen Chu AD 27 Ash Kalra AD 29 Mark Stone	<b>Gilroy Measure H</b> (Setting Urban Boundary) – Yes	<b>CITY COUNCILS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY</b>	<b>Palo Alto</b> Arthur Keller Lydia Kou Liz Kniss Greer Stone	<b>CITY COUNCILS IN SAN MATEO COUNTY</b>
	<b>Milpitas Measure I</b> (Prolonging Urban Boundary Ordinance) – Yes	<b>Campbell</b> Donald Young		<b>Daly City</b> Dana Smith Glenn Sylvester
	<b>Milpitas Measure J</b> (Prolonging Hillside Ordinance) – Yes			<b>Half Moon Bay</b> Adam Eisen Harvey Rarback
	<b>Milpitas Measure K</b>			<b>Menlo Park</b> Ray Mueller
				<b>Pacifica</b> Deirdre Martin



## Environmental Stewardship Program 2016-2017

*The Loma Prieta Chapter Environmental Stewardship Program (ESP) will be starting soon*

If you are interested in learning more about critical environmental issues and would like to take action to protect our environment, this is the program for you.

**The program features the following:**

- Monthly Seminars/Dinners  
(award-winning films and presentations)
- “Take Action” Activities
- Outings and Hikes
- Environmental Book Club
- Hands-on Projects

For more information,  
contact Gita Dev, Peninsula Regional Group Co-Chair, at:  
415-722-3355 [gd@devarchitects.com](mailto:gd@devarchitects.com)

# Thank you to our Political Endorsement Volunteers

by Melissa Hippard, Chair Political Committee

Each election season, the Loma Prieta chapter runs local endorsements in cities, counties, and for special districts. This fall we covered 19 races across San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties and endorsed 39 individuals for office. The process lets our members and the public know who the Sierra Club considers a strong environmental leader. It also connects our active members with

their civic leaders who are willing to step up and serve their community. Working together, the Sierra Club and elected officials can help move our communities in a sustainable and healthy direction as we face challenges from growth and climate change.

I would like to thank the members of the Political Committee and participating activists for their hard work this season: Mike Ferreira, Cheryl Weiden, Charles

Schafer, Jimmy Benjamin, Ginny Laibl, Ruth Muzzin, Dave Olson, Katja Irvin, Dave Poeschel, Ken King, Gary Latshaw, Swanee Edwards, Gita Dev, Shawn Britton, Jan Hintermeister, Kurt Newick, Gary Bailey, Kakoli Banerjee, Rob Means, Terry Trumbull, and Bob Levy. Special thank you to Sue Chow and Tanli Su for leading production of the Election Insight newsletter.

## Ballot

# Check That Box

Find candidate statements by going to the chapter website at [lomaprieta.sierraclub.org](http://lomaprieta.sierraclub.org) and clicking on the "Election."

Each Loma Prieta Chapter member is entitled to vote once in this election. Two selection columns have been included so that both people in a dual membership can vote (see below, to discover whether you have dual membership). If you fail to receive your ballot, contact the Chapter office (650-390-8411) for an extra. Photocopies or other reproductions will not be accepted.

A. Vote for Chapter and regional group candidates. Instructions below tell how to determine your group.

B. Decide whether to use the Voter 1 column or the Voter 2 column. Mark your ballot by placing an "X" in the box opposite candidate names in that column. Ballots marked in both columns by other than two members in a joint membership will not be counted. Print write-in names legibly. Sign validation tab on the line provided (tab will be removed prior to counting).

C. Cut along dashed line and remove the complete ballot from paper. The mailing label on the back must be left in place for validation. In lieu of a label, print clearly on the back your

name, member number, and expiration date (EXACTLY as they appear on your membership card) and your mailing address.

D. Place ballot in an envelope and mail to:

Chapter/Group Elections Sierra Club  
3921 E. Bayshore Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94303

E. Ballots must be sent in the mail and received by November 21, 2016. Late ballots will not be counted.

### Dual Membership and Group Affiliation:

A typical *Election Insights* mailing label looks like this:

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BAYLANDS, CA 94308

To discover whether you have a **dual or joint membership**, look at the second row on your mailing label. If the second group of characters is "JNT," both members can vote. If not, only one person can vote; in that case, ballots marked in both columns will not be counted. Our example shows "JNT," so both Jan and Leslie can vote.

To discover your **regional group affiliation**, look at the second line on your mailing label. The four-digit number beginning with "020" is your regional group code.

0203 = San Carlos / Belmont

0200 & 0204 = Peninsula

0205 = Guadalupe

In our example, the group code is "0203" so Jan and Leslie can vote in the San Carlos/Belmont Group election as well as in the Chapter Executive Committee Election.

## Loma Prieta Chapter and Group Ballot

### Chapter Executive Committee

4 Two-Year Seats

Vote for no more than 4 candidates

Voter 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Bailey	Voter 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sue Chow*		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Cordes		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Katja Irvin*		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shani Kleinhaus*		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Darren Ponce*		<input type="checkbox"/>

### Peninsula Regional Group

Members with group code

0200 & 0204 vote in this column

3 Two-Year Seats

Vote for no more than 3 candidates

Voter 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gita Dev*	Voter 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Ferreira*		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheryl Weiden*		<input type="checkbox"/>

### San Carlos/Belmont Regional Group

Members with group code 0203

vote in this column

3 Two-Year Seats

Vote for no more than 3 candidates

Voter 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gladwyn d'Souza*	Voter 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pam Miller*		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Wendt*		<input type="checkbox"/>

### Guadalupe Regional Group

Members with group

code 0205 vote in this column

2 Two-Year Seats

Vote for no more than 2 candidates

Voter 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mary Ellen Chell*	Voter 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Latshaw*		<input type="checkbox"/>

\* Incumbents

### Be sure to VOTE!

Excom candidate statements are on Loma Prieta website.

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Voter 1 signature

Voter 2 signature



# SIERRA CLUB LOMA PRIETA CHAPTER 2016 Endorsements

## SAN MATEO COUNTY

### DALY CITY

#### Dana Smith and Glenn Sylvester for the City Council of Daly City

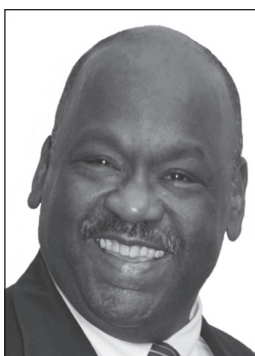
by Loma Prieta Daly City Endorsement Team

Although Daly City is one of the most densely developed cities in California, there is a wealth of local flora and fauna that have managed to survive and acclimate in that environment. Daly City also has the largest human population in San Mateo County, which creates the need for insightful handling by the city government of potential conflict situations. **Dana Smith** has a wealth of Sierra Club experience in dealing with wildlife issues as well as excellent alignment with all Club development policies. She also has solid political experience as an elected member of the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee and well merits our endorsement.



Dana Smith

**Glenn Sylvester's** background as a Daly City Planning Commissioner has given him insight to the need to carefully plan new dense development only in transit-rich locations because putting it elsewhere just adds to greenhouse gas production. Glenn's collegial manner should also work well with all members of the Council, and we therefore endorse his candidacy. [www.glennsylvester.org](http://www.glennsylvester.org)



Glenn Sylvester

### HALF MOON BAY

#### Adam Eisen and Harvey Rarback to Get Half Moon Bay Back on Track

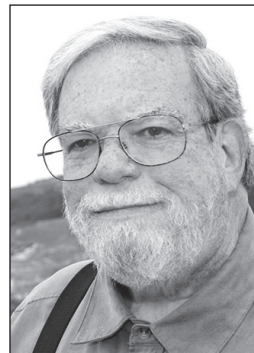
by Half Moon Bay Endorsement Team

The biggest land use controversy on Half Moon Bay's horizon is the ongoing Update of the General Plan – Local Coastal Program. It got off to a raucous start last year when outside consultants produced a draft plan that looked like a 1950s sprawl vision. **Adam Eisen**



Adam Eisen

and **Harvey Rarback** were among the community leaders who galvanized successful resident pushback against that version, but the process is far from finished. The Sierra Club believes their election is necessary to complete the Update as it is intended — to improve the protection of the Half Moon Bay environment and coastal access. [www.adam4hmb.com](http://www.adam4hmb.com) <http://HarveyRarback.com>



Harvey Rarback

### MENLO PARK

#### Ray Mueller: A Strong Voice for the Environment

**Ray Mueller** is an environmental champion who will continue to fight to protect Menlo Park's clean air, climate, and natural treasures. We appreciate his record of leading clean energy initiatives in Menlo Park to reduce the City's carbon footprint. From his support for Peninsula Clean Energy, to partnering on initiatives with non-profits like the Sierra Club, Ray has proven himself an effective environmental advocate who gets results that matter. Ray also has been particularly effective in rolling up his sleeves and working with the community to improve Menlo Park's sidewalk and bike lane infrastructure. We ask you to please vote for Ray Mueller for Menlo Park City Council."



Ray Mueller

### PACIFICA

#### Deirdre Martin for a Better Pacifica Future

by Ken King, Team Leader

**Deirdre Martin**, along with her MBA in management, is passionate about solving Pacifica's environmental problems. Long an activist promoting clean-up days and a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, she wants to change the city's direction away from mindless development. Tipping the council toward an environmentally savvy majority will finally end the useless and expensive Calera Parkway Highway 1 widening project, which our chapter strongly opposes. Deirdre has a realistic view about making key decisions and investments to skillfully manage retreat in the city's low-lying



Deirdre Martin

area facing inevitable sea level rise, which the development faction myopically asserts is not a problem. [www.deirdre4council.org](http://www.deirdre4council.org)

## SANTA CLARA COUNTY

### CAMPBELL

#### Donald Young for Campbell City Council

The Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club is excited to endorse **Donald Young** for Campbell's city council. Donald understands how important leadership is in creating sustainable communities and is well prepared to help the city address issues from climate change to water supply. In his professional life, Donald has over 15 years experience in sustainable designs in business facilities and practices. He supports making solar more accessible throughout Campbell and will work well with the community on getting transit-oriented-development right. Donald is focused on making Campbell a great place to live and working well with neighboring communities to ensure everyone benefits from growth. Please vote for Donald this fall.



Donald Young

### CUPERTINO

#### Cupertino City Council Candidates Provide Environmental Leadership for the Whole Valley

Incumbent Mayor **Rod Sinks** provides the City with reasoned and able administration during a period of contentious debate about growth. The whole of Santa Clara Valley is fortunate to have his courage and leadership pushing for a transit alternative to automobiles in the HWY 85 corridor, Community Choice clean energy, and stringent air quality standards as a member of the Bay Area Quality Management District Board. Learn more about Mayor Rod Sinks' record of accomplishments and goals at <http://rodsinks.com/>.



Rod Sinks

With two seats available, we are fortunate to have another outstanding candidate for Cupertino City Council, **David Fung**. David's brilliance contributed to the development of the Mac II computer and now he is applying his talent to City governance. Mr. Fung has been serving



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on the Cupertino Parks & Recreation Commission, where he has expanded his understanding of community needs and environment concerns. Despite David's lofty intellect, he is a down to earth guy. You can find him on social media and his website is www.fung4cupertino.com.



David Fung

## GILROY

## Dan Harney, Fred Tovar and Tom Fischer for Gilroy City Council

Since his appointment to the Gilroy City Council in January, **Daniel Harney** has been an active participant on the Council – studying, asking questions, and not just accepting staff recommendations. He supported Community Choice Energy for the City and is on the Board of Directors of Silicon Valley Clean Energy. Daniel is dedicated to the continuation of water conservation for residents and business. He also wants to concentrate efforts on land use solutions to decrease Greenhouse Gas Emissions.



Daniel Harney

Gilroy Unified School District Board President **Fred Tovar** has a good reputation on the School Board. He supports Measure H Urban Growth Boundary Initiative and wants the City to consider other alternatives before annexation of new areas. He also wants to increase education and outreach to improve water conservation and waste recycling efforts in the community. Other environmental priorities include more focus on transit, planning for transit-oriented and affordable housing, and access to parks and trails.



Fred Tovar

Planning Commissioner **Tom Fischer** has an excellent grasp of the issues in Gilroy and is knowledgeable about environmental and development regulations. Serving on the Commission since 2011, Tom has supported environmental positions with respect to growth/annexation. Regrettably, recent Planning Commission recommendations were overturned by the City Council. Air pollution and water conservation are among his top concerns, and he agrees that Gilroy should join the Open Space Authority.



Tom Fischer

## LOS ALTOS

## Jan Pepper, Clean Energy Hero for Los Altos City Council

By Cheryl Weiden, PRG ExCom

**Jan Pepper**, incumbent, is a strong supporter of the Community Choice Aggregation method for renewable clean energy. She is Chief Executive Officer of the San Mateo County Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) Joint Powers Authority (JPA). She led the council discussion to have Los Altos join the CCA for Santa Clara County. She supported Los Altos' reusable bag ordinance in 2013 and the reduction in the city's water use during

the drought. With transportation being one of the highest contributors to GHG emissions in Los Altos, she supports installing additional EV charging stations, moving more of the city fleet to clean vehicles, and encouraging more biking and walking of residents through implementation of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plans. <http://pepperforcouncil.com>



Jan Pepper

## Jeannie Bruins, Strong and Knowledgeable Leader for Los Altos City Council

by Cheryl Weiden, PRG ExCom

**Jeannie Bruins**, an incumbent, has made the most of her experience to become knowledgeable about environmental issues related to the city and area, and to take leadership roles in organizations coordinating efforts that affect the environment of the area. She is the VTA Board Vice Chair and is on the Board of Silicon Valley Clean Energy. Clean energy is one of her top priorities. She wants to institute purple plumbing to address the drought, but is waiting for the price to drop. She supports development along the El Camino corridor and the preservation of the "village" character of Los Altos. She is clearly informed of the issues in Los Altos Climate Action Plan. [www.jeanniebruins.org/index.html](http://www.jeanniebruins.org/index.html)



Jeannie Bruins

## LOS ALTO HILLS

## Two Endorsements for Los Altos Hills Town Council

by Kit Gordon, volunteer

For over ten years **Roger Spreen** served as Chair of the Town's Open Space Committee, directly working to preserve the Town's natural resources. He advocated to:

- protect creeks and riparian areas from encroaching development
- defend heritage oak trees from being removed due to excessive house designs assure wildlife corridors could not be blocked by residential fencing

Under Roger's chairmanship, the Open Space Committee secured Town funds to restore the Town's major Open Spaces. Now in its 3rd year, this program has made significant strides in removing invasive weeds and expanding native grasses in areas of Byrne Preserve. Most importantly, it has involved Town residents and local school groups in this effort, increasing community knowledge and support for such efforts.

Roger is proud of working directly with environmental pioneer Lois Crozier Hogle to help her protect her lands, a unique, stunning 11-acre property in the hills next to Stanford, by creating a unique, customized conservation easement. [www.spreenforcouncil.com](http://www.spreenforcouncil.com)

**Peter Evans** has a technical background in power production and analytics. He was founding chair and still serves on the Los Altos Hills Environmental Initiatives Committee and played key roles in the following initiatives:

- Development incentives for new residential construction with sub-



Roger Spreen



Peter Evans



stantial rooftop PV

- New refuse hauler contract where the town is now achieving 98% diversion
- One of the first cities in CA to adopt GHG reduction goals and related initiatives, in Jan 2009
- Town demonstration project for tracking PV
- LEED-certified community barn restoration
- Local green building ordinance beyond state requirements
- Local water efficient landscape ordinance beyond state requirements

Peter serves as a director of Purissima Hills Water District and has been a consistent advocate for better information to the district's customers as a means to understand water use and conserve this precious resource.

[www.PeterEvansforLAHCouncil.org](http://www.PeterEvansforLAHCouncil.org)

## MILPITAS

### Montano for Mayor, Ali-Santosa and Teirnan for Milpitas City Council

City Council Member and Vice Mayor **Carmen Montano** has a reputation for being on the side of the community. She cares about environmental issues, especially environmental justice. For example, she is a long-time supporter of the urban growth boundary to prevent hillside development. She also supports inclusionary zoning for affordable housing, and sees a need to reduce traffic and GHG emissions. Among her top projects would be providing affordable housing and improving transit and bicycle infrastructure.



Carmen Montano

Milpitas School Board President **Gwan Ali-Santosa** understands city government and has a good record of achievement on the School Board. In particular, he supported the Board's efforts to reduce paper waste by converting the Board to paperless agendas and providing tablets in classrooms. Environmental issues that he is interested in include reducing waste, energy efficiency, water conservation, and protecting hillsides from development. He has several endorsements from the current Milpitas City Council, Planning Commission, and School Board members.



Gwan Ali-Santosa

Former Planning Commissioner **Mark Tiernan** has an excellent grasp of the issues in Milpitas and is knowledgeable about environmental and development regulations. Environmental issues that he is interested in are climate change and implementation of the Milpitas Climate Action Plan (hiring a Sustainability Manager), waste reduction, and up-graded green building standards. He is endorsed by State Senator Bob Wieckowski who has an excellent environmental voting record, and by former Milpitas mayors Pete McHugh and Henry Manayan.



Mark Tiernan

## MORGAN HILL

### Rene Spring: True Commitment to Environmental Progress for Morgan Hill City Council

Morgan Hill Planning Commissioner **Rene Spring** has not been timid about leading Morgan Hill towards environmental sustainability. His was the lone voice on the planning commission in opposition to the City's desire to annex and sprawl into the prime farmlands of the Southeast Quadrant. And, he alone opposed the Edmundson-Oak Meadows project, which also required annexation based on the effect it would have on a rural, grazing land, hillside area. He has worked to slow the City's rapid growth, and others are now following his lead. Learn more about his vision at <http://SpringforCouncil.org>.



Rene Spring

inform his decisions. We can count on him for protection of Mountain View's Shoreline Park in North Bayshore as this area is transformed by explosive growth. His experience on smart growth, transportation solutions, and alternative energy will be invaluable.



Chris Clark

## PALO ALTO

### Keller, Stone, Kniss and Kou for Palo Alto City Council

By Mike Ferreira, Sue Chow, Ginny Laibl and Dave Olson.

**Arthur Keller** is well informed on the issues facing Palo Alto. He has served two terms on the Planning and Transportation Commission and is currently the co-chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee on the Comprehensive Plan Update. Arthur recognizes that Palo Alto needs some more housing but also advocates for managing growth by limiting other development until housing becomes credibly available. He is also for enhancing the city infrastructure to support more electrical vehicles. Arthur is a PhD data scientist and advisor to several companies. [www.arthurkeller.com](http://www.arthurkeller.com)



Arthur Keller

**Greer Stone** is the current chairman of the Palo Alto Human Relations Commission. Greer advocates limiting office growth, preserving and expanding retail space and promoting more affordable housing. He is also insistent that Transportation Demand Management actions must reduce traffic before additional commercial development is allowed. Greer has gained insight into the diverse elements of Palo Alto's population during his role as a Human Relations Commissioner, and this will provide valuable perspective to City Council deliberations. [www.greerstone.com](http://www.greerstone.com)



Greer Stone

Incumbent **Liz Kniss** has been a supporter of environmental issues many times in her long elected career. She has served as a previous Palo Alto mayor as well as Santa Clara County Supervisor. She has had many legislative successes in her career and brings considerable institutional memory and acumen to the role of Council member. [www.lizkniss.com](http://www.lizkniss.com)



Liz Kniss

**Lydia Kou** almost won a seat on the council in the last election in 2014. She's a realtor and an active community volunteer who advocates for listening closely to what residents want. She believes that growth should be managed



Lydia Kou

## MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNCIL

### Vote for a strong environmental Mountain View Council

by Gita Dev, Co-Chair Peninsula Regional Group

**Margaret Abe-Koga** showed real leadership while serving on the Mountain View Council and has been a leading advocate for sustainability and higher green standards. She brings deep knowledge of and experience in steering the issues of growth, transportation, and housing at a time when Mountain View is experiencing very rapid growth. We endorse her once again.



Margaret Abe-Koga

**Lisa Matichak** brings invaluable experience on the Planning Commission, adeptly balancing rapid growth with quality of life issues. Committed to sustainability, growth, and protection of the environment, she has the experience to guide the City well in the coming years of growth. Lisa participates in our Chapter's Environmental Stewardship Program.



Lisa Matichak

Incumbent **John McAlister** has always been strong in promoting sustainable strategies and smart growth, while looking out for the little guy. An ardent advocate of regional sustainable transportation solutions, he founded the North/ West County Cities Coalition that works to improve VTA, and he has actively worked on all the City's green strategies.



John McAlister

Incumbent **Chris Clark** brings his strong sustainability convictions and planning commission experience to



in a way that provides/preserves community, environment, and quality of life. She would also like to see more technology developed to better support Transportation Demand Management and wants to retain green spaces and trees in Palo Alto by paying attention to the health of this valuable aspect of the City's persona. [www.lydiakou.com](http://www.lydiakou.com)

**SAN JOSE**

**Chapman for San Jose City Council, District 6**

**Helen Chapman's** experience as a local environmental leader is extensive. She has served on the board of Committee for Green Foothills, as San José Parks Commissioner, and is a cofounder of the San José Parks Foundation. She led efforts to raise the fees of San Jose's Parkland Dedication Ordinance, giving San José millions of dollars for land acquisition for parks and trails. She is a member of the Democratic Party Environmental Caucus and has worked closely with organizations such as Greenbelt Alliance, Open Space Authority, CalSJ, Save Our Trails, and will likely be Sierra Club's best friend on the Council.



Helen Chapman

**San Jose City Council District #2 Needs Sergio Jimenez**

by Katja Irvin - Team Leader

**Sergio Jimenez** has a strong background in public policy and community service. He works for the County Public Defender as an investigator and is currently Chair of the San José Parks & Recreation Commission. Seeing a need to activate his community, he also founded the Oak Grove Neighborhood Association. This experience makes Jimenez particularly well placed to be an effective Councilmember for District 2, with excellent knowledge of local issues and established connections with community organizations and open space agencies in the region.



Sergio Jimenez

The Sierra Club joins many others in endorsing Jimenez as the best candidate, including Santa Clara County Supervisors Dave Cortese, Ken Yeager and Cindy Chavez, San Jose Councilmembers Don Rocha and Raul Peralez, the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council, the Santa Clara County Democratic Party, and the Santa Clara County League of Conservation Voters. [www.Sergio4District2.com](http://www.Sergio4District2.com)

**SANTA CLARA**

**Support a Green and Open Council in Santa Clara!**

by Gita Dev, Co-Chair Peninsula Regional Group

**Raj Chahal** (Seat 4) brings freshness and energy to his support of open space issues, recreation, and community involvement in the City's future. His background in science and management makes him adept at dealing with complex city governance. Combined with his community service and Planning Com-



Raj Chahal

mission experience, he brings depth and experience to running the City effectively for the residents. [www.rajforsantaclara.com](http://www.rajforsantaclara.com)

**Suds Jain** (Seat 6) has our wholehearted support as he walks and talks his thoughtful commitment to a greener future for our planet. With many years on the planning commission, community service, and a deep working knowledge of climate change and environmental policy, he demonstrates a commitment to true workable solutions. Well known for his input at Council meetings, Suds will provide unique strength and experience to Council at a critical juncture. "A candidate as impressive as Jain — deserves a place on this council, and soon." —*San Jose Mercury News* [www.sudsjain4council.com](http://www.sudsjain4council.com)



Suds Jain

Incumbent **Teresa O'Neill** (Seat 7) has proven herself to be a strong, active, and effective leader for the City as well as for the environment. With her leadership, the Council has become more open and transparent. Her work on council has resulted in clean energy, improved trails, safer biking, open space, and a greener city. Teresa has built a true following and we enthusiastically endorse her again. [www.teresaoneill.org](http://www.teresaoneill.org)



Teresa O'Neill

**SUNNYVALE**

**Sunnyvale's Dynamic Duo: Incumbent Tara Martin-Milius (seat 7) and Nancy Smith (seat 6)**

Sunnyvale Council member **Tara Martin-Milius** stands out for her proven record of advocacy for our environment—from the dais and behind the scenes. She was the driving force behind our bird-safe building ordinance, our clear-cutting resolution, and joining the Lehigh Cement brief. Tara consistently votes for the environment, from zero waste to bike lanes and quality public transit to divestment. She pushes for aggressive climate action. She strongly supports Community Choice, serving as Sunnyvale's alternate on our CCE board. Tara envisions going beyond sustainability to regeneration, beyond net zero to net positive. The Club enthusiastically endorses this staunch environmentalist for re-election.



Tara Martin-Milius

A manager at Nvidia, **Nancy Smith** has worked with corporate leaders to launch programs such as a transportation and Green2Work initiative to reduce employees' carbon footprint. While serving as Chair of the Santa Clara County Water and Environmental Resources Committee, Nancy formed working groups to address environmental issues and to come up with humane solutions to the problems faced by the homeless population of Coyote Creek. She has lobbied successfully to protect and restore habitat for fish populations, initiated programs to encourage ethical corporate behavior, and used public forums to educate people about the importance of



Nancy Smith

environmental and social justice. A vote for Nancy is a vote for the environment and for social equity in Sunnyvale.

**SARATOGA**

**Capello and Smullen for Saratoga Town Council**

The Sierra Club is pleased to support **Dede Smullen** and **Manny Capello** for Saratoga town council. Manny Capello is currently serving as mayor and has shown good leadership. Dede has been on the planning commission for many years and is articulate, dedicated to the environment, and to her community. Both expressed a deep concern about climate change, energy usage, zero-waste, water conservation, need for substantial setbacks from creeks, and the need to improve public transit. Dede and Manny see the public transit issues as important for their aging population as well as a conservation issue. Please join us and vote for these two great environmental leaders.



Dede Smullen



Manny Capello

**SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARD COUNCIL**

**Barbra Mathewson for Midcoast Community Council (MCC)**

by MCC Endorsement Team

The Midcoast Community Council's official role is to be advisory to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. It is that and more. Thanks to the energy and perseverance of its elected members, it has become an influential gathering place for the Coastside community at which issues of importance — many of them environmental — are presented and debated. The MCC's service as an issue conduit to the Coastside exceeds that of most City Councils. It is with that in mind that we recommend **Barbra Mathewson** as an addition to the MCC due to her willingness to engage with residents, gather their environmental input, and carry it forward.



Barbra Mathewson

**Dorsey Moore – Santa Clara Open Space Authority District #4**

**Dorsey Moore** should continue to serve on the board of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority. The Sierra Club enthusiastically endorses his candidacy in the District 4 race. Dorsey has been a passionate and effective environmental leader in Santa Clara County for decades. As the current chair of the Open Space Authority, Dorsey has strongly advocated for connecting urban populations with the Authority's preserves. Dorsey has been at the forefront of working with



Dorsey Moore



the Santa Clara Valley Water District to identify ways that the two agencies can work together to secure Santa Clara County's water supply. Dorsey's political experience, long time community leadership, and genuine passion for the environment and community of Santa Clara County demonstrate what an exceptional leader he is. Please join us and vote for Dorsey Moore in November.

## San Mateo County Harbor District Will Be Well Served By Sabrina Brennan and Ed Larenas

By Mike Ferreira, Loma Prieta Chapter Chair

This is our second endorsement for **Sabrina Brennan**, who won by a record-setting landslide in 2012. In her first term, she has succeeded in many of her reform initiatives, and the whole mindset of the District has been changed. We are hopeful that your votes will enable her to consolidate the progress she has inspired as well as continuing to bring deficiencies in need of correction into the daylight. Sabrina's persistence is just what the District needs to build a reputable foundation for the future. <http://SabrinaBrennan.com>



Sabrina Brennan

We have a long and proud history of working together with **Ed Larenas** in his role as a dedicated leader of the Surfrider Foundation, and we look forward to supporting Ed once he is elected to the 2-year seat on the board. We believe Ed's proven leadership on important coastal environmental and access issues will greatly benefit the District and bring it to the forefront of such districts on the California coast. <http://edlarenas.com>



Ed Larenas

## Boyd, Slater-Carter for Continued Progress at Montara Water & Sanitary District (MWSD)

By Loma Prieta MWSD Endorsement Team

Few board members of special districts can claim the environmental and infrastructure progress that **Scott Boyd** and **Kathryn Slater-Carter** can justifiably claim for their service to their community during their terms on the Montara Water And Sanitary District. From their brilliantly strategized takeover of a decrepit private water system to subsequently upgrading the system on both a quality and quantity standpoint, all the while fending off the political machinations of neighboring districts trying to poach on their success, the residents of Montara and Moss Beach have much to thank Scott and Kathryn for. The Sierra Club appreciates that they also brought the District into compliance with the California Coastal Commission's permitting process. They richly deserve our endorsement.



Scott Boyd



Kathryn Slater-Carter

# Help Our Candidates Win

It is critical that we do all we can to help our candidates win. Our own health and the health of our ecosystems depend on our actions. Making sure that environmental champions are the key decision makers will go a long way toward ensuring that our planet is healthy and sustainable! You can make a difference by contacting the Sierra Club's endorsed candidates and volunteering your time. Please call or email our chapter office to obtain contact information on our candidates: James Eggers, Chapter Director: [james.egggers@sierraclub.org](mailto:james.egggers@sierraclub.org) 650-390-8411

## Yes on K for Affordability and Quality of Life

By Julia Bott, Co-chair Yes on K in San Mateo County

Measure K extends Measure A, overwhelmingly approved by San Mateo County voters, to continue providing locally controlled funding for services important to the Sierra Club. These include public transportation for seniors, youth and others; school gardens and environmental education; programs to reduce our carbon footprint and address sea level rise and efforts to improve our city and county parks, including the Devil's Slide Trail. In addition, Measure K can address our growing affordability challenges in San Mateo County that are forcing too many of our neighbors to leave. Vote YES on K.

## No on Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Measure B (30 year sales tax extension)

By Gladwyn d'Souza, Chapter Transportation Chair

Measure B is a \$6.6B doubling of the sales tax to fund road expansion and BART extension in Santa Clara County. It will do very little to lower our carbon footprint. Let's not lock in archaic solutions for 30 years. We can do better.

### STATE ASSEMBLY SEATS

#### Sierra Club Endorses Vicki Veenker for Assembly District 24

by Chapter Political Committee

California needs legislators that will take action on environmental issues and protect the longterm health of our air, water and natural surroundings. Vicki Veenker is a strong environmental candidate for the Assembly District 24 seat left open by termed out Assemblyman Rich Gordon. Veenker promises to be a reliable supporter of environmental issues in the Assembly. She is opposed to the Twin Tunnels project that proponents call the "California Water Fix." She understands the urgency of acting against climate change, the importance of defending CEQA and the foolishness of injecting oil waste into our fresh water aquifers. Veenker's legal background and long interest in public policy will serve her well in the Assembly. She's been recognized as an exceptional patent attorney and has served as the President of the Board of the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, which offers free legal services to low income clients and fights poverty. Vicki has also leads the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions discussion series by recruiting speakers to provide community education. The Sierra Club joins many others in endorsing Veenker as a strong candidate for the Assembly District 24 seat, including numerous city council members and community leaders and civic groups. See her web site for the list. [vickiforassembly.com/endorsements.php](http://vickiforassembly.com/endorsements.php) Please urge people to get out to vote for the environment on June 7 (or earlier by mail) [vickiforassembly.com](http://vickiforassembly.com)



Vicki Veenker

#### Ash Kalra for Assembly District 27

By Chapter Political Committee

If asked for a very brief description of Ash Kalra the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter Political Committee would have to say "Stand Up Guy" — because when it comes to environmental issues especially that is exactly what he is. We have long admired his dedication to doing the right thing and Santa Clara County will be very well served by such a principled representative in the State legislature.



Ash Kalra

Ash has dedicated his life to public service. He has served on the San Jose City Council since 2008. Prior to the Council, Ash was an attorney at the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office for 11 years. In addition to these positions, Ash has been a teacher, sat on numerous boards and commissions, and has received a number of awards for his leadership and work. He is running to become the next State Assemblymember for District 27 because he wants to make a difference again and be a champion for transit, safety, the environment and the people of Santa Clara County.

Ash not only "gets it" - he "gets it quick." He has a rare ability to delve into complicated issues and come up with the right answer. Voters who have concerns about California's environment would do well to send Ash Kalra to Sacramento where he would be a standout — as well as stand up — representative. [www.ashkalra.com/](http://www.ashkalra.com/)



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# The TPP: Undermining Our Environment and Our Sovereignty

by the Climate Action Leadership Team (CALT)

Just imagine this scenario—a foreign company descends upon a city in the Bay Area and decides to engage in fossil fuel extraction. The city council rejects the company's plans and the latter appeals to a multinational corporate tribunal to adjudicate because the US has signed a free trade agreement with that country. This tribunal declares that the Bay Area city has impeded the company's "investment opportunity" in the U.S. and awards \$800 million in compensatory damages to the company. The Bay Area city faces years of litigation and possible bankruptcy.

The above hypothetical scenario is not so fanciful: In fact, it is happening right now. Trans-Canada, the company that would have profited from the Keystone XL Pipeline, is suing the U.S. government under NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) for 1.5 billion in compensatory damages because our government rejected the pipeline.

Right now, the Trans-Pacific Partnership or TPP (involves 12 countries) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership or TTIP (

28 European Union countries) threaten to make the above scenario a pervasive reality.

In brief, these "Free Trade" agreements work to eliminate tariffs and to undermine federal, state, and local sovereignty, so that multinational corporations can reign supreme. These accords encourage multinational companies to seek cheap labor among member nations and to act with impunity when faced with regulations,

since they have the backing of all-powerful multinational corporate tribunals.

For the environment, the consequences of TPP and TTIP will be devastating. Sierra Club National strongly opposes the TPP and has listed the following as the main reasons why we have to defeat it:

- **Extreme Secrecy.** The TPP negotiations took place in extreme secrecy. Public input was drowned out by dominant corporate input—more than 600 corporate advisors actively worked to shape the agreement while the public was kept in the dark.

- **Threat to Forests, Wildlife, and Fish.** While the TPP environment section should set strong and binding rules to address conservation challenges like illegal timber and wildlife trade,

its rules will likely be too weak to have an impact on the ground and are unlikely to be enforced, rendering the section essentially meaningless.

- **Unfettered Rights to Corporations.** The TPP will include provisions that give corporations the right to sue a government for unlimited cash compensation — in private and non-transparent tribunals — over nearly any law or policy that a corporation alleges will reduce its profits. Using similar rules in other free trade agreements, corporations such as Exxon Mobil and Dow Chemical have launched over 600 cases against more than 100 governments. Dozens of cases attack common-sense environmental laws and regulations, such as regulations to protect communities and the environment from harmful chemicals or mining practices.

- **Increase in Dirty Fracking.** The TPP may allow for significantly increased exports of liquefied natural gas without the careful study or adequate protections necessary to safeguard the American public. This would mean an increase in fracking, the dirty and violent process that dislodges gas deposits from shale rock formations. Fracking releases methane, a much more potent greenhouse gas than carbon, contaminates groundwater, and causes earthquakes.

If passed, the TPP would wreak havoc on our environment, and shred our environmental regulations. Most important of all, it would under-



## Get Involved

### TPP Forum

Our Chapter is organizing a TPP educational and action event on October 3rd. We invite our members to attend. Please RSVP

**What:** TPP Educational and Action Event

**When:** Oct. 3rd, Monday, 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** Redwood City Downtown Library, 1044 Middlefield Rd. Redwood City

**RSVP required:** Contact Sue Chow 650-454-0259 sue2042@gmail.com

mine our sovereignty and leave us without the right to follow our own democratic procedures.

We must defeat the TPP. Call your congressional reps in both houses, and ask each to issue a strong public statement opposing the TPP.

Together we can kill the TPP. Call our Chapter office if you would like to join the movement to stop the TPP. Call our Chapter office if you would like to join the movement to stop the TPP: James Eggers (Chapter Director): 650-390-8411

## Vote NO on Measure B: Sales Tax to Fund VTA Projects

Measure B seeks to lock an obsolete direction in place for 30 years by nearly doubling the transportation portion of the sales tax. There are many reasons from our health to the health of the planet to vote No. We need to vote No because the current failed strategy requires that we establish a new direction, one that we can trust before doubling the transportation portion of the sales tax — a direction such as the ones San Francisco and Portland have pursued.

How do you like being stuck in increasing traffic every day? What's it like trying to make the close of day-care, whilst bottled up in traffic? Yet here is the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) asking us yet again to nearly double the transportation portion of the sales tax! For \$6.6B, they are promising a list of Measure B projects — similar to the projects that have not been completed from past measures. You have an opportunity to express your frustration by saying no. Vote No to send the message that this is the same strategy that has failed in the past and to demand a new strategy for reducing traffic congestion before we agree to double the transportation portion of the sales tax.

Past measures clearly reveal a failed strategy. In the lifetime of your average bond, 30 years, VTA has built three new freeways — highways 85, 87, and 237 — and yet voters today are gridlocked on these new freeways!

Furthermore, VTA has a history of offering one set of projects and doing something else with the money. Look at the actual list of projects promised by the measure in 2000, and what has transpired in reality:

- Connect BART to Milpitas, San Jose, & Santa Clara. Straightforward, right? The project was cut in half and has not yet been completed. In fact not one segment has opened!

- New light rail corridors throughout Santa Clara County were cancelled. Until a few weeks ago, VTA wanted to replace the center of Hwy 85 with express lanes. The space had been reserved for light rail. Only a lawsuit by Cupertino, Los Gatos, and Saratoga forced them to remove this option from Measure B. Light rail is a perfect example of squandered billions on a failed strategy to develop a transit backbone.

- Rail connection from the San Jose Airport to BART - Caltrain and light rail were cancelled.

- Caltrain expansion and upgrades were cancelled.

- VTA said it would increase bus service. The opposite has happened! Riders in 2015 were 23% below 2001 levels according to the Mercury News! Amazingly, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, and even Los Angeles have seen transit riders increase. Portland alone has increased transit use by 20% since 2000. Voting No tells VTA to do its homework and come up with a new direction.

All these reduced, deferred, or cancelled projects that we have PAID FOR have left a toxic legacy. According to the USC Medical School, living within 500 ft of a major road like El Camino, causes permanent lung damage to our children. Permanent. But that's where low income homes are going. According to the Guardian, the detection of 'abundant magnetite particles' in our brains raises concerns of environmental risks for Alzheimer's disease due to air pollution. Instead of solving traffic congestion problems, VTA's legacy has led to continuing traffic gridlock, and greenhouse gas emissions that find their way into our lungs and brains. Voting No says that throwing more money at failed solutions is not acceptable.

## Helen Chapman: San Jose's Progressive Environmental Champion

by Sierra Club volunteer staff

The race for San José City Council, District 6, features a stark choice. One candidate stands out for her long record of prioritizing environmental issues in her community service: Helen Chapman. Helen is smart, thoughtful, and willing to do the hard work of building consensus around the best solutions to our difficult problems and she will make a great City Councilmember.



Vote Helen Chapman for San Jose City Council

Helen has been advocating for better stream protection, healthy watershed, flood protection, recreation, and the wildlife habitat they provide. She worked with our allies

to get riparian protection language into the City's General Plan. And now after decades of delay, with Helen's advocacy, the City may finally adopt the ordinance level protections that will ensure our riparian goals are met.

Helen says, "It's an honor to receive the support of the Sierra Club—our shared values and commitment to environmental protection are important in our community. We have worked together on a number of critical environmental issues throughout our community, and I will continue to be an advocate at City Hall so we can make San José as safe, sustainable, and beautiful as it can be."

While Helen's commitment to protecting San Jose's Coyote Valley is firm and non-negotiable, her opponent supports development in Coyote Valley, which will inevitably lead to the destruction of one of our last great national treasures.

Helen's opponent is supported by both estab-

lished Republicans with big pockets and right wing democrats out to crush unions and boost the fortunes of fossil fuel companies.

Helen's experience as a local environmental leader includes 7 years as a board member of Committee for Green Foothills, two terms with the San José Parks Commissioner, including a tenure as Chair, cofounding the San José Parks Foundation, and life-long membership in the Sierra Club. She led efforts to raise the fees collected as part of the Parkland Dedication Ordinance to 100 percent of raw land value, giving San José millions of dollars for land acquisition for parks and trails as well as capital improvements for parkland.

She is a member of the Democratic Party Environmental Caucus and has worked closely with organizations such as Greenbelt Alliance, Open Space Authority, CalSJ, Save Our Trails and many others. With over 25 years of experience advocating for environmental causes in District 6 and throughout San José, Helen Chapman is the candidate who most clearly embodies the principles of the Sierra Club.

Helen Chapman is committed to working for an environment that is healthy, safe, sustainable, and equitable in San Jose and in the South Bay region, one that benefits everyone, not just those at the top.

Helen needs your help to win. Her Republican opponent—backed by conservative big pockets—is launching an expensive and aggressive campaign to defeat Helen and the progressive values that she stands for. We must fight back!

We are asking our members to help Helen. A win for Helen Chapman is a win for our environment and for social justice.

**While Helen's commitment to protecting San Jose's Coyote Valley is firm and non-negotiable, her opponent supports development in Coyote Valley, which will inevitably lead to the destruction of one of our last great national treasures.**

### Volunteer to work on Helen's Campaign

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