

Election Insight 2019

The Newsletter of the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter San Benito, Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties

— CLIP AND SAVE —

SIERRA CLUB ENDORSEMENTS

The Loma Prieta Chapter Endorses the Following:

**CA Congressional
District 14**

Jackie Speier (D)

**CA Congressional
District 17**

Ro Khanna (D)

**CA Congressional
District 18**

Anna Eshoo (D)

**CA Congressional
District 19**

Zoe Lofgren (D)

**CA Congressional
District 20**

Jimmy Panetta (D)

**CA State Senate
District 13**

(Dual Endorsement)
Josh Becker (D)
Sally Lieber (D)

Assembly District 19

Phil Ting (D)

Assembly District 22

Kevin Mullin (D)

Assembly District 24

Marc Berman (D)

Assembly District 25

Anne Kepner (D)

Assembly District 27

Ash Kalra (D)

Assembly District 28

Evan Low (D)

Assembly District 29

Mark Stone (D)

Assembly District 30

Robert Rivas (D)

**San Mateo
County Supervisor
D1**

Dave Pine

**San Mateo
County Supervisor
D4**

Warren Slocum

**Santa Clara
County Supervisor
District 5**

Joe Simitian

**San Jose
City Council D2**

Sergio Jimenez

**San Jose
City Council D8**

Sylvia Arenas

Hello Sierra Club Members/Voters

This year's issue of our Election Insights differs from earlier issues because we are adapting to two significant changes:

1.) Due to the movement of most municipal elections to even numbered years — there were no 2019 municipal elections in Santa Clara or San Benito Counties and there were only three city elections out of twenty cities in San Mateo County, one of which was uncontested. Our congratulations go to Sierra Club endorsed city council candidates **Emily Beach of Burlingame** and **Marty Medina of San Bruno** for their reelection victories on November 5, 2019.

2.) The California earlier Primary — March 3, 2020 instead of June 2, 2020 — pulled our questionnaire/interview/endorsement process into 2019. You will find our March 3, 2020, recommendations combined with our Chapter leadership ballot in this issue.

— Loma Prieta Chapter Political Committee

Letter From The Loma Prieta Chapter

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to present the Loma Prieta Chapter's 2019 Election Insight Newsletter. It represents hours of volunteer work and planning by our political committee and regional group members.

You are an integral part of our election process. Please show your appreciation for our volunteer leaders by casting your vote, even in uncontested elections. The leaders that you select will help guide our Chapter as we continue to protect our environment and local communities.

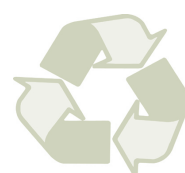
Whenever you enjoy local open space, there's a good chance that members of your Loma Prieta Chapter have been involved in saving that place. For more than 85 years our leaders, volunteers, and donors have worked relentlessly to protect our local environment and to help others explore, enjoy and protect it.

You may ask who they are. They are people just like you. Members of our community range from brilliant young professionals who create environmental marketing strategies to determined retirees who protest at agency planning meetings. All of their voices make our "one voice" powerful!

Thank you for your continued support and for making 2019 our greatest year yet.



Happy trails,
James Eggers, Director
Sierra Club, Loma Prieta Chapter



READ, SHARE AND RECYCLE

Thank you to our Political Endorsement Volunteers

The newsletter lets our members and the public know who the Sierra Club considers a strong environmental leader. We would like to thank our members of our Political Committee, Endorsement interview volunteers and our Endorsement article writers: Nabeel Al-Shamma, Kat Baumgartner, Sue Chow, John Cordes, Gita Dev, Gladwyn d'Souza, Mike Ferreira, Melissa Hippard, Ken King, Gary Latshaw, Dashiell Leeds, Dave Olson, Dave Poeschel, Marianna Raymond, Lennie Roberts, Charles Schafer and Kristel Wickham. A special thank you to Mike Ferreira and Barbara Kelsey for leading production of the Election Insight newsletter.



Check that Box

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:
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3921 E. Bayshore Rd., Ste 204
Palo Alto, CA 94303

E. Ballots must be sent in the mail and received by
December 31st, 2019. 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

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To discover your regional group affiliation, look at the second line on your mailing label. The three-digit number beginning with "20" is your regional group code.

203 = San Carlos/Belmont and Chapter Executive Committee

204 = Peninsula and Chapter Executive Committee

205 = Guadalupe and Chapter Executive Committee

Loma Prieta Chapter and Group Ballot

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5 Two-Year Seats
Vote for no more than five

VOTER 1

- Nabeel Al-Shamma*
 Susan DesJardin*
 Michael Eldredge
 Bruce Rienzo*
 Charles Schafer*

VOTER 2

-

PENINSULA REGIONAL GROUP

Members with Group code 204
vote in this column
4 Two-Year Seats
Vote for no more than four

VOTER 1

- Sue Chow*
 Mike Ferreira*
 Susan Lessin
 Dave Olson*

VOTER 2

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SAN CARLOS/BELMONT REGIONAL GROUP

Members with Group code 203
Vote in this column
2 Two-Year Seats
Vote for no more than two

VOTER 1

- Gail Ghose
 Camille King*

VOTER 2

-

GUADALUPE REGIONAL GROUP

Members with Group code 205
Vote in this column
3 Two-Year Seats
Vote for no more than three

VOTER 1

- Shawn Britton*
 John Cordes*
 Molly Cox*

VOTER 2

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BE SURE TO VOTE!

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Voter 1 signature

Voter 2 signature

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* Incumbents



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SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

Sergio Jimenez - San Jose City Council District 2

by Chapter Political Committee

San Jose Council Member Sergio Jimenez has been a reliable “go to” contact and supporter regarding important Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter environmental issues from his election day to the current day. Perhaps most importantly he has been very supportive of the Chapter’s goals regarding the preservation of Coyote Valley, a unique environmental opportunity in the southeastern portion of San Jose, in which we are now experiencing success that we might not have had without his principled support. Also greatly appreciated is his support of our position against Measure B – the opportunistic attempt to undermine San Jose’s planning.



SERGIO JIMENEZ

We very much appreciate his environmental instincts as new issues arise and we value his frequent outreach to us as well as his receptiveness to our requests for discussions.

Please give your environmental vote to a council member who has thoroughly earned it – San Jose City Council Member Sergio Jimenez.

www.facebook.com/sergio4D2/

SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 8

Sylvia Arenas – San Jose City Council District 8

by Chapter Political Committee

In addition to her consistent support for a major Chapter environmental priority – the preservation of Coyote Valley - Council Member Sylvia Arenas was a strong ally of the many environmental organizations inclusive of the Sierra Club who were very engaged during the major 2018 political battle against ballot Measure B – an egregious and duplicitous overreach by wealthy developers that would have transformed the development landscape in San Jose neighborhoods. She arranged large meetings in her district to which environmental activists were invited in order to exchange information and plans with neighborhood and civic groups. She was an excellent organizer/moderator of the meetings. Her district voted strongly against the Measure – which was defeated.



SYLVIA ARENAS

The Loma Prieta Chapter considers her to be an ongoing ally as new issues arise before the Council. We support and encourage her reelection.

www.facebook.com/councilwomansylviaarenas/

SAN MATEO COUNTY SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 1

Dave Pine – San Mateo County Supervisor District 1

by Chapter Political Committee

Dave Pine has an extensive history of engagement with the Sierra Club and other environmental organizations. Based on this history of engagement we have come to admire his ability to focus on long-range environmental issues, issues that may not have immediate cur-



DAVE PINE

rency with the press or the public but are vitally important for our communities’ futures.

As a San Mateo County Supervisor he has been exemplary on the issue of creating awareness of the perils of sea level rise and pushing governmental measures to forestall the impacts of same to his county and to the Bay Area at large. He led the successful effort to create the new San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resilience District that will implement resilient measures on a countywide basis. He was an invaluable ally and advocate for the establishment of a countywide Community Choice Aggregation/Community Choice Energy agency named Peninsula Clean Energy that is now the primary provider of green energy choices across all of San Mateo County.

It is with environmentally based certainty of purpose that we endorse Dave Pine for reelection to San Mateo County Supervisor District 1.

SAN MATEO COUNTY SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 4

Warren Slocum – San Mateo County Supervisor District 4

by Chapter Political Committee

Prior to being elected to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Warren Slocum was San Mateo County’s Assessor-Clerk-Recorder and was one of the highest regarded County Elections officials in the state of California.



WARREN SLOCUM

As a supervisor he has been supportive of progressive climate change initiatives regarding Sea Level Rise and Community Choice Aggregation. He has also been a staunch supporter of stronger protections for heritage oaks, redwoods, and other native species as well as environmental justice issues in his District that includes North Fair Oaks and East Palo Alto. He has also worked hard to address problems such as illegal dumping, homelessness, affordable housing, sex trafficking and veteran’s issues.

We recommend Warren Slocum’s reelection as San Mateo County Supervisor District 4 on the basis of his solid environmental justice and natural resource protection record.

<https://slocum2020.com/>

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 5

Joe Simitian – Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors District 5

by Chapter Political Committee

The National Sierra Club, Sierra Club California, and the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter have all had a long history of successful environmental interface with Joe Simitian throughout his highly regarded career as a Palo Alto City Council Member, State Assembly Member, State Senator and currently as a County Supervisor. He participates in our annual fundraiser and has an open door to our volunteers seeking his help on environmental issues. We greatly value his acumen and judgment on difficult issues. We can hardly express our gratitude for his leadership – and we really do mean leadership – role in saving the Buena Vista Mobile Home Park in Palo Alto and his forthright analyses of the important issues of our time, whether these involve parklands, transportation, campus expansions, environmental justice or affordable housing. The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors is environmentally enriched by



JOE SIMITIAN

his presence and we wholeheartedly recommend his reelection.

www.joesimitian.com

STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 25

Anne Kepner – State Assembly District 25

by Chapter Political Committee

Assembly District 25 candidate Anne Kepner is a consumer/personal injury attorney whose husband is a technology executive and whose children have reached an age that allows her to seek an expanded public service role.



ANNE KEPNER

As one of seven candidates for this office she submitted very good responses to our environmentally themed questionnaire and interviewed quite well with our two-chapter endorsement team (Assembly District 25 overlaps both the San Francisco Bay Chapter and the Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club).

She currently serves as President of the West Valley-Mission Community College Board thereby providing considerable insight to the education related issues in our legislature and has dedicated her professional career to fighting for justice as an attorney whose firm represents people who otherwise would not have a voice in our system, from cases involving pesticide and toxic exposure to wrongful deaths, catastrophic injuries, and elder abuse. It is our belief that her election to the California Assembly would provide a solid ally for the Sierra Club on the many environmental and environmental justice issues that are in constant discussion in the legislature.

We confidently endorse Anne Kepner for Assembly District 25.

www.annekepner.com/

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 5

State Senate District 13 – Josh Becker and Sally Lieber

by Chapter Political Committee



JOSH BECKER



SALLY LIEBER

Of the five serious candidates for State Senate District 13 – the seat from which Senator Jerry Hill is retiring due to term limits - the Sierra Club has selected two candidates for endorsement. Coming from different backgrounds but with very strong environmental passions the candidates both offer promising legislative futures.

As future champions for the struggle against climate change, for protection of California’s threatened natural resources, for addressing the housing crisis without diminishing democracy, and for continued pursuit of the California dream of equity and diversity we offer our members the choice between two excellent candidates – **Josh Becker** and **Sally Lieber**.

Both impressed our endorsement team with the depth of their commitment to all of the ideals that the Sierra Club holds dear. We leave it to you – our members – to decide between these good candidates on the basis of your environmental priorities. Their websites are shown below.

Josh - <https://joshbecker2020.com/meet-josh/>
 Sally - <https://votesally.org/>

2018 BY THE NUMBERS

16,568
Members



68,009
Members and Supporters
Households



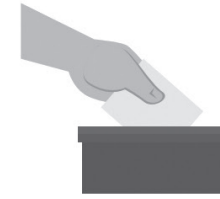
38,500
Individual eNewsletter
Subscribers



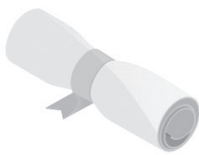
> 9,500
Volunteer
Hours



50
Chapter Endorsed Candidates Who
Won Elections in 2018



52
Environmental Stewardship
Program Participants



> 6,000
Hike Participants



> 600
Hikes



> 160
Public Comments



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What will be your... environmental legacy?

Name your local Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter as a beneficiary in your will, living trust or other estate plans and create a lasting legacy that provides for a sustainable and healthy future. Contact us today and help us plan our future work to protect our local environment for generations to come.

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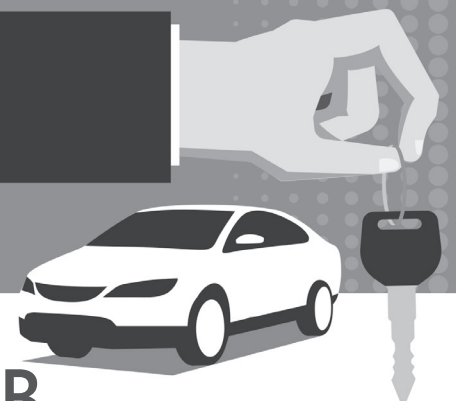
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We have a wide variety of opportunities for volunteers to become involved!

- Promote a conservation issue dear to your heart: www.sierraclub.org/loma-prieta/conservation
- Get involved in a political action in support of the environment: www.sierraclub.org/loma-prieta/political-action
- Help educate new members through the efforts of a regional group: www.sierraclub.org/loma-prieta/regional-groups
- Get involved in outings for your own health and to promote the value of open spaces: www.sierraclub.org/loma-prieta/outings