

When We Work Together, We Win



By Mary Alice Crim, Distributed Organizing Associate Director, Sierra Club

We're in a unique moment as a movement. I'm excited for this opportunity to restore what we've lost and dream up the future we want to build together.

Tens of thousands of you -- Sierra Club volunteers, members, and supporters -- organized tirelessly. You wrote letters, made calls, texted others, and had conversations with friends and neighbors on what kind of future we all deserve. That was critical organizing work that set the stage for important conversations with a new Biden-Harris administration.

I know we're asking ourselves *what's next* and *where do we go from here*? **I have an answer: After everything we've accomplished, I want you to join me in continuing our shared fight here with the Sierra Club.** With over 60 chapters and dozens of state and national teams working for clean air and water, healthier communities, restoring democracy, and a clean energy future, **there is a place for you.**

Through my organizing work, I'm committed to developing grassroots leaders, winning challenging campaigns, and building our collective power for the sake of people and the planet. **I'd love for you to be part of it.**

In the coming weeks and months we'll be taking time to (virtually) gather together, invest in our relationships, deepen our skills, and **build our collective power to win the campaigns we need to make real, lasting change. This starts with finding a place for you within the Sierra Club, whether locally in your community or with an online volunteer team.**

There are many different ways to be part of the Sierra Club. Your support at the state and national level are also very important. [Check out the General Sierra Club Volunteer Website.](https://www.sierraclub.org/volunteer)

Here you can connect with volunteer opportunities for different Sierra Club campaigns across the country. **You can learn about the Sierra Club's plans to restore our rights to clean air, clean water, and a sustainable and healthy climate throughout the nation.** Finding where your passions align with our mission is key. There are many different ways that your interests and skills can become part of the work we do at the Sierra Club to advocate for people and the planet.

For me, this work is most powerful if it is rooted in justice and liberation for all. We need to continue having those challenging conversations with friends, family, and neighbors about why our fight for healthy communities and a healthy climate is a fight for justice -- environmental justice, racial justice, gender justice, and economic justice.

I know this may seem like a lot, but we can do it. When we all come together, when we all take it on each day at a time, we can get it done. We can replace broken systems that oppress our communities and damage our planet. We can build something better, something more just.

I hope you'll stay with us. It's a big deal that we won at the ballot box and I can't wait to turn this momentum into even something bigger. **[sc.org/powerful](https://www.sierraclub.org/powerful)**

If you're reading the *Santa Lucian*, you're already connected with our chapter. We encourage you to learn more about the issues facing San Luis Obispo County by finding opportunities to further your involvement and continue the amazing work you've already begun. There are different ways each of you can support the Santa Lucia Chapter. From volunteering to donating to sharing educational resources, your engagement matters. [Our website](#) outlines local issues that the Santa Lucia chapter is working on. If this year has kindled your desire to get hands-on, [fill out our volunteer survey](#) so we can connect you to the issues and activities that interest you.

- Gianna Patchen, Intern, Sierra Club Santa Lucia Chapter