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"Vote for Climate" March in downtown Columbia, MO co-sponsored by the Sierra Club Osage Group. Photo by Carolyn Amparan

## Stop Dirty Missouri - NO on Amendment 3



By Ashton Kuehnel  
Chapter Democracy Organizer

In 2018, Missourians overwhelmingly passed the Clean Missouri amendment to crack down on special interests. But Jefferson City politicians immediately got to work on a plan to reject the will of the people. That plan is Amendment

3. Amendment 3 isn't what it seems. It reduces lobbyist gifts by just \$5 dollars, only lowers campaign contributions for senate candidates by \$100, and would cost local communities. Politicians wrote this to distract voters from the real goal: protecting incumbent politicians, with lobbyists and insiders determining new districts.

Additionally, there are many hidden issues with Amendment 3, one being not counting children and non-citizens in the redistricting

process. The passage of Amendment 3 would lead Missouri to become one of the most gerrymandered states in the county.

The Missouri Sierra Club recommends voting 'No' on Amendment 3 to protect our right to fair maps and defeat a dirty plan to deceive voters.

Learn more about the Sierra Club's work to defeat Amendment 3 at [www.bit.ly/MOFairMaps](http://www.bit.ly/MOFairMaps).

## Vote Nicole Galloway for Missouri Governor



By Michael Berg, Chapter Organizer

As State Auditor, Nicole Galloway has a proven track record of

protecting tax dollars from waste and fraud. As Governor, Galloway will show the same diligence in protecting our air, water and health from polluters. Last year she opposed Senate Bill 391, which wrested control away from local officials trying to protect their people from irresponsible, large-scale, unsafe factory farming. In contrast, Mike Parson actively sided with the out-of-state and often foreign-owned companies polluting our state.

Galloway will support conservation and keep our state parks from being auctioned to private interests. She will make sure that her appointees to state boards and commissions value environmental protection. Galloway will seize the opportunity to make Missouri a national leader on the transition to renewable electricity generation.

Vote Nicole Galloway for Missouri Governor on Tuesday, November 3.

# Chapter Chair's Column: Be the Change in November

By Jennifer Conner, Chapter Chair



As I type this on the first day of autumn, a long-awaited, gentle rain is falling outside, watering this parched and thirsty land and a cool breeze harkens the change in season. And it is indeed a time ripe for change.

The November 3rd election is quickly approaching and it is perhaps the most important election of our lifetime. Racial inequities, forest fires exacerbated by inaction on climate change, and the Covid-19 pandemic are raging across our landscapes and society. And our leaders at the federal and state level are failing to lead.

In Missouri, Governor Parson has refused to enact a mask mandate leaving our Black and Brown communities, who are disproportionately affected by the virus, vulnerable. He has actively opposed Medicaid expansion which would give more Missourians access to a very basic necessity: healthcare, and he refuses to acknowledge the threat of climate change.

The good news is that on November 3rd we have the power to change the direction of history. We have the opportunity to elect leaders who will move forward on getting this pandemic under control, who will address the prescient threat of climate change, who will work to protect our spectacular public lands in Missouri. And as a Sierra Club member, you have the very real opportunity to be the change you

want to see. Here are three actions you can take today to enact that change:

Vote! Sierra Club has endorsed Nicole Galloway for Governor and you can see other candidates we've endorsed on page 5.

Support a local campaign for one of our endorsed candidates.

Phone bank for candidates. To sign-up please send us an email: [Missouri.Chapter@sierraclub.org](mailto:Missouri.Chapter@sierraclub.org).

By the time the election is over the splendor of autumn color will be waning in the Ozarks and the leaves will fall. Change will occur swiftly but together we can bring about the type of change that works for all of our citizens and protects our treasured state.

## Remembering Doug Melville

It is with heavy heart that we share the passing of Doug Melville. Most will know Doug from his leadership as Outings Chair and from his trail maintenance and repair work, as well as his warm and friendly spirit. He will be missed. Condolences for his family may be sent to Kutis Funeral Home in Affton, Missouri.

## About the Missouri Sierran

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# The Fight to Protect the Eleven Point State Park Continues

by Marisa Frazier, Public Lands Organizer

Eleven Point State Park is in danger again, but this time not from the Missouri legislature.

For the past four years, the Sierra Club has opposed state legislation that called for Eleven Point State Park to be auctioned off. But the current threat to the park is a lawsuit filed by residents in Oregon County.

At the trial in August, representatives from MO State Parks and the US Forest Service gave testimonies regarding their plan to uphold the scenic easement, reforest the pasture land and preserve the historic sites. The plaintiffs said their plans violate federal laws.

In September the Oregon County Judge ruled in favor of the plaintiffs ordering the sale of the easements-625 acres of state-owned land.

This disappointing ruling puts the entire park at risk if Attorney General Schmitt and Governor Parson do not appeal the decision. Additionally, if not appealed, this lawsuit could set dangerous precedent and endanger future protected lands or other state parks. At the time of writing this article, the Attorney General has not stated if they will appeal the decision.

The decision must be made before the November 3 election, meaning this decision could become even more politically decided.

Eleven Point State Park consists of

4,167 acres of native savanna, woodlands, streams and riparian areas along the Eleven Point National Scenic River. It expands the size and diversity of unfragmented forest along the river, benefiting migratory bird populations and reducing erosion into the river. This in turn improves water quality, protects aquatic resources and provides for public enjoyment of the land.

## How You Can Help

Contact Attorney General Schmitt's office at 573-751-8843 and ask them to appeal this decision.

If you're interested in joining our conservation committee, email me at [marisa.frazier@sierraclub.org](mailto:marisa.frazier@sierraclub.org).

# It's Time for Ameren to Come Clean

By Andy Knott, Beyond Coal Campaign



On September 28, Ameren published its new long-range plan that would add 3,100 MW of clean energy by 2030. However, most of that would

come in the last half of this decade. Ameren also set a net zero carbon pollution goal by 2050. Unfortunately, Ameren only advanced retirements of two coal plants, Sioux and Rush Island, by five years to 2028 and 2039 respectively. Meanwhile Labadie, the largest coal

plant in the US without modern controls for sulfur dioxide pollution, would continue to operate into the 2040s.

Nationwide, more studies are exposing the link between power plant air pollution and disproportionate impacts on Black and low-income communities. And a 2018 study by the City of St. Louis found that Black children are ten times more likely than white children to visit emergency rooms for asthma-related complications.

Last month, Sierra Club submitted the following to Ameren as it finalized its new plan:

**Pledges from 17 Mayors and one County Executive (St. Louis County), from communities in Ameren's service territory representing 1.3 million people, supporting a transition to 100% clean energy.**

**870 petitions, and sign on letters from 50 community leaders, organizations, businesses, and individuals calling on Ameren to transition to 100% clean energy and retire its coal plants by 2030.**

We thank all Sierra Club members and supporters for this massive effort to clean up one of the most-polluting utilities in the U.S. Stay tuned as we work to improve Ameren's plan before it is finalized next year.

## Save the Dates: Outings & Virtual Opportunities

**VIRTUAL HIKE & ACTIVIST YOGA: October 29th, Thursday at 6:30pm.** Virtual hike and activist yoga hosted by Marisa Frazier, Public Lands Organizer, via Zoom. Check [sierraclub.org/missouri](http://sierraclub.org/missouri) for details on how to register

**WHITE RIVER GROUP:** South Creek Stream Clean Up Schedule: At your own risk, no waivers signed. Bags provided. Bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes. Social distancing required. **Sundays Oct 25, Nov 29, and Dec 27 at 1:30pm** at the Bank of Sullivan parking lot - 2655 S. Campbell Ave in Springfield. Future outings at Ozark Mountain State Park to be scheduled.

**OSAGE GROUP:** Virtual general meeting will be **Oct 15 at 7pm**. Speaker: Rachel Bacon. Topic: Columbia Imagined plan and attendee feedback to the City of Columbia. Check Facebook or website for ZOOM details.

**THOMAS HART BENTON GROUP: Sat Oct 31 at 5 pm - 30 by 30:** A Bold Vision to Save the Natural World. Learn about the Thirty by Thirty Resolution to Save Nature which establishes a national goal of conserving at least 30 percent of the land and 30 percent of the ocean within the territory of the United States by 2030. Hosted by Eileen McManus - [Eileen4250@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Eileen4250@sbcglobal.net). RSVP at [tinyurl.com/bold30](http://tinyurl.com/bold30)

# Election Guide to Endorsed Candidates



**President**  
Joe Biden



**Governor of Missouri**  
Nicole Galloway



**Vote No on Amendment 3**  
Protect Fair Districts

## UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



**Cori Bush**  
District 1



**Jill Schupp**  
District 2



**Lindsey Simmons**  
District 4



**Emanuel Cleaver**  
District 5



**Kathy Ellis**  
District 8

## MISSOURI STATE SENATE



**Doug Beck**  
District 1



**Steve Roberts**  
District 5



**Greg Razer**  
District 7



**Barbara A. Washington**  
District 9



**Deb Lavender**  
District 15



**Lauren Arthur**  
District 17



**Judy Baker**  
District 19



**Richard Orr**  
District 23

## MISSOURI STATE HOUSE

District 13 - Vic Abundis  
 District 14 - Ashley Aune  
 District 15 - Maggie Nurrenbern  
 District 16 - James Shackelford  
 District 18 - Wes Rogers  
 District 19 - Ingrid Burnett  
 District 21 - Robert Sauls  
 District 22 - Yolanda Young  
 District 24 - Emily Weber  
 District 25 - Patty Lewis  
 District 26 - Ashley Bland Manlove  
 District 27 - Richard Brown  
 District 30 - Art Schaaf  
 District 31 - Rhonda Dolan  
 District 35 - Keri Ingle  
 District 36 - Mark Sharp  
 District 44 - Jacque Sample  
 District 45 - Kip Kendrick  
 District 46 - Martha Stevens  
 District 47 - Adrian Plank  
 District 50 - Kari Chesney

District 65 - Bill Otto  
 District 68 - Jay Mosley  
 District 69 - Gretchen Bangert  
 District 70 - Paula Brown  
 District 71 - LaDonna Appelbaum  
 District 72 - Doug Clemens  
 District 78 - Rasheen Aldridge  
 District 79 - LaKeySha Bosley  
 District 80 - Peter Merideth  
 District 81 - Steve Butz  
 District 82 - Donna Baringer  
 District 83 - Jo Doll  
 District 84 - Wiley "Chip" Price  
 District 87 - Ian Mackey  
 District 88 - Tracy McCreery  
 District 89 - Luke Barber  
 District 90 - Barbara Phifer  
 District 91 - Sarah Unsicker  
 District 92 - Michael Burton  
 District 93 - Bridget Walsh Moore  
 District 94 - Jean Pretto

District 95 - Ann Zimpfer  
 District 96 - Erica Hoffman  
 District 98 - Angie Schaefer  
 District 99 - Trish Gunby  
 District 100 - Helena Webb  
 District 104 - Jesica DeVoto  
 District 105 - Christine Hyman  
 District 106 - Cindy Berne  
 District 108 - Susan Shumway  
 District 110 - John Kiehne  
 District 132 - Crystal Quade  
 District 133 - Cindy Slimp  
 District 135 - Betsy Fogle  
 District 136 - Jeff Munzinger



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[www.senate.mo.gov/LegisLookup](http://www.senate.mo.gov/LegisLookup)

# Updates from Missouri's Groups



**Thomas Hart Benton Group (THB):** Members continue to engage in the virtual world while making change in the real world. Our local legislative team did their part to win a renewed commitment to climate action by the city of Kansas City last February, with a resolution to update its climate protection plan by next year. The work has begun to ensure effective renewable-energy targets among other goals, and so far we're meeting with City Hall officials to guarantee the project is adequately funded and staffed. Virtual outings are still running, including a wilderness navigation course, and other online training opportunities are available for new outings leaders. Our Mayors for Clean Energy campaign is making the rounds in Northwest Missouri and recently St. Joseph Mayor Bill McMurray signed the pledge! Every new mayor to sign is a demand that Evergy phases out fossil fuels. Thanks to our programming committee, we are back on track to meet on the first Tuesday of every month. Check the chapter calendar at [sierraclub.org/missouri](http://sierraclub.org/missouri) to register and we'll send you the link to join.

**Eastern Missouri Group (EMG):** EMG is making the best of COVID-19 restrictions by inspiring members to participate in local and national campaigns through phone banking, donations and social media. Our area includes several critical, competitive state races as well as two exciting US Representative campaigns. We are asking members to do as much as they can through the Sierra Club or directly for candidates if they wish. We have opposed an ill-conceived river-side development along the Missouri River in St Charles and opposed floodplain development on the St. Louis County side. Our involvement has included some informal on-site inspections, emails to City Hall and attending council meetings remotely. Although we have no official outings, we have kept track of issues involving Great Rivers Greenway encouraging them to limit their trail footprint in more sensitive areas. We have encouraged our leadership to learn more about systemic racism, how it impacts us and others and what our response should and can be. EMG has passed a resolution in support of Black Lives Matter.

**The Osage Group:** The Osage Group continues to focus on the upcoming election, supporting our endorsed candidates, fighting climate change and keeping a watch on area development activities. Members are encouraged to support the endorsed candidates with donations, volunteering or on social media. On Sept. 20 Osage co-sponsored the Walk for the Climate event in Columbia. It is part of a campaign that also includes "Bike for the Climate" on Oct. 4 and "Vote for the Climate" on Nov. 3. We are also distributing "Vote for the Climate" yard signs to raise awareness of the climate crisis as an important voting issue. Anyone in Osage Group who wants a sign please contact [contactsc.osage.group@gmail.com](mailto:contactsc.osage.group@gmail.com). The suggested donation is \$5 a sign and can be made <http://bit.ly/climateyardsign> or by check. Signs are also available in Columbia at the Peace Nook. We need members for the leadership team, and all contributions of time, skill or money are greatly appreciated. Anyone who would like to get more involved can share your interests and skills by completing the volunteer survey at [www.sierraclub.org/missouri/osage/take-our-interest-survey](http://www.sierraclub.org/missouri/osage/take-our-interest-survey). Email [contactsc.osage.group@gmail.com](mailto:contactsc.osage.group@gmail.com) to join the Osage Group news listserv.

**White River Group (WRG):** Although many of our activities have been halted by COVID-19, WRG continues to work on our ongoing issues of concern. As the City of Springfield will again begin review of the International Residential Construction Code this October, we will be advocating full implementation of the 2018 or 2021 versions. The Building Development Services Department removed many of the energy efficiency requirements in the ordinance approved last fall. The review process will continue through 2021 with adoption of what City Council passes in early 2022. The International Energy Conservation Code won't be looked at until October 2021, with adoption of the approved ordinance in early 2023. This stretched out schedule is due to Council deciding to take a "phased-in" approach, in response to pressure from the Home Builders' Association. We have also taken action in the area of equity and Black Lives Matter by donating \$500 for a scholarship to be given to a student of color embarking on university studies in STEM fields with particular interest in Environmental Studies. This scholarship will be administered by the Springfield NAACP. WRG has partnered with Missouri State Parks to work on glade restoration and has been offered a section of the glade for adoption. The work will include cedar tree cutting and stacking, seed collecting and other restoration activities. This is an exciting project for WRG members, giving us the opportunity to improve the quality of an Ozark native terrestrial community of "our own". Many thanks to Marisa Frazier, a Sierra Club Conservation Organizer, for establishing the connection with Missouri State Parks and pursuing this important work.

# Executive Committee Candidates Statements



**ALLISON FABRIZIO** Hello, my name is Allison Fabrizio, I am a student at Washington University in St. Louis, and pursuing a major in environmental analysis. I joined Sierra Club's New Jersey Chapter during high school. Here, I managed to make my way to having the role as their high school liaison. I help high school students across the state get involved with sustainability initiatives. Simply, I want to make sure that all voices are being considered and acknowledged. I have helped students promote clean energy within their schools and diversified the Sierra Club's social media committee. I also had the opportunity to write articles for both the NJ Sierran (which I still write) and the NYC Food Policy Center. This past summer, I attended CCL's "Climate Advocacy Training Program" as I took my first university course about the implications of Covid-19. I realized how much work truly needs to be done. Communities are being left behind due to systemic injustices. As members of the Sierra Club, it is our duty to make sure that no one is left behind. I hope to bring the importance of intersectionality within environmental advocacy and environmental justice.



**EMMALINE GILES** Emmaline's commitment to environmental justice work is rooted in her childhood -helping her immigrant mother grow cultural foods and connecting to the land. She has sustained this commitment throughout her academic experiences in environmental policy and sustainable development and in her professional career in social services and nonprofit work around fund development, marketing, community organizing. Emmaline is currently an Environmental Justice Organizer with Metropolitan Congregations United, a local grassroots advocacy organization that supports congregations throughout St. Louis organize around the issues they care about and change local policy for the common good. She is focused on building a base of community leaders to stimulate faith-based dialogue and engagement around environmental injustices throughout our communities of color. Emmaline also worked on sustainable and equitable food-based initiatives while gaining a breadth of knowledge around city and state-wide policy previously at the Missouri Coalition for the Environment, a state-wide environmental advocacy organization. Emmaline is excited to contribute her unique experiences, skills, and connections with the Missouri Sierra Club to uplift the voices and interests of both rural and urban Missourians that are most disproportionately impacted by environmental injustices and to support more equitable environmental work of for all residents throughout the state.



**JOHN KISSELL** I am completing a second term on the Missouri Chapter, Sierra Club Executive Committee. I have served as the Chapter Treasurer for the last 18 months. This has given me a chance to become more actively involved in the work of the Club, in line with my interests and expertise. I am a retired physician, and have been active in the Club's efforts to curtail pollution from our coal-fired power plants. 2020 has been a challenging year for all of us. In addition to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are trying to implement new initiatives in the areas of diversity, inclusion, and social justice. There is also great uncertainty surrounding the November elections. I think our Chapter is well-equipped to adapt to the changing environment with excellent staff and volunteer leadership, and I would like to continue to be a part of the effort.



**SCOT RANDLE** is a pro-environment, pro-equality advocate and informed voter. Scot received a Master of Science degree in Environmental Management from Webster University in 2019 and recently left the pharmaceutical industry after a 22 year career, going to work for the Division of Environmental Compliance at Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD). A lifelong scientist and a veteran of the U.S. Navy, Scot believes in science and equality for all people. Since completing his Master's degree and changing careers, Scot hopes to better advocate for environmental issues such as environmental justice, circular economy, and better floodplain management via preservation and conservation efforts. He believes that working and partnering with Sierra Club can help move us toward these goals. In Scot's off-time, he is an avid musician and singer-songwriter; he hopes to play out around town (St. Louis) again soon with his band, Meander.



**RAJIV RAVULAPATI** is an analyst for the Building Division for the City of St. Louis. He has overseen the implementation of the City's benchmarking ordinance since 2017 and now the forthcoming Building Energy Performance Standards law that was passed on April 20th, 2020. The first policy of its kind in the Midwest. Before working for the Building Division, Rajiv has worked under many hats as a consumer advocate, organizer, and lobbyist in Illinois and Missouri on issues of environmental justice, energy efficiency, clean energy, and public health. Rajiv was a former Sierra Club Missouri Chapter employee from 2015-2017. Beyond his professional resume, Rajiv is a Chicago native who has called Missouri home for 6 years now. Rajiv has traveled to almost every corner of Missouri to get to know local cultures and the state's natural spaces.



**CAITLIN ZERA** I have been passionate about environmental issues my whole life, and I have truly appreciated the opportunity to become more involved in local and national environmental issues through the Sierra Club. I have been on the EMG Executive Committee for the past four years and worked on numerous Sierra Club initiatives, including serving as the Missouri Delegate to the National Sierra Club's Council of Club Leaders meeting in 2019 and 2020. I assist with the printed newsletters for EMG and the Chapter, and I am a member of the Democracy Committee. I currently work as the Program Manager for the Open Space Council for the St. Louis Region nonprofit, helping implement community field conservation programs. I would love the opportunity to serve another term on the Executive Committee and further connect with Sierra Club members and supporters to create real, lasting change in our community. A focus on equity and environmental justice is integral to the success of environmental advocacy and activism in our region and beyond. As a member of the Executive Committee, I would look forward to engaging members in Sierra Club programs to improve the environmental health of our region for all community members.

## MO Executive Committee Ballot

### HOUSEHOLD VOTER 1

Individual Membership, use this column. Joint Membership, **voter 1** use this column.

Allison Fabrizio

Emmaline Giles

John Kissell

Scot Randle

Rajiv Ravulapati

Caitlin Zera

Vote for up to FOUR (4)

*One voter per household, per side.*

### HOUSEHOLD VOTER 2

Individual Membership, use this column. Joint Membership, **voter 2** use this column.

Allison Fabrizio

Emmaline Giles

John Kissell

Scot Randle

Rajiv Ravulapati

Caitlin Zera

Vote for up to FOUR (4)

*One voter per household, per side.*

## MO Chapter Executive Committee Ballot Instructions

Carefully read ALL instructions before completing or mailing your ballot. Ballots must be received by Thursday, December 31, 2020 in order to be counted.

- 1) To vote by mail you must use the ballot above with your address label attached to the back. This identifies you as an eligible voting Missouri Sierra Club member. You can also send by mail this entire page if that is easier. Ballots without the correct name and member ID will not be counted.
- 2) Vote for up to four (4) candidates. Indicate your choices by marking an X through the box to the left of the candidate's name. If yours is a joint membership, two (2) members may vote, each in their own column.
- 3) Put the ballot into an envelope, write **BALLOT** on the outside, and mail it to: Elections Committee Sierra Club 2818 Sutton Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63143. Be sure your address and membership number are included on the back of your ballot.
- 4) You can also vote online at: [sc.org/MOExComBallot](https://sc.org/MOExComBallot) . You can only vote one time.
- 5) For questions, including the date, time, and place of ballot counting, please call the Sierra Club office at (314) 644-1011 or (800) 628-5333 or email Michael Berg at [Michael.Berg@sierraclub.org](mailto:Michael.Berg@sierraclub.org).

### White River Group, Osage and Thomas Hart Benton Executive Committee Elections

The Sierra Club Osage, Group White River Group and Thomas Hart Benton Group are conducting this year's Executive Committee elections online. All White River Group members have the word "WRG" on their mailing address label, all Osage members have the word "Osage" on their mailing address label, and all Thomas Hart Benton Group members have the word "THB" on their mailing address label. If you are a member of one of these groups you can vote in your respective election. Learn about the candidates and vote at one of these three links:

**White River Group:** <https://tinyurl.com/2020WRG>

**Osage:** [tinyurl.com/2020Osage](https://tinyurl.com/2020Osage)

**Thomas Hart Benton:** [tinyurl.com/2020THB](https://tinyurl.com/2020THB)

Instructions appear before the ballot. You must vote before 11:59 pm on Thursday, December 31, 2020. Contact Michael Berg with any questions at [Michael.Berg@sierraclub.org](mailto:Michael.Berg@sierraclub.org).



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**NEWSPAPER  
DATED MATERIAL**

### ***INSIDE***

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  - Group Reports
- ... *and more!*

## **Welcome to Our New Chapter Director Gretchen Waddell Barwick!**

We are proud to announce that Gretchen Waddell Barwick will serve as our new Chapter Director for the Missouri Sierra Club. Gretchen joined the Sierra Club team just over six years ago as the Kansas City-area Grassroots Organizer. For the last two years she has served as Assistant Chapter Director.

A life-long Missouri resident, Gretchen earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri, Columbia and Masters degree from the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University.

Before coming to the Sierra Club, Gretchen worked in reproductive justice and healthcare advocacy and housing advocacy.

Gretchen currently lives in Saint Louis with her husband and daughter. In her free time she spends time

exploring Missouri, reading, cooking, and spending time with family. She also enjoys being a mediocre knitter and attempting to garden.

From Gretchen: "I am proud and honored to be leading the Missouri Sierra Club and I am excited to see what the future holds.

"We are facing uncertainty nationally and here in Missouri. We all know the challenges: a global pandemic, systemic racism, a climate crisis, and the most important election of my lifetime. I don't know what will happen in November. But I know that we will have our work cut out for us, no matter the outcome.

"It will take time and dedication to reverse course on climate change. Our success, as always, depends on you standing with us. I know you will. Thank you for being part of our Club's history with me."



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