



# Sierra Club California State and Local Candidate Approval Form

<b>Part 1: Overview</b>	
Candidate name	
Office sought (including district number)	
Is the candidate incumbent to this office?	
How many seats to be filled?	
Date of election(s): (If request is for both primary and general, please list both)	
Chapter	
Requester name, email, phone, and Sierra Club position	

<b>Part 2: Chapter Approvals – Chapter Executive Committee</b>									
Date of Chapter Executive Committee Approval									
Yes		No		Abstain		Absent			
# of Vacant Positions						# of members eligible to vote, excluding recusals			
Were any voting members recused from participation? If so, please provide their names and the reason for recusal.									
Were any recusals considered, but waived? Explain.									

A proposed endorsement must be approved by a *two-thirds* vote of the Executive Committee members *present and voting*, provided that the number supporting the action is *more than 50%* of the members *eligible to vote*. (The “members eligible to vote” includes total ExCom membership excluding vacancies)

and excluding those who are recused due to conflict of interest or government-imposed restrictions. An abstention for other reasons has the same effect as not voting.)

Chapter Political Committee Approval							
Date of Political Committee Approval							
Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
# of Vacant Positions				# of members eligible to vote, excluding recusals			
Were any voting members recused from participation? If so, please provide their names and the reason for recusal.							
Were any recusals considered, but waived? Explain.							

All chapters that include a portion of the district should be consulted; endorsement requires **Executive Committee approval** by all chapters that include **25% or more of the Sierra Club members** in the district, and consultation with all others.

Consultation with Other Chapters Sharing the District (where applicable)	
Is this race for an office representing an area that includes portions of more than one chapter?	
If yes, if 25% or more of the Sierra Club members in the District are from another Chapter, which Chapter, and what was their ExCom vote?	
If less than 25%, what were the results of consultation with the other affected chapter(s)?	

Group ExCom Approvals (where applicable)							
Date of Group Executive Committee Approval							
Yes		No		Abstain		Absent	
# of Vacant Positions				# of members eligible to vote, excluding recusals			
Were any voting members recused from participation? If so, please provide their names and the reason for recusal.							
Were any recusals considered, but waived? Explain.							

Is this recommendation for an incumbent? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

“Incumbent” is defined as a sitting officeholder running for reelection to the office they currently hold.

If yes, please complete Part 3a below.

If no, please complete Part 3b instead.

After completing Part 3a or b, please proceed to Part 4.

### Part 3a: Incumbents Only

Candidate's Present Office

Summarize in a few sentences the candidate's environmental record

### Part 3b: Non-Incumbents Only

Candidate's Present Office (If any)

Other major candidates (list names, party (optional) and whether they are incumbents – all significant candidates must be included, and it is important to note incumbents):

**Part 3b: Non-incumbents only (continued)**

**Were all candidates given an opportunity to submit a questionnaire or be interviewed?**

**If no, please explain. If contact could not be made with a candidate, explain what efforts were made to reach them. A serious effort must be made to contact all significant candidates – failure to respond to an email or return a questionnaire are not adequate grounds to ignore a significant candidate.**

**Chapter research process included**

- Questionnaires (always recommended for non-incumbents).
- Interviews
- Other (describe):  
Click or tap here to enter text.

**Compare the candidate to his or her opponents based on their environmental records, positions, and experience. Include at least some discussion of each candidate who has a substantial chance of winning.**

(Note – box length will expand to accommodate longer answers.)

**Part 3b: Non-incumbents only (continued)**

**What is the probability of candidate's election?**

**Explanation for estimate: please include discussion of the candidate's general strategy for winning and an assessment of the campaign's organizational and financial capacity to effectively implement that strategy.**

Are environmental issues important to the candidate? Are they important in the election? Is Sierra Club political action important to the candidate? Please explain.

Describe the chapter's past involvement with this candidate. If elected, why do you believe the candidate will work with the Sierra Club?

Who else has endorsed this candidate (persons, organizations, etc.)? Link to a website is sufficient.

Part 4: Sierra Club Details	
Sierra Club member who will maintain contact with the campaign: name, email address and phone	
Sierra Club member who will prepare publicity materials in support of the candidate: name, email address and phone	
Chapter Compliance Officer: name, email address and phone	
Chapter Political Standing Rules last update (date)	

[Note: Sec 1-151 of the national Political Compliance Guidelines states: “NO STATE OR LOCAL POLITICAL ACTIVITY MAY BE UNDERTAKEN BY A SIERRA CLUB ENTITY WITHOUT A CHAPTER COMPLIANCE OFFICER whose contact information is listed in the national leadership database”, and Sec. 2-604 states: “Before beginning the endorsement process, chapters must adopt additional written rules to supplement these guidelines.”]

Part 5: Candidate and Campaign Details	
Candidate Name	
Party (Optional)	
Campaign Name, Address, Phone Number and Email	
Campaign Website	
FPPC #	
Federal Tax ID # (required for all legislative races and for Angeles Chapter local races)	
Campaign Manager name, telephone, and email	

## Part 6: All Candidates

Our chapter requests approval to begin the following activities:

- Endorsement of candidate
- Club communication to Club members (newsletter, mail, phone)
- Candidate communication to Club members (mail or phone)
- Use of Club leader name and title
- Club communication to the general public\*\*
- Press Conference
- Literature\*\*
- Paid Advertisement\*\*
- TV/Radio\*\*
- Other (describe):

OR

- "Activities Short of Endorsement" listed below
- Candidate communication to Club members (mail or phone)
- Other (describe):

[Note \*\* PAC funds are required for all direct and in-kind contributions to candidates]

**Does this endorsement involve any circumstances identified by the Sierra Club Political Team Compliance Guidelines as unusual or problematic, such as multiple endorsements supporting more candidates than there are seats up for election or endorsement of a candidate who does not have a reasonably good prospect of winning the election? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_**

**If yes, please explain the chapter's rationale for recommending endorsement**

If the candidate opposes the Sierra Club on any major issue, explain.

If this endorsement is coming within 30 days of the election, please explain the timing.



Final Step: Email Instructions	
Please use the following format for the e-mail subject line: <b>Endorsement Request, [Candidate Name], [Candidate Office Including District]</b>	<b>For example: Endorsement Request, Hilda Solis, Los Angeles County Supervisor District 1</b>
Send To EITHER:	
Northern California Candidate Review Committee	Andy Sawyer (chair): <a href="mailto:AndySawyer@aol.com">AndySawyer@aol.com</a> Pat Piras: <a href="mailto:liarslose13@gmail.com">liarslose13@gmail.com</a> Chance Cutrano, <a href="mailto:ccutrano@gmail.com">ccutrano@gmail.com</a> Victoria Brandon [alt.]: <a href="mailto:vbrandon95457@gmail.com">vbrandon95457@gmail.com</a> Bob Morgan [alt.]: <a href="mailto:robertmorgan@baymoon.com">robertmorgan@baymoon.com</a>
OR:	
Southern California Candidate Review Committee	Howard Strauss (chair): <a href="mailto:htstrauss@aol.com">htstrauss@aol.com</a> Joan Jones Holtz: <a href="mailto:jholtzhln@aol.com">jholtzhln@aol.com</a> David Gold: <a href="mailto:davidgold4@aol.com">davidgold4@aol.com</a> Mark Rush [alt.]: <a href="mailto:markrushart@gmail.com">markrushart@gmail.com</a> Alex Mintzer [alt.]: <a href="mailto:amintzer1955@gmail.com">amintzer1955@gmail.com</a>
<b>ALSO:</b> If a state legislative candidate, also send to:	Patricia Jones (CLC liaison): <a href="mailto:pvjones10@gmail.com">pvjones10@gmail.com</a>

State Committee and CLC Action	
Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved <input type="checkbox"/> Modified
Chapter Notified (date)	
Sacramento Staff Notified (date)	

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