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ACTION AMENDMENT



PROPOSITION 22 – APP-BASED DRIVERS AS CONTRACTORS

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https://www.sierraclub.org/california/2020-endorsements

Find Local Endorsements on Page 2 >>>

MUNICIPAL ENDORSEMENTS

City Councils, Water Districts, and School Districts make important decisions right here that affect our environment, our climate, water, air and land use. These candidates have gone through a rigorous process that includes many volunteer hours to earn our endorsement as Climate Champions. With much appreciation for our dedicated volunteers, here are your local endorsements.

Tahquitz Group endorsements:

Palm Springs City Council: District 5: Lisa Middleton District 4: Christy Holstege

Cathedral City - City Council District 1: Alan Carvalho District 2: Nancy Ross

Palm Desert:

District 1: Karina Quintanilla District 2: Steven Moyer

Indio City Council:
District 5: Frank Ruiz
District 1: Erin Teran

Coachella City Council: At Large: Denise Delgado

Joshua Basin Water District 5: Stacey Doolittle

Santa Margarita Group Endorsements: Temecula City Council: Alisha Wilkins

Riverside Unified School District: Area 3: Dr. Angelov Farooq

Be sure to vote green, vote local and VOTE!



Can you guess what and where this is?



Answer on Page 6>>>





Updates from My Generation Campaign

By My Generation Campaign staff

lean Idling Ships Rule Passed! After years of advocacy by the Port affected frontline communities demanding clean air and a clean energy future, the California Air Resources Board took an important step in reducing emissions from ocean going vessels while they idle at California ports. The Commission voted unanimously to adopt the Ocean Going Vessels Rule (aka Clean Idle Ships Rule) for all ship visits at California ports before the end of the decade. This crucial rule will reduce smog and cancer risk to millions of Californians and keep the state on track to an electrified future.

The Clean Idling Ships Rule builds off of other emission reductions regulations that CARB adopted earlier this year, including the Advanced Clean Trucks rule, which requires manufacturers to provide electric and zero emission vehicles as part of their sale offerings in California. Together, both regulations will push the industry to begin investing in eventually electrifying the entire freight system in California. The ACT will ensure that electric and zero emission trucks will be offered and sold in the state. And the Clean Idling Ships rule is important to begin pushing Ports to clean up the largest source of smog and ozone pollution, ocean going ships. CARB will consider additional key freight regulations in the next two years, including a regulation on zero emission refrigerated trucks and a regulation on locomotives and railyards (in conjunction with South Coast AQMD). All of these regulations are still a open dialogue, it will be critical for advocates affected by freight pollution to engage and help the Sierra Club ensure we can clean up the air and fight for a clean energy and zero emissions future."



Chapter and Group Executive Committee Election Ballots and Ballot Instructions for 2020

Voting may be done by printed ballot or online. PRINTED BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS are as follows: Print your name and address and sign your name on the outside of the envelope so that the ballot can be verified. If two ballots from a joint membership are enclosed, please print and sign for both. Mail the ballots to the address specified for your Group.

BALLOTS (Printed or Online) must be received by NOVEMBER 22, 2020. Los Serranos Group Ballot Chapter and Tahquitz Moreno Valley Group Ballot Group Ballots For the Moreno Valley Group ballot see the For the Chapter and Tahquitz Group ballots see the next print issue of the Palm and Pine. (Late November or early December) Group's newsletter. (Late October or early November) Mail in the printed ballot (below) or vote electronically at https://sangorgonio2.sierraelub.org Les Serranos Group Ballot Les Servanos Group Ballet Please Vote for 3 or Fewer Please Vote for 3 or Fewer Farley Olander Farley Olander John St. Clair John St. Clair Gary Charlton Gary Charlton Mail year ballet(s) to: Los Serranos Group c/o Mark Rush, 7938 Montara Ave Rancho Cucamonga Ca. 91730 Mountains Group Ballot Mojave Group Ballot Mail in the printed ballot (below) or vote electronically at Mail in the printed ballot (below) or vote electronically at https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org Mountains Group Bullet Mountains Group Ballot Mojare Group Ballet Majave Group Ballot Please Vote for 5 or Fewer Please Vate for 5 or Fewer Please Vate for 4 or Fewer Please Vote for 4 or Fewer Steve Famell Steve Farrell Susan Stueber Susan Stueber Bob Sherman Bob Sherman Bryan Baker Bryan Baker Karla Kellems Karla Kellems Norman Bossom Norman Bossom Marianne Gomes Marianne Gomes Debby Buchanan Debby Buchanan Henry Flores Henry Flores (Second Ballet - Joint Member) (Second Ballot - Joint Member) Mail your ballet(s) to: Sue Walker, P.O. Box 94, Lake Arrowhead Co. 92352 Mail your ballot(s) to: Carol Wiley, 15457 Eto Camino Rd., Victorville Ca. 92394 Big Bear Group Ballot Santa Margarita Group Ballot Mail in the printed ballot (below) or vote electronically at Mail in the printed ballot (below) or vote electronically at https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org https://kangorgonio2.sierraclub.org Big Bear Group Ballet Big Bear Group Ballot Santa Margarita Group Ballot Santa Margarita Group Ballet Please Vote for 2 or Fewer Please Vote for 2 or Fewer Please Vote for 3 or Fewer Please Vote for 3 or Fewer Ed Wallace Ed Wallace Bob Audibert Bob Audibert Judy Atkinson Judy Atkinson Margaret Meynke Margaret Meynke David Marrett David Marrett

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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS!

e appreciate the support of every one of you who regularly give to our chapter to support the work our volunteers and Campaign Organizers do here in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Your donations make it possible to make a real difference! On this page you'll find some of the environmental challenges we have taken on over the past year. We thank our donors for supporting our efforts in this important work! Take a look at our accomplishments and our ongoing work for environmental justice and our Lands, Water and Wildlife here in San Gorgonio Chapter.

Crisis at the Salton Sea



Restoring the Salton Sea is an urgent issue – and we need our elected officials to prioritize taking action to mitigate hazardous dust and environmental degradation. Our volunteers are using Sierra Club resources to raise awareness, engage the public and demand action to protect habitat and the surrounding communities.

Protecting Our Air



For years, our My Generation Organizers have raised the voices of our community residents to demand that the South Coast Air Quality Management District regulate the harm caused by the logistics and goods movement industry here in our Inland valleys. As a result of this work, the SCAQMD is in the process of adopting an Indirect Source Rule that will require warehouse developers and operators to be held accountable for reducing pollution.

A special thank you to our monthly donors! Your ongoing support allows us to plan ahead with confidence that you are there with us.

Paradise Valley Denied



Pristine Land Saved! Developers planned a new city of luxury homes in the desert, adjacent to Joshua Tree National Park. This development 20 miles away from any other infrastructure would have destroyed habitat, increased greenhouse gas emissions, and contributed to leap-frog sprawl across pristine, protected desert land. Our San Gorgonio Chapter rallied the troops to convince Riverside County Supervisors to deny the permit for this illadvised development.

Habitat Protection

Our Santa Margarita Group is working with The Nature Conservancy and the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve and a newly-formed Coalition to make a functional wildlife crossing under the 15 Freeway at Temecula Creek. A wildlife camera captured video of a mountain lion using the creek bed – a good sign to promote their work! Plans are in the



works for a series of safe crossings in the area.

Litigation



PETITION FOR PEREMPTORY WRIT OF MANDATE AND COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

When elected officials do not make good environmental decisions, we sue 'em! We are still working to stop the proposed World Logistics Center. In other warehouse developments, we have won significant mitigations to reduce the harm to surrounding homes and schools. When commercial or residential developments are environmentally unsound, we have sued to stop or mitigate the damage. Your donations help us continue to fight with the law behind us.

It's easy to become a monthly donor.

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Missing our Outings? Take a Virtual Hike!



Our first "Trail Talk" Monthly Zoom Meeting is November 18th



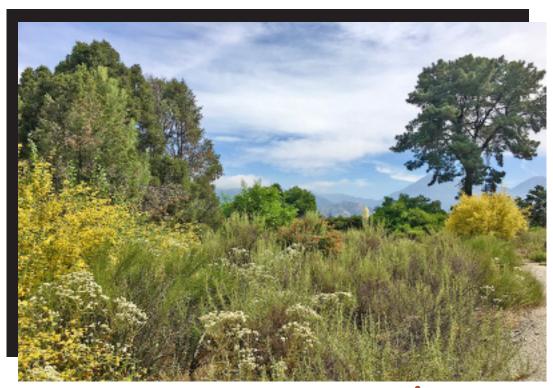
any of us miss the community and fellowship of our Sierra Club outings. During this hiatus of official outings due to COVID-19, the San Gorgonio Chapter will host "Trail Talk," a monthly Zoom discussion and slide show of walks, hikes, backpacking trips, and other outings, so that we can plan and talk about them as a group. Led by outings leaders, the monthly discussions are open

to both Chapter members and the public. Participants should feel free to bring photos (to screenshare) and share ideas about the topic being discussed. Dates and times will be listed in the *Palm and Pine* – and on our website calendar. Meetings will generally occur on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM – be sure to check our calendar

https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/node/3 and our Facebook page here:

https://www.facebook.com/sierraclubsangorgonio2

Join us for the kickoff gathering of 'Trail Talk: Nearby Nature' on Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 PM! We will discuss Inland Empire community walking trails that provide easy access to nature near your home. Samples of some of these nearby hiking opportunities include Riverside's California Citrus State Historic Park, the Pacific Electric Trail from Claremont to Fontana, Corona's Skyline Trail and Moreno Valley's San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Join us to explore these and other local outdoor spots. Share your favorite Nearby Nature photos with us.



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Link:

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> Or signup by email with these outings leaders: Karla Kellems (karlakellems@gmail.com), John St. Clair (john@stclairs.us), or Juliann Anderson (Juliann.Anderson@gmail.com)







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Sierra Club News - State and National

Sustainable Economies Sample Event Description

October 1, 15 and 29 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm (pst) Register Today!

You are invited to help reimagine your future in a sustainable economy.

We are undoubtedly experiencing what has to be an unparalleled moment in the history of our nation – exposing deep economic, social and environmental cracks in our systems. You are invited to join us as we create a re-imagined future and the community map needed to get there.

These interactive webinars will be launched by a panel or a "Ted" style talk followed by breakouts. Dr. Farooq, Chairman of the California Workforce & Development Board will kick off our first session. His presentation on the "Jobs & Climate Action Plan for 2030" will provide insights into a statewide blueprint addressing our most pressing economic and environmental challenges. We aim to build community, be inspired, be informed and put into action new skills that bring about a sustainable future.

Be our quest!
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Breakouts include:

*The role of the entrepreneur in creating a sustainable economy

*Honing skills to influence decision-makers

*Building sustainable communities

*Healthy lifestyles







Join Sierra Club California for its annual summit!

The summit will occur just after election day, so the panelists and speakers will be illuminating what happened and what we can do going forward to advance a clean environment, equity and social justice in California.

This event will be held virtually on Zoom.

Cost: Suggested donation: \$5 - \$100. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Please contact us if you want to attend but cannot purchase a ticket.

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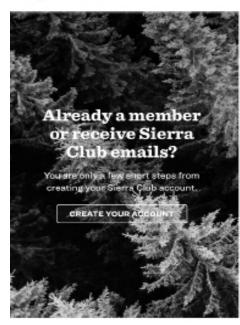


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Chris Bubser is a Timely Candidate for California's 8th Congressional District.

he Sierra Club San Gorgonio Chapter has endorsed Chris Bubser, a candidate in a very close race for the 8th Congressional District. This seat encompasses majestic public lands beginning in the San Bernardino National Forest and Joshua Tree National Park, then sweeping up to include the Mojave Preserve, Death Valley, the Inyo National Forest and Eastern Sierra, and all the way north to Mono Lake.

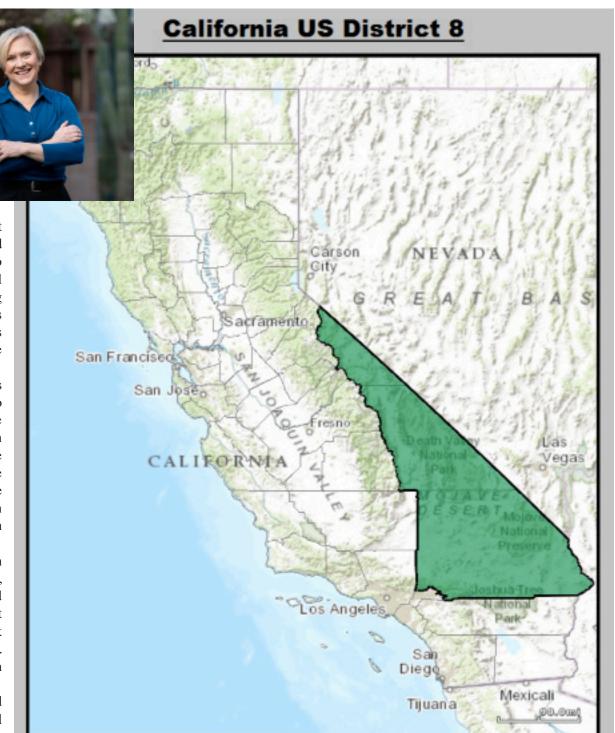
The Bubser campaign launched on Earth Day with a pledge to fight for the conservation of the district's natural resources and the protection of

its environmental treasures. For far too long, this district has been tuned into the needs of corporate interests and dug into partisan politics. Along with her commitment to securing balance in our eco-systems, Chris is also committed to affordable and universal healthcare and revitalizing sustainable economic opportunities for all 750,000 residents of California's 8th District. We believe Chris's relentless pursuit for what is equitable and her keen eye for sustainable development may turn this district green!

The health and economic impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on the 8th has further underscored the need to transform the economy and types of jobs that could be established. We are optimistic that Chris will focus on bringing clean-tech opportunities to a district that by virtue of its environmental features is uniquely positioned to serve as a base for those types of jobs without having to jeopardize the area's fragile habitat. When asked about her thoughts on mining the Conglomerate Mesa, Chris pledged to "chain myself to the rocks to prevent it."

In contrast to her opponent, Chris Bubser made a campaign pledge never to accept donations from corporate PACs, remaining independent and representing the interests and needs of her constituents. You can help us secure this seat and keep it away from Chris's opponent who has a track record of being unresponsive to our environmental causes. Chris Bubser can win this seat – volunteer for her campaign here: https://www.chrisbubser.com/volunteer.

(Article from Mojave Group Political Committee. To find out how you can help, email coachnorm@yahoo.com or call our office at 951-684-6203).





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