



NATURE'S Advocate

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UCRG: ANNUAL ELECTION

All Sierra Club members in our group are eligible to vote in this election. Vote for 4 positions on the Group Executive Committee (ExCom).

Ballots must be received by Wednesday, November 30, 2022 by 5 p.m.

NOTE: Each member of a joint membership may vote, each using one of the two columns.

Please tear off at dotted line and mail ballot to: Sierra Club, P.O. Box 413, Spokane, WA 99210.

FOR EXCOM (vote for 4)

Fred Christ
Erin Dasher
Lora Langford
Carolyn Leon
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FRED CHRIST maintains the Group's events record and allocation report. He has served as backup Secretary for several years and is the Group's Treasurer. He has a special interest in community outreach — a faithful volunteer for our occasional and annual events — and the Group's Outings program.

ERIN DASHER currently serves on the Spokane River Team. She earned a Ph.D. in Environmental Geography from Texas State University in 2017 and is an assistant professor in the Geosciences Department at Eastern Washington University. She brings experience as a researcher, teacher, and environmental activist.

LORA LANGFORD is new to the Group's Executive Committee, appointed to fill the unexpired term of a member who moved out of the area. She has been active in conservation for the past twenty years. Her main interest is protecting the forests and the ecosystems within, all the flora and fauna. Climate change is also an area of focus for Lora. She is passionate about nature and being out in it. She currently serves as the Group's National Forest Co-chair. If elected, she will serve as the Group's National Forest Chair.

CAROLYN LEON currently serves as Chair for both the Group's Executive Committee and the Outings Program. She also represents us to our Washington State Chapter's governing board. Carolyn's love of outings comes from her father, Rich Leon, a much-beloved leader of outings, author, and editor of our Sierra Club Trail Guides.

Other Executive Committee members, elected last year and continuing to serve through 2023, are **Morton Alexander, Kathy Dixon, and Monica Lowney.**


ELECTIONS MATTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. IT'S WHY THE SIERRA CLUB IN WA STATE MAKES THESE KEY ENDORSEMENTS.

OUR ENDORSED CANDIDATES ARE SHOWN ON THE FRONT AND BACK OF THIS NEWSLETTER. TO VIEW A COMPLETE LIST, GO TO **WWW.**

SIERRACLUB.ORG/WASHINGTON. THESE ARE CANDIDATES THE SIERRA CLUB BELIEVES ARE THE BEST CHOICE - BASED ON REVIEWS OF THEIR VOTING RECORDS, WHAT THEY'VE SAID PUBLICLY, AND IN INTERVIEWS WITH SIERRA CLUB LEADERS, AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO THEIR CAMPAIGNS.

MAIL YOUR BALLOT EARLY SO IT IS POST MARKED BY NOVEMBER 8, OR DROP IT IN A BALLOT COLLECTION BOX BY 8 PM ON NOV. 8.



**FEDERAL ENDORSEMENTS**

U.S. SENATE
WA Senator **Patty Murray**

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WA Congressional Dist. 1
Suzan DelBene

WA Congressional Dist. 2
Rick Larsen

WA Congressional Dist. 3
Marie Gluesenkamp Perez

WA Congressional Dist. 6
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WA Congressional Dist. 7
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WA Congressional Dist. 8
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**THE UPPER COLUMBIA RIVER GROUP AND
THE WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB ENDORSES
MAGGIE YATES FOR
DISTRICT 5 COUNTY COMMISSIONER**



IT'S A VOTE FOR...

- A STRONG TRANSITION TO CLEAN ENERGY IN THE COUNTY.
- THOUGHTFUL, COMPREHENSIVE, AND STRATEGIC PLANNING THAT PRIORITIZES GROWTH ALONG TRANSIT CORRIDORS, INVESTMENTS IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND EXPANSION OF BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATHS.
- COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING THAT PRIORITIZES INFILL AND DENSITY SO THAT WE CAN PRESERVE OUR AQUIFER, RIVER, AND CONSERVATION LANDS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.
- RESTORING HABITAT AND WATERSHEDS.
- ENSURING THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES RECEIVE NECESSARY RESOURCES AND INVESTMENTS TO ENSURE SAFE, LIVABLE, AND EQUITABLE NEIGHBORHOODS. ON THE OTHER SIDE, IS THE MAILING INFO AND, ON THE BACK SIDE OF THE FOLD, PERHAPS WE CAN INCLUDE THE MAGGIE YATES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER BLURB.