



Board of Directors 2025 ELECTION CANDIDATES



CANDIDATES FOR 2025-2028

NAME	STATE
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Nominating Committee Candidates

Igor Tregub	CA
Cheyenne Skye Branscum	OK
Nathan Chan	CA
Elisabeth Lamar	CA
Mary Ann Ruiz	CA
Scott Elkins	MN
Emily Pomilio	NY
Cynthia Hoyle	IL

Petition Candidates

Chad Hanson	CA
Maya Khosla	CA
Nancy Muse	AL

CONTINUING DIRECTORS

NAME	STATE
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Term Expires in 2026

Shruti Bhatnagar	MD
Patrick Murphy	TX
Dave Scott	OH
David Holtz	MI
Rita Harris	MS

Term Expires in 2027

Clayton Daughenbaugh	IL
Erica Hall	FL
Dave Karpf	DC
Meghan Sahli-Wells	CA
Karl Palmquist	NY

Dear Fellow Changemakers,

Protecting our planet, supporting environmental justice, defending democracy – our shared cause has never mattered more.

The future of the Sierra Club – and the planet – is in your hands. And it's members like you who choose our Board of Directors. We're sending you the official 2025 Board of Directors election materials. Please take a few minutes to learn about the candidates who will help lead our organization the next three years (2025-2028).

Your 2025 Sierra Club Official Ballot includes eleven candidates for the five open seats on the board of directors: Igor Tregub, Cheyenne Branscum, Nathan Chan, Chad Hanson, Elisabeth Lamar, Mary Ann Ruiz, Scott Elkins, Emily Pomilio, Cynthia Hoyle, Maya Khosla, and Nancy Muse. Eight of these candidates were put forward by the Nominating Committee, chaired by Brian Gomez. There are three petition candidates this year. The nominating committee reviewed 13 applicants, and our petition candidates successfully collected the required number of member signatures to be included on the ballot.

With 15 elected members, the board of directors is the Sierra Club's highest governing body. The board has the responsibility and authority to oversee all activities of Sierra Club, to establish Sierra Club's conservation priorities and internal policies, and to adopt the annual budget. The board works closely with staff to ensure we uplift the Sierra Club mission and values. Board members also typically serve on at least one of the board's advisory committees.

We are grateful for the service of the Directors whose terms expire in 2025: Cheyenne Skye Branscum, Allison Chin, Michael Dorsey, Cynthia Hoyle, and Aaron Mair. Cheyenne Skye Branscum and Cynthia Hoyle are running for re-election.

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We are also grateful for the work of the volunteer entities and staff members who make the election possible. The Nominating Committee conducted interviews and considered the qualifications of all applicants, aiming for a balance of new voices, incumbent directors, past directors, and broad representation from across the organization.

The Inspectors of the Election interpret Sierra Club election rules. Inspectors have an oversight role in the conduct of the election, the counting of ballots, and reporting results to the president and secretary. Ballot Statement Review Committee members review candidates’ statements for compliance with rules about length, form, and factual accuracy.

Now more than ever, effective leadership matters. Thank you in advance for your commitment to Sierra Club and your thoughtful consideration of the 2025 board of directors candidates.

- Dave Scott**, Board Secretary
- Brian Gomez**, Nominating Committee Chair
- Marianne Dugan**, Chief Inspector of the Election
- Victoria Brandon**, Ballot Statement Review Committee Chair

“Sierra Club has been working hard to protect the environment for more than 130 years. Your help in selecting its Board continues its legacy.”

Marianne Dugan
Chief Inspector of the Election

ELECTION CANDIDATE BALLOT STATEMENTS:



Igor A. Tregub

Nominating Committee
Candidate

RESIDENCE:
Berkeley, CA

MEMBER SINCE:
2008

OCCUPATION:
Renewable Energy Policy
Director/Berkeley, CA
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STATEMENT

As an immigrant from Ukraine, I organize with the Sierra Club because the ability of strong democratic institutions here and abroad to survive depends on our collective success to transition from life-destroying fossil fuels to life-affirming local renewable energy. I’ve dedicated my life to protect our habitat, water, and air, address climate change, and center climate justice in our policies. Together we passed the nation’s first building electrification ordinance; expanded access to local renewable energy; taken on powerful oil, gas, and utility monopolies; and developed strong neighborhood stabilization and affordability policies.

As a millennial and proven consensus-builder, I’m running to build bridges and heal divides within the Club. I’ll use my experience to ensure that, whether you’re a volunteer or staff, you have the tools and support you need to thrive. As chapter and group chair, I built a leadership bench and increased our reach to youth, BIPOC, immigrant, and frontline communities. Amid trying times nationally, our work spearheaded an unprecedented growth in chapter membership and enhanced our fiscal sustainability. Now we must do so again.

If elected, I’ll replicate these successes nationally at our country’s most storied and impactful environmental organization; shepherd our next chapter of environmental stewardship and resilience, so we can enjoy, explore, and defend our planet and all who call it home; forge our path toward fiscal and resource sustainability; elect climate champions at all levels; and build a Club that welcomes and supports its members, whatever their origin stories. Working together, we’ll successfully realize a just transition to good renewable energy jobs, uplift community voices, reject the fossil fuels poisoning our communities, and defend our democracy.

I would be deeply honored to earn your vote.

SIERRA CLUB LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Council of Club Leaders Secretary; California Policy Committee; Sierra Club California Co-Vice-Chair (2024-2025); SF Bay Chapter Chair (2017-2020); Northern Alameda County Group Chair (2020-2022); SFBay Energy-Climate Committee Co-Chair (2021-2023); Secretary, Chapter Chairs’ Representative (2019-2020)

OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Ava Community Energy Boardmember; DNC Climate Council Advisor; Berkeley Rotary; United Nations Association-East Bay; Advisor: 350 Bay Area; Water Education for Latino Leaders, Clean Energy Leadership Institute; Young Professionals in Energy-SFBay

ENDORSEMENTS

San Geronio Chapter; Loma Prieta Chapter; Cheyenne Skye Branscum, Treasurer, National Board of Directors; Michelle Deatrick, Chair, DNC Climate Crisis Council; RL Miller, Founder, Climate Hawks Vote; Martha Kreeger, SF Bay Chapter Chair Emerita; Kathy Dervin, Sierra Club California Executive Committee Liaison, Co-Founder, 350 Bay Area; Terry Taplin, Vice Chair, Northern Alameda County Group, Berkeley Council member; Joan Taylor, Chair, California Conservation Committee; Gary Lasky, Tehipite Chapter Executive Committee; Gabriel Quinto, Former Chair, West County Group; El Cerrito Mayor Pro Tem; Marisol Rubio, Former Chair, Tri-Valley Group, San Ramon Councilmember; Dr. Jim Stewart, Co-Chair, California Energy-Climate Committee; Clair Brown, Climate and Society Center, UC Berkeley; Wendy Bloom, Registered Nurse, Labor Organizer, Sierra Club Member; Nick Pilch, Sierra Club CA/SF Bay Executive Committee, Former Albany, CA Mayor; Dr. Wietske Medema, Vice-Chair, Mt. Diablo Group, Program Director, UC Berkeley; Shawn Danino, Housing/Mobility Policymaker



Cheyenne Skye Branscum

Nominating Committee Candidate

RESIDENCE:

Shawnee, OK

MEMBER SINCE:

2017

OCCUPATION:

Educator

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STATEMENT

When people picture a Sierra Club member, they often don't imagine a single mom in rural Oklahoma, living near her tribal headquarters, navigating a disability, or once relying on food stamps. Yet here I am, proudly representing. I carry firsthand experience of what it means to live in a frontline community—where industries see low-income, minority-populated areas as “disposable,” and where something as basic as buying supplies for a volunteer role or covering childcare can be a real obstacle.

Over the past few years, I've continued my work of lifting up voices that are too often ignored. I've championed the preservation of wild habitats because, while decarbonizing our energy systems is urgent, we also can't afford to lose the biodiversity and cultural spaces that sustain us. I've advocated for co-leadership models, pushing Sierra Club to return to its roots as a powerful, volunteer-driven organization rather than a top-down corporation. And I've been vocal about decolonization—both within our Club's processes and in our work with outside partners—because we cannot solve a planetary crisis using the same colonizer mindset that got us here.

I know what it feels like to be unheard, to be the “disposable” demographic. That perspective drives me to fight climate change and pollution with fierce determination, ensuring nobody is left behind. If re-elected, I will continue to stand for those who've rarely had a seat at the table, tearing down the barriers that keep so many from participating fully in our shared mission. Our planet needs all of us—and Sierra Club must evolve to welcome everyone, especially the communities most impacted by climate chaos. I'm committed to making that vision a reality.

STATEMENT

A decade ago, I discovered Sierra Club because I wanted to fight climate change and find people to go backpacking with. Local Outings leaders taught me how to camp safely in the winter, treat wilderness injuries and lead my own outings. I became an advocate for building electrification, environmental justice, and plastic pollution prevention, mentored by Conservation leaders. Today, I regularly lead snowcamping outings, speak before city councils and state agencies, and doorknock for Sierra Club-endorsed candidates running for office. I just finished serving six years on my Chapter's Executive Committee.

Working as a data scientist, I have consistently sought out companies and colleagues who care about the environment. Every day, I work on developing technology that delivers more sustainable outcomes. I find that successful teams focus on improving their execution speed, the quality of their results, and identifying blockers to progress and removing them. Meeting the challenge of climate change requires that kind of systematic, problem-solving approach.

Since first being elected to a Sierra Club leadership role, I have brought new members and leaders into the organization, including new Outings leaders, Executive Committee members, and Conservation activists. To set them up for success, I drafted and passed Chapter rules that clarify how to collaborate with other organizations, communicate with the public, and gain the ability to represent the Chapter on their issues. For two years, I handled registrations and the budget for the California Conservation Committee, which brings together close to one hundred activists from across the state.

The climate and housing affordability crises are linked, so I also serve on the board of a local affordable housing advocacy

SIERRA CLUB LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

National: Board of Directors 2022-Present, Sierra Club Treasurer 2023-Present, CCR Chair 2021, History and Future Task Force Member (2020-2021), Restorative Accountability Implementation Team Co-Lead (2022), Co-Stewardship Policy Task Force Member (2024). Oklahoma Chapter: Excom Chair 2019-25, CCL Delegate 2020-21, Political Action Chair 2020-25, Oklahoma Renewable Energy Education Program 2018-present.

OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

North American Fundraising Coordinator for the Mawoudit Foundation

ENDORSEMENTS

Whitney Pearson, Kaycee Prevedel, Ed Smith, Patrick Murphy, Igor Tregub, Allison Chin, Meghan Sahli-Wells, San Gorgonio Chapter



Nathan Chan

Nominating Committee Candidate

RESIDENCE:

Millbrae, CA

MEMBER SINCE:

2015

OCCUPATION:

Data Scientist

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organization and on my city's Planning Commission. In California, I worked with two different committees to pass a resolution supporting infill housing. I also represented Sierra Club on an Affordable Housing Month panel organized by Silicon Valley at Home.

Our movement for a livable planet for all of us is at a critical moment. Many people looking for direction on what to do will turn to Sierra Club. While we are well-positioned to organize and lead them, we cannot rely on the playbooks of the past. With my professional experience in sustainable technology and years of volunteering successfully with others in Sierra Club, I am running to ensure we evolve to meet this challenge head-on. I humbly ask for your vote and support.

SIERRA CLUB LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Council of Club Leaders, Loma Prieta Chapter Delegate (2023-2024); California Executive Committee member (2024-present); Loma Prieta Chapter Executive Committee member (2019-2024); California Conservation Committee Treasurer (2022-2024); SF Bay Snowcamping Steering Committee member (2024-present); Loma Prieta 20s and 30s Outings Chair (2018-present)

ENDORSEMENTS

San Francisco Bay Chapter, Allison Chin (Current Sierra Club President), David Holtz (Current Director), Ross Macfarlane (Former Director), Michelle Hesterberg (North Star Chapter Executive Committee), Cris Corley (Former Tennessee Chapter Chair), Lisa Barboza (Guadalupe Regional Group Chair), Janet Carter (Nevada Chapter), Jadine Sonoda (Sierra Club staff)



Chad Hanson

Petition Candidate

RESIDENCE:

Kennedy Meadows, CA

CURRENT MEMBER SINCE:

1991 (Life member)

OCCUPATION:

Ecologist and climate scientist, John Muir Project

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STATEMENT

In 1989, I hiked the 2,600-mile length of the Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada with my older brother. I saw beautiful wild areas, but also vast devastation caused by logging on our National Forests. I remember sitting on an old-growth tree stump in the Willamette National Forest, looking around me and seeing nothing but stumps to the ridgelines. I knew then I would devote my life to protecting wild places, so I became an active Sierra Club member.

I spent two years helping to pass the California Desert Protection Act, and led a national Sierra Club ballot initiative advocating for an end to commercial logging on federal public lands, which the national membership passed in 1996. My desire to protect the natural world led me to get a Ph.D. in Ecology. I wrote the book "Smokescreen", about protecting ecosystems to mitigate the climate crisis, and how to increase wildfire safety of communities, like those tragically devastated in Los Angeles recently. Currently, I am fighting for natural climate solutions, such as protecting giant sequoia groves from destructive logging projects.

Some argue we should only protect wild places. Others argue we should focus on social justice, not wild places. That is a false choice. Nearly all conservation campaigns have a strong environmental justice connection. And, environmental justice typically has a conservation component, like the campaign against the forest biomass energy industry, which burns trees like sticks of coal for dirty energy, worsening climate change, and polluting air in environmental justice communities.

We must strengthen connections between conservation and environmental justice to counter the threats of the Trump Administration and the current Congress. Bold campaigns inspire our members and foster a diverse, growing grassroots volunteer

activist base.

I will:

- Increase funding and staffing for protection of wild places, wildlife, and public lands, including campaign work to end the commercial logging program on federal public forests. For over a decade, funding for protecting Nature has declined unacceptably. This must be reversed, so we can fight the extinction crisis and help mitigate climate change by protecting habitats so they can better absorb the dangerous excess of atmospheric CO2.
- Support chapter outings. Exploring and enjoying Nature is part of the soul of the Sierra Club. I will work to eliminate unnecessary administrative burdens that have been imposed on outings leaders and participants in recent years, and have driven many people away. I will work with outings leaders to increase participation.
- Ensure a positive work environment for staff, who do so much to advance our mission.
- Prevent harassment and discrimination, while ensuring meaningful due process, which is currently missing from our procedures.

With your support, I will be a strong voice on the Board for conservation, environmental justice, and outings.

SIERRA CLUB LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

National Board of Directors (2018-2024, 1997-2003); national Conservation Policy Committee (2018-2024); national Finance Committee (2018-2021); national History & Future Task Force on race/equity (2020-2021); Chair, Many Rivers Group (Oregon) (1993-1994)

ENDORSEMENTS

Loma Prieta and San Geronio Chapters



Elisabeth Lamar

Nominating Committee Candidate

RESIDENCE:

Oxnard, CA

CURRENT MEMBER SINCE:

2013

OCCUPATION:

Outdoor Educator

STATEMENT

I began my journey with the Sierra Club by lobbying for a ban on fracking in my home state of California. Since then, I've given presentations on the link between reproductive harm and oil production. For the last few years, I have led school trips to one of the few remaining estuaries nearby, and I'm a staunch believer in equitable access to nature.

The desire to make a difference initially drew me to the Sierra Club, yet what has sustained me are the people I have had the pleasure of working with throughout the years. Like any other organization with a size and scope as impressive as the Sierra Club's, we face significant challenges from both external and internal forces. Still, our strength lies within our incredible grassroots volunteer base and dedicated staff. I am amazed by the advocates working on many issues from around our country and the magnitude of talent found in our leaders is what is needed most to meet this moment. With people power, all things are possible. And the stakes have never been higher: we are in danger of losing not just a thread but the entire web of existence.

As a director, I will focus on furthering our collective impact, increasing transparency, and building our reach. I vow to uphold our shared vision of a healthy planet while deepening our commitment to clean energy democracy. It is truly an honor to be nominated, and I appreciate all you do for the Sierra Club.

SIERRA CLUB LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Ventura Group Chair (2015-2019), Gender and Environment Team (2015-2018), Equity Support Team (2015-2020), Santa Barbara/Ventura Chapter ExCom (2020-current) (2025-Vice Chair), Board of Directors Nominating Committee (2021-2024), Council of Club Leaders (2022-current), Council of Club Leaders Nominating Committee Chair (2024)

ENDORSEMENTS

National Sierra Club Board Director Rita Harris, Conservation Leader James Hines



Mary Ann Ruiz

Nominating Committee Candidate

RESIDENCE:
Chino, CA

CURRENT MEMBER SINCE:
2002

OCCUPATION:
Aluminum Product Manager; Retired

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STATEMENT

Sierra Club's Board of Directors is a working board, a dedicated group of individuals serving as fiduciaries; ensuring the organization effectively advances its mission. This includes managing resources, adhering to governance rules, and complying with the law. I am committed to dedicating my time and talents to our Board to fulfil this role.

As a candidate for the 2025 Board, I understand the assignment, and I am eager to contribute my skills and experience to support the organization's goals. My journey with the Sierra Club began with a deep love for the outdoors, leading me from outings to leadership roles within the San Geronio and Sierra Club California Chapters, including Chair of each of these Chapters. This diverse experience has provided me with a deep understanding of grassroots power, the needs of chapters of varying sizes and resources, and the effectiveness of well-supported advocacy efforts.

These leadership roles demonstrate my extensive experience at all levels of the Sierra Club:

- Outings Leader (since 2004): I've led numerous outings from easy to strenuous hikes, and car camps for 20 years
- Chapter Leadership: I've served as Chair of San Geronio Chapter for 4 terms, Chair of Sierra Club California for 2 terms, and Chair of Chapter Chair Representatives for 2 years.
- Fundraising: I've led my Chapter's fundraising work as well as co-leading Sierra Club California fundraising
- Chapter Support: During my years with the Chapter Support Team, I was part of many initiatives and offerings to chapters, including Chapter Assemblies, Chapter Support Grants, and onboarding.

- Advocacy: I've led numerous litigation efforts addressing environmental injustice in my chapter, participated in political endorsements and organized chapter digital campaigns
- Professional Experience: I managed supply chain investment assets in an industrial business environment, responsible for a \$60M annual inventory investment

I am committed to fulfilling the responsibilities of a Director and contributing to the continued success of the Sierra Club. Those who have worked with me know I can be counted on to honor my commitments. I am confident that my diverse background and proven leadership abilities will be valuable assets to the Board.

I would be honored to win your vote, and thank you for all you do to Explore, Enjoy and Protect our home.

SIERRA CLUB LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Sierra Club CA Excom Member, Secretary, 2024-2025, Chair, 2022-2023, Excom Member 2013-2019, Sierra Club San Geronio Chapter Chair, 2017-2022, Los Serranos Group Chair, 2008-2016; ExCom Member 2004-2016, 2023-2024, National Board Nominating Committee Chair, 2022-2023, Chapter Chair Representative, 2020-2024, Outings Leader: 2004-current

ENDORSEMENTS

Allison Chin, President, Board of Directors, San Geronio Chapter, Susana Reyes, former Director, Rita Harris, Director, Clayton Daughenbaugh, Director, David Holtz, Director, Anne Woiwode, Chair of Chapter Chair Representatives, Victoria Brandon, David Haake, Charming Evelyn, Vicky Hoover, Joan Taylor, Anne Henny



Scott Elkins

Nominating Committee Candidate

RESIDENCE:
Saint Paul, MN

CURRENT MEMBER SINCE:
1993

OCCUPATION:
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STATEMENT

I am deeply honored to be nominated for a seat on the Sierra Club Board of Directors, and I am excited to share my experience and my vision for the future of the Sierra Club during these challenging times.

I believe our highest calling is to act with respect and compassion for one another and for the planet. My career has been dedicated to that calling, including more than 25 years spent volunteering with and working for Sierra Club.

For over twenty years, I served in senior staff leadership roles at Sierra Club. As Minnesota Chapter Director (2000-2008), I tripled the budget, grew our volunteer base tenfold, and spearheaded efforts that resulted in several important victories, including a nation-leading state renewable energy mandate. As Director of Volunteer Engagement (2008-2021), I led a nationwide department of over 120 staff, engaging tens of thousands of volunteers in advocacy, outings, education, and community organizing. Together, we powered some of Sierra Club's most significant national victories, including the closure of more than 300 coal-fired power plants and laying the policy foundation that accelerated the growth of renewable energy.

Today, I lead the Land Stewardship Project (www.landstewardshipproject.org), a grassroots advocacy organization focused on regenerative agriculture, climate resilience, and building strong rural economies.

Looking ahead, I believe Sierra Club must renew itself and its grassroots legacy to meet the profound challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss. The urgency of these threats requires us to confront the Trump Administration and other powerful

opponents with every resource at our disposal. But passion alone won't be enough. We are experiencing seismic shifts in politics, culture, technology, and governance, which call for fresh perspectives on how we engage people to protect our communities and planet. We must decentralize decision-making, empower state and local leaders to take swift, effective action, and forge new alliances that bridge divides.

Over three decades, I have worked alongside hundreds of Sierra Club volunteer leaders and staff across the country. I have witnessed our creativity, passion, and unwavering dedication—and I know that we are uniquely positioned to adapt and reshape ourselves to meet today's challenges.

With your vote and support, I am confident that we can move forward with hope, integrity, and the determination to carry out the work Sierra Club was founded to do.

SIERRA CLUB LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Volunteer Leadership: North Star (Minnesota) Chapter ExCom (1995-2000); North Star Chapter Chair (1997-1999); Council of Club Leaders Chair (1999-2000); Conservation Governance Committee (1999-2000); Staff Leadership: North Star Chapter Director (2000-2008); Director of Volunteer Engagement, 2008-2021

ENDORSEMENTS

Allison Chin, Sierra Club Board President, Former Presidents Robin Mann and Aaron Mair; Former Vice-President for Chapters, Groups and Volunteers Debbie Heaton; San Geronio Chapter



Emily Pomilio

Nominating Committee Candidate

RESIDENCE:

Brooklyn, New York

CURRENT MEMBER SINCE:
2015

OCCUPATION:

Self-employed; Strategic Communications Consultant for Climate and Advocacy Organizations

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STATEMENT:

The Sierra Club was my second job out of college at the ripe age of 24 years old. I spent the next six years—and the rest of my 20s—at “the club.” To say I grew up at the Sierra Club, at least professionally, would not be hyperbole. I took my first anti-racism workshops (which was life changing, I might add) through the Sierra Club. I learned the importance of partner collaboration and the complexities of working with labor and industry. I attended my first protests and marches. (My home office is still lined with the posters we made for rallies and press conferences.) Through this time, I became intimately familiar with the organization’s strengths and weaknesses. While I experienced profoundly purposeful and fulfilling work, I also experienced the toxic and oppressive behaviors heard frequently from staff and colleagues first-hand and saw how it was, subsequently, “handled.”

I want to be a board member because as much as I still love, support and feel aligned with the mission of the Sierra Club, I can’t pretend the problems I encountered were happening in a silo or won’t happen again. In fact, it is because of that love and support that I want to be integral in making the Sierra Club the best version of itself so the organization can go back to being one of the most strategic and effective campaigns in history through a track record of prioritizing employee wellbeing and embodying the values its identified. I want to bring back the Sierra Club I grew up admiring, and revering. One that leads an industry with integrity and strategy. One that wins campaigns, protects our natural world and our livelihoods, and showcases what progressive values can look like, inside and out.

OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Current CEO/Founder of People’s Impact Collective: 2023–Current; NYC EcoWomen Board President: 2021–2022

ENDORSEMENTS:

Former Chief Field Officer and MA Chapter Director; Deb Pasternak, Former Sierra Club President Ramon Cruz, Former Sierra Club Chief Field Officer and Massachusetts Chapter Director; Sohini Baliga, Marketing Director at the Democratic National Training Committee; Cari Barcas, Director of Communications at Stand.earth



Cynthia Hoyle

Nominating Committee Candidate

RESIDENCE:

Urbana, IL

CURRENT MEMBER SINCE:
1983

OCCUPATION:

Consultant

STATEMENT

The climate crisis is the defining issue of our time and the need for action has never been more urgent. We are not powerless in the face of this challenge, Sierra Club is the leading environmental organization capable of uniting people and driving the change needed at all levels—local, state, and federal. Working with our groups, chapters, and volunteers we have the capacity to successfully create change in every state and hundreds of communities across the country.

We are facing significant challenges in the coming years. Climate change is progressing faster than feared. The incoming administration threatens to undo the vital work we have achieved over the last four years to protect our wildlands and address climate impacts. We must make fundamental transformations in our society, from how we grow food to how we use and protect land, transport goods and people, and how we power our country. We can do this by working in our communities, states, and regions. Sierra Club is the only environmental organization with the grassroots volunteers who can do this challenging work.

To succeed Sierra Club must become a more inclusive organization—one that actively welcomes all voices, embraces diverse perspectives, and fosters meaningful change across all communities. We must broaden our networks, increase coalitions, and welcome different voices and perspectives. On the BOD I have worked as Chair of the Conservation Policy Committee to address member concerns, create transparency, and invite members into the process.

I have long been an environmentalist advocating for livable, equitable, and sustainable communities—ones that provide all residents with choices in mobility, housing, work, and lifestyle. By

integrating sustainability and anti-racism into how we design our communities, we will create places that are not only more inclusive but also more economically vibrant, sustainable, and better connected to nature.

I hope to continue to work to protect our environment, support outdoors access for all, and build community within and without the Club. As a Board member, I will work tirelessly on solutions to climate change and environmental challenges that will address the broader social and political issues of our time.

I would deeply appreciate your vote!

SIERRA CLUB LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Stopping Sprawl Campaign 2002–2009, Clean Transportation for All – Building Healthy Communities 2019–2025, Organizer/speaker Planning Commission Boot Camp, Clean Transportation for All, 2019, 2020, Local Transportation Activist Workshop, 2019, Urban Infill Policy Task Force 2020–2021, National Board of Directors 2022–2025, Audit Committee 2023, Conservation Policy Committee 2022–2025, CPC Chair 2023–2025, Business Partnership Committee 2024–2025, Illinois Chapter – Clean Water Committee 2005–2006, Illinois Clean Transportation Team 2023–2024, Prairie Group – ExCom 2008, Vice Chair 2008–2010, Transportation Committee 2008–2013

OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

American Public Transit, Climate Change Group 2008–2010, Champaign County Blue Ribbon Environmental Panel, 2003–2005, Environmental Advisor, City of Stillwater, Oklahoma, 1990–1991

ENDORSEMENTS

Current Directors: Allison Chin, Rita Harris, Patrick Murphy, Meghan Sahli-Wells, Shruti Bhatnagar, Erica Hall, Michael Dorsey, Karl Palmquist, Clayton Daughenbaugh, Past Directors: Tony Fuller, Ross Macfarlane, Debbie Heaton, Past Presidents: Ramon Cruz, Chapters: San Francisco Chapter



Maya Khosla

Petition Candidate

RESIDENCE:

Sonoma County, CA

CURRENT MEMBER SINCE:

2018

OCCUPATION:

Biologist/toxicologist,
writer and filmmaker

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STATEMENT

After an inspiring in-person meeting of the Redwood Chapter, I joined the Sierra Club with a renewed understanding that voices can speak together to address climate change and environmental justice issues, and to protect wild places. I am a filmmaker and wildlife ecologist who documents the populations of rare species including Sierra Nevada red foxes and goshawks. Working in collaboration with other scientists, I investigated the abundant post-fire regeneration of giant sequoias in several groves (<https://www.mdpi.com/2571-6255/7/2/44>). My current project is a film about the impacts of biomass energy on communities and forests (<https://vimeo.com/1028788938?share=copy>). As Sonoma County's tenth Poet Laureate, I brought community members together for a series of poetry events, responding to the recent wildfires. I am part of an all-volunteer organization, Sonoma County Climate Activist Network, and a board member of Sequoia ForestKeeper. Thousands of hours of exploring forests and the wildlife they support, and coastlines where sea turtles nest, have informed my work.

Working with staff and volunteers in Sierra Club, I have served on the national task force that created the new Prescribed Fire Policy. I currently serve on the national Sierra Club task force formulating a policy to address threats to communities, health, climate, and biodiversity that result from the forest biomass energy industry. Working in collaboration with colleagues in the State Forest Committee, I drafted a Forest Biomass Resolution (a version of which was passed by the Council of Club Leaders, 2024) on these threats. I have safely led multiple private field trips and hikes with Sierra Club members across California.

With the Sierra Club growing into an increasingly inclusive organization, I look forward to accomplishing the goals below. As a Director, I would:

- Assist in making outings less complicated for leaders and participants.
- Focus on conservation priorities: keeping wild places intact, supporting the efforts of environmental justice groups, and expanding on the

existing support for clean energy resources, as part of addressing climate change.

- Developing essential organizational priorities, including workable budgets for the conservation priorities.
- Offering expertise to Sierra Club members interested in assisting environmental justice (EJ) groups and communities overburdened by pollution impacts, by working together to create strong platforms where community voices can be heard.
- Strengthening our efforts in collaborations with established organizations large and small.
- Instituting robust procedures to address discrimination, while ensuring due process for all.

Recognizing that Sierra Club holds the collective wisdom of decades, I would be honored to serve.

SIERRA CLUB LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Executive Committee Member, Sierra Club Redwood Chapter (2025); Member, Task Force on National Prescribed Burn Policy (2023); Member, Task Force on Forest Biomass Energy Policy (2024-present).

OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Film director (2015-present); Senior Biologist (2013-2023); Fund for Wild Nature Grassroots Activist Award (2023), Sonoma County Poet Laureate (2018-2020); Co-organizer, Sonoma County Climate Summit (2021); Turtle Diaries Project, India (2011-2013); 2020 Environmentalist of the Year Award (Sonoma County Conservation Council); 2020 PEN Oakland Award for "All the Fires of Wind and Light."

ENDORSEMENTS

Loma Prieta Chapter



Nancy Muse

Petition Candidate

RESIDENCE:

Florence, Alabama

CURRENT MEMBER SINCE:

1980

OCCUPATION:

Public School K12 Visual
Arts Teacher, Retired

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STATEMENT:

With climate-change denial in full force, extreme drought, floods and violent storms dominate our lives as never before, creating unprecedented challenges. Club leaders must find solutions that will bring people together: we are charged to save ourselves and the natural systems that sustain us. Internal Club challenges must also be met so that all entities—chapter leaders, staff, volunteers and the Board—function as a democratically-run, well-oiled machine, embracing trust, transparency and camaraderie. I am seeking a position on the national Sierra Club Board in order to use my decades of experience as a public school educator and volunteer environmental advocate, to further the functionality, effectiveness, goals and mission of the Club.

My Sierra Club days started in 1980 as a young mother taking my children on local outings, lobbying for the expansion of the Sipsey Wilderness and attending Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) public scoping sessions concerning a variety of issues. In my roles on various boards, and as a founding member and officer of several nonprofit environmental groups, such as Shoals Earth Month, I coordinate free, public events such as symposia, conferences, rallies and webinars for various environmental causes, including an area-wide, annual Earth Day festival. As all board members must, I take fiduciary responsibilities seriously and am not afraid to ask the important questions. In my role as an at-large member of the Executive Committee, and Conservation Chair of the Sierra Club's Alabama Chapter, I am facilitating PFAS sampling of surface waters across the state with a PFAS Grassroots Network Team grant and work with the Tennessee Chapter Energy Team on TVA energy issues. Being a decades-long solar advocate, I participate in the TVA residential rooftop solar program.

As a member of the Council of Club Leaders Executive Committee, I hear the concerns of grassroots volunteers and chapter leaders which, along with my experience on a National Conservation Policy Committee task force in 2022-2023, coauthoring a research paper concerning methane emissions from ruminant livestock, has enabled me to form valuable relationships which enhance my understanding of Sierra Club operations. As a grandmother, I wish for a future rich with biodiversity, clean air, water and food and a culture which upholds environmental and social justice, especially for disenfranchised communities. As your Board member, I would strive to move the Club forward in solidarity. I humbly welcome your support.

SIERRA CLUB LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Alabama Chapter Chair (2025) Executive Committee (2017-2023, 2025-2027); Committees: Conservation Chair (2024-present) Election, Nominating, (2022-2023); Finance (2021-present); Council of Club Leaders Executive Committee (2021-present); CCL Resolutions Committee Co-Chair (2022, 2023, 2025); PFAS, Wastewater Residuals, Nuclear-Free CORE Teams (2023-present); Board Candidate Questions Committee (2021)

OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

President, Shoals Earth Month, Inc. (2007-2025); City of Florence Tree Commission (2007-2025); Wild Alabama (2021-2022).

ENDORSEMENTS

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Voting for more than five candidates on a printed ballot will invalidate it. You may vote for fewer than five.

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Brian Gómez
Chair, Nominating Committee

Marianne Dugan
Chief Inspector of the Election

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“Protecting our planet has never mattered more. Our strength comes from members like you. Please vote and help choose our member-elected board.”

— Dave Scott
Sierra Club Board Member

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