The Newsletter of the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter

San Benito, Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties

ENDORSEMENT ISSUE NOVEMBER 2020

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SIERRA CLUB ENDORSEMENTS

The Loma Prieta Chapter Endorses the Following:

**NATIONAL**

President: Joseph Biden  
Vice President: Kamala Harris

**U.S. Congressional Representatives**

House, District 14: Jackie Speier (DI)  
House, District 17: Ro Khanna (DI)  
House, District 18: Anna Eshoo (DI)  
House, District 19: Zoe Lofgren (DI)  
House, District 20: Jimmy Panetta (DI)

**State Senate Seats**

SD 13: Josh Becker (D)  
SD 17: John Laird (D)

**State Assembly Seats**

AD 19: Phil Ting (DI)  
AD 22: Kevin Mullin (DI)  
AD 24: Marc Berman (DI)  
AD 25: Alex Lee (D)  
AD 27: Ash Kalra (DI)  
AD 28: Evan Low (DI)  
AD 29: Mark Stone (DI)  
AD 30: Robert Rivas (D)

**STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES**

State Proposition 15  
(California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act) - YES

State Proposition 16  
(Reestablish Affirmative Action in California) - YES

State Proposition 22  
(Reversing AB 5 Categorization of App-based Workers as Employees) - OPPOSE

State Proposition 25  
(Replace Cash Bail with Risk Assessments) - YES

**LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES**

San Benito County

Measure N: Strada Verde Innovation Park Voter Initiative (2,777 acres of land to be converted to hospitality, retail, research & automotive testing uses) - OPPOSE

3 County Measure RR: Caltrain Sales Tax (increase sales taxes by one-eighth of a cent in San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties to support Caltrain) - YES

Santa Clara County

Measure S: Water District, (continue existing tax, but with no expiration) - OPPOSE

**SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARDS/COUNCILS**

Granada Community Services District Board  
Matthew Clark

Midcoast Community Council  
Dan Haggerty

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Ward #3  
Jed Cyr

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Ward #4  
Curt Riffle

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Ward #7  
Zoe Kersteen-Tucker

**CITY COUNCILS IN SAN MATEO COUNTY**

Daly City, City Council  
Jaslyn Manalo  
Glenn Sylvestre

East Palo Alto City Council  
Carlos Romero  
Lisa Yarbrough-Gauthier

Foster City, City Council  
Catherine Mahanpour  
Patrick Sullivan

Half Moon Bay City Council  
Harvey Rarback

Menlo Park City Council  
Ann Wolosin

Menlo Park City Council  
Ray Mueller

Millbrae City Council  
Gina Papan  
Ann Schneider

Pacifica City Council  
Ann Wolosin

San Bruno City Council  
Rico Medina

San Bruno City Council  
Sanbruno Mayor  
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Rico Medina

San Mateo City Council  
Amourence Lee

**CITY COUNCILS IN SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY**

Campbell City Council  
Susan Landry

Campbell City Council  
Steven Scharf

Cupertino City Council  
Hung Wei

Los Gatos City Council  
Maria Ristow

Morgan Hill City Council  
Rene Spring

Mountain View City Council  
Margaret Abe-Koga

Palo Alto City Council  
Pat Burt

San Jose City Council  
David Cohen

Santa Clara City Council  
Teresa O’Neill

Santa Clara City Council  
Suds Jain

Santa Clara City Council  
Anthony Becker

Sunnyvale City Council  
Alysa Cieneros

Sunnyvale City Council  
Russ Melton

Sunnyvale City Council  
Omar Din
Absolutely NO! on San Benito Measure N

by Dave Peschel, Open Space Committee Chair

San Benito County voters will be asked, “Shall an initiative enacting the ‘Strada Verde Innovation Park Specific Plan,’ and making County General Plan and Zoning Code Amendments, for approximately 2,777 acres of agricultural land in northwest San Benito County, allowing various uses including Research/Development, Automotive Testing/ Tracks, Distribution, Offices, Business/Professional Services Commercial, Light Industrial, Hospitality, Retail, and Public/ Private Services (requiring the creation of a 299.5 acre Pajaro River Park and preservation of 96.17 acres exclusively for agriculture be adopted?”

Your answer should be a resounding NO! This is a developers’ attempt to use a ballot measure to circumvent San Benito County’s jurisdiction over its own land use patterns, and to avoid the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

By using a ballot measure, the developers are exempting themselves from detailed and full disclosure of environmental effects and from any required mitigation of environmental harm if the measure is passed by the voters. To alleviate concerns, the initiative proposes that “future actions” will be required to abide by CEQA. But of course, the sprawl and traffic and air pollution and loss of open space and agriculture — the changes to land use in the county — will be exempt.

These outside developers’ plans is not to invest in any struggling San Benito County town but to sprawl into the floodplain of the Pajaro River and gobble up thousands of acres of the already dwindling farmland in the County. In the 139 pages of the initiative, Strada Verde offers a river park and would leave 562 acres in agriculture which sounds substantial until compared with the massive project of 2,777 acres.

And, the project will also gobble up highway capacity with an explosion of traffic. With Highway 25 expansion expecting to cost $240 million, the Strada Verde estimates of it paying only $18 million in traffic impact fees leaves taxpayers holding the bag.

Concerned citizens are educating the public about the Strada Verde proposed project at www.protectsanbenitocounty.org

The Sierra Club urges a Yes vote on Measure RR

In the Sierra Club’s judgment this funding is essential for Caltrain to continue to operate as a vital commuter function that we can all afford to lose.

Caltrain is a commuter rail line on the San Francisco Peninsula and in the Santa Clara Valley. The northern terminus of the line is in San Francisco at 4th and King Streets; its southern terminus is in San Jose at Diridon Station with rush hour service running as far as Gilroy.

Caltrain is governed by the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (PCJFB) consisting of representatives from the three counties served by Caltrain: San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara. San Mateo County’s SanTrans agency provides operational management and staffing.

This Measure is a 1/8 percent sales tax increase for all three counties intended to address the chronic operating deficit that the three counties have had to backfill every year even when the line was operating at full capacity during Covid county closures. Some infrastructure improvements are also contemplated. It requires an aggregate 2/3 majority vote across all three counties to pass.

Please Vote Yes on Measure RR

No on Measure S, Valley Water Property Tax Needs a Sunset Date

by Katja Irvin, Water Committee Chair

Valley Water is renewing their Safe, Clean Water parcel tax early, and this time the 15-year renewal that was part of the 2000 and 2012 measures is gone, making it difficult for voters to hold Valley Water to the promises of the Safe, Clean Water program.

The main change since 2012 is to remove the sunset date requiring voter approval every 15 years. The program of projects is almost identical to 2012, including Anderson Dam, Coyote Creek, and Almaden Lake. These flood control and habitat restoration projects have funding through 2028 under the 2012 program.

The 15-year renewals are needed to provide for voter oversight to make sure this special tax benefits the community and the environment. Environmental groups are especially concerned about Valley Water’s history of missing commitments on stream stewardship and habitat restoration projects.

For example, construction of the Almaden Lake Improvement Project, which will create a creek channel for migrating fish, would be abandoned.

In the Sierra Club’s judgment this funding is absolutely critical to Valley Water’s ability to maintain our ballot box review of the Safe, Clean Water program in order to have greater leverage over Valley Water’s spending, and to reduce the potential that funds will be reallocated to projects we oppose.

Yes on Santa Clara Valley Measure T to Protect Open Space

by Dave Peschel, Chapter Open Space Committee Chair

Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (O&A) is a special district that covers most but not all of Santa Clara County. Its mission is “to conserve the natural environment, support agriculture and connect people to nature, by protecting open spaces, natural areas, and working farms and ranches for future generations.” Its dedicated funding comes from an initial 1994 $12/year parcel parcel tax bringing in about $4 million/year and funding from 2014 Measure Q of an additional $24/year parcel tax bringing in about $8 million/year.

Measure T seeks to ensure that the Measure Q funding continues rather than terminating after the 15 year Measure Q program expires.

With this modest amount of funding, O&A has been able to preserve 20,000 acres, provide urban open space grants for dozens of urban projects, and provide ongoing educational events and programs. Moreover, its science driven planning studies play a key role in regional conservation and can be credited for much of the momentum to protect Coyote Valley including the recent purchase of North Coyote Valley.

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Thank you to our Political Endorsement Volunteers

This newsletter lets our members and the public know who the Sierra Club considers a strong environmental leader. This fall we covered 52 individuals for office and 4 local ballot measures. We would like to thank our members of our Political Committee, Endorsement interview volunteers and our Endorsement article writers: Nahid Al Shammas, Sue Chow, John Conley, Gita Dev, Mike Ferreira, Rose Grymes, Karja Irvin, John Kerney, Gary Lanshear, Susan Lessin, Oscar Mace, Dave Olson, Dave Poeschel, Hoi Poon, Lennie Roberts, Heyward Robinson, and Charles Schafer.

A special thank you to Mike Ferreira, Barbara Kelsey, and Joyce Wright for management 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:

Chapter/Group Elections Sierra Club
3921 E. Bayshore Rd., Ste 204
Palo Alto, CA 94303

E. Ballots must be sent in the mail and received by November 30, 2020. Late ballots will not be counted.

Dual Membership and Group Affiliation:

A typical Election Insights mailing label looks like this:

1205436 JOINT 203
JAN AND LESLIE MEMBER
1213 MIUR DRIVE
BAYLANDS, CA 94308

To discover whether you have a dual or joint membership, look at the second row on your mailing label. If the second group of characters is “JOINT,” both members can vote. If not, only one person can vote; in that case, ballots marked in both columns will not be counted. Our example shows “JOINT,” so both Jan and Leslie can vote.

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

4 Two-Year Seats
Vote for no more than 4

Voter 1

❖ Mary Buxton*
❖ Nathan Chan*
❖ Sue Chow*
❖ Lisa Barboza

Voter 2

❖ Mary Buxton*
❖ Nathan Chan*
❖ Sue Chow*
❖ Lisa Barboza

SAN CARLOS/BELMONT REGIONAL GROUP
Members with Group code 203

2 Two-Year Seats
Vote for no more than two

Voter 1

❖ Gladwyn d’Souza*
❖ Pam Miller*
❖ Paul Wendt*

Voter 2

❖ Gladwyn d’Souza*
❖ Pam Miller*
❖ Paul Wendt*

PENINSuLA REGIONAL GROUP
Members with Group code 204 vote in this column

2 Two-Year Seats
Vote for no more than four

Voter 1

❖ Laura Brown
❖ Gita Dev*
❖ Kristel Wickham

Voter 2

❖ Laura Brown
❖ Gita Dev*
❖ Kristel Wickham

GUADALUPE REGIONAL GROUP
Members with Group code 205

2 Two-Year Seats
Vote for no more than three

Voter 1

❖ Gary Latshaw*
❖ Charles Schafer

Voter 2

❖ Gary Latshaw*
❖ Charles Schafer

* Incumbents

Be sure to vote!
### Loma Prieta Chapter

Let’s Help David Cohen in Critical San Jose City Council, District 4, Race
by Eve Pacocha, Chapter Open Space Committee Chair

Elevating David Cohen in this race would remake San Jose City Council into a less polarized and more environmentally sensitive body. He is upholding the work of Rep. Anna Eshoo in the state Senate and is also a good position, having led the vote in a three-way March primary. David Cohen is a black UCSF MD engineer and thoughtful school board trustee. He is pragmatic but understands the wisdom of prioritizing for a healthy environment.

His votes supporting the protection of Coyote Valley and on other environmental issues as a representative for Sunnyvale are: 
- **District 4** – Alysa Cisneros: Alysa is a strong supporter of alternative transportation solutions as key step to reducing greenhouse gas emission in Sunnyvale. We need to focus on switching over to alternative means of transportation and reducing the level of service and vehicle miles traveled of cars within the city. On his questionnaire Mr. Din said “I think it is essential to have high density housing near transit which balances the needs of new residents with those already using the transit system.” For more about Mr. Din and his positions and to contact him, see below.

Our Endorsed Candidates for Sunnyvale are:

- **District 2 – Alysa Cisneros**: Alya is a strong supporter of alternative transportation solutions as key step to reducing greenhouse gas emission in Sunnyvale. She said, “I am committed to a sustainable Sunnyvale, one where our residents can easily bike, scoot, skate, or ride to their destinations. Let us limit the car driving.” She wants to focus on getting more housing in Sunnyvale. She said, “If we are going to solve our climate crisis, we must build more homes, and those homes must be green.”

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### City Councils in San Mateo County

Glenn Sylvester & Juslyn Manalo have Earned Reelection to the City Council of Daly City

Juslyn Manalo’s first term on the City Council of Daly City has been a story of diligence on important issues, especially Daly City’s Climate Action Plan, and that is a rewarding year to the Sierra Club. In her role as a council member and as a leader to county-wide joint power authorities she has been a very reliable and influential environmental voice throughout her city and her committee assignments. Our expectation is that Juslyn will continue to perform as a steady environmentalist. She has been a driver for affordable housing and a steady support of various environmental issues as those have arisen before the Council. She has also signed on as a sponsor of our chapter’s annual event. Please reelect Juslyn Manalo to the City Council of Daly City. 

Glenn Sylvester’s first term on the Daly City City Council of Daly City was well served by his background as a Daly City Planning Commissi

Carlos Romero’s and Mayor Lisa Yarborough-Gauthier’s Rejection A Good Decision for East Palo Alto

Throughout his long service, Carlos Romero has been one of the most progressive, clean-minded, and impactful member of the East Palo Alto City Council, especially on interagency boards, committees, and commissions. In recent years, Romero has been a very strong board member of the Peninsula Community Energy (PCE) organization, a San Mateo County Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) committee, and supported our chapter. He actually drafted a model for ways the organization to expand its scope, such as the GHG reduction options to Samo Peninsula energy consumers and is highly respected by other board members. Carlos is a steady and selfless politician who likes to set the example for the rest of the city and the region. We are proud to endorse his reelection to the East Palo Alto City Council.

LISA YARBOROUGH-GAUTHIER

We endorse Foster City Council Members Sam Hindi, Catherine Mahanpour, Patrick Sullivan

There are 3 candidates running for the 3 open seats on the Foster City Council. The Foster City Endorsement Committee selected 3 candidates: Sam Hindi (incumbent), Catherine Mahanpour (incumbent), and Patrick Sullivan (non-incumbent).

They each have records of protecting natural resources and the environment and understand that sea level rise and climate change are major issues facing Foster City and the Bay Area. We endorses Hindi and Ms. Mahanpour, supporting...
We Endorse Gina Papan’s Relection to Millbrae’s City Council
Councilmember Gina Papan is a multi-term Council incumbent and former Mayor whose occupation is a Deputy Attorney General for the past 19 years. Gina has also secured the position of representing all 20 San Mateo County cities to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and this can only be a plus for Millbrae because transportation infrastructure, current and planned, is vital to Millbrae’s future. Gina is the light of the City’s work families can afford, and should have compulsive services for homeless people and families in need, while ensuring that the City’s business districts, parks and public places are safe and secure for everyone.

The Sierra Club respects Gina’s long service to the City of Millbrae, and we endorse her reelection. www.ginapapan.com/re-election-priorities

Reelect Ann Schneider to Millbrae’s City Council
Council Member Ann Schneider is running for her second term on the Millbrae City Council. The Council Member has been very interactive with our Loma Prieta Chapter Sustainable Land Use Committee regarding past and pending Transit-Oriented Development issues. She is also supportive of focused protection for endangered/threatened species (California Red Legged frog, San Francisco Garter Snake, Saltwater Harvester Mouse, and Clapper Rail bird) in and adjacent to Millbrae.

Ann carries a significant number of committee assignments and she is more than willing to champion the interests of Millbrae when engaged with intergovernmental organizations. Ann has an impressive list of endorsements that speaks to the diversity of Millbrae and especially important to the Sierra Club. We endorse Ann Schneider for reelection to the Millbrae City Council.

Marj Davis Endorsed for Pacifica District 4 City Council
By John Kramer - Pacifica Committee Leader

The Sierra Club endorses Pacifica’s 4th District Council election goes in Marj Davis. Marj Davis has been a local environmental activist for many years, and this year she decided to run for City Council. Among the highlights of her leadership in environmental causes are 3 years as Treasurer, 3 years as President of Pacifica’s Environmental Fund, and service as Treasurer and Co-Director (Business and Administration) of Pacifica Gardens. She is active in Pacific Beach Coalition cleanups in and the Rockaway Ocean Conservation Stewards. Marj enjoys biking, gardening, and is an avid binder. She cares about preserving the beauty and natural resources of Pacifica. She also cares about the disadvantaged in our community, serving on the board of the Pacifica Resource Center. Marj has a degree in Business Man-agement, with additional training in non-profit bookkeeping and management.

Marj has strong ties to the community and the environment. However you submit your ballot, by mail, dropoffs, or in person, be sure to vote for Marj Davis in District 4 of the Pacifica. marj@pacificas.org

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Nancy Radcliffe: A Much-Needed Voice for Redwood Shores District 4
by Sue Cox, Redwood City Endorsement Team Leader and Loma Prieta Chapter Executive Committee Member

If you love trees and regard trees as indispensable to life on earth, you will feel a kinship with Nancy Radcliffe. Nancy is running for District 4 (Redwood Shores) in Redwood City. Nancy, a long-time resident of Redwood City, has been very active in CityTrees, an organization whose mission is to create “Urban Forests.” But that’s not all. While she is busy working with residents to plant and prune trees, Nancy is also working to usher in a sustainable Redwood City as a city planning commissioner; she has been a tireless advocate of reducing greenhouse gases by getting people out of cars, protecting wildlife corridors, restoring buelands, and creating a system of interconnected parks. Furthermore, Nancy is very much focused on making sure that we are doing as much as we can to prevent the destruction that climate change-induced sea level rise would bring. We need change in Redwood City as a matter of urgency, and we’re not the only ones who believe in the need for action. A vote for Nancy is a vote for a better future for all. www.nancyradcliffe.org, nancy@nancyradcliffe.org

Janet Borgens, A Strong Voice for Redwood City District 3
by Sue Cox, Redwood City Endorsement Team Leader and Loma Prieta Chapter Executive Committee Member

Janet Borgens, the incumbent candidate in Redwood City’s district 3, is a tireless champion of social equity, inclusion, and social justice. For us, Janet has been a steadfast pro-environment ally through all the years that she has been on the city council. She voted time and again for a clean energy economy, and has stated that she will do everything she can to protect our ocean.

Janet has been vigilant about sea level rise dangers, so we know that she will do everything she can to protect our communities from inundation. Furthermore, she is an advocate for the expansion of bicycle and pedestrian pathways, water re-use, senior citizens, and development policies that are socially equitable. Indeed, Janet is a social justice warrior for all those causes and for affordable housing as well as for police reforms, a perspective she calls her “social justice lens.”

Last, but not least, the fact that Janet has been one of the most accessible council members, one who is always willing to listen to complaints and suggestions alike. A vote for Janet is a vote for the environment and for social justice janet@janetborgens.org, janetborgens.org

Michael Smith, a Progressive Environmentalist for Redwood City District 4
by Sue Cox, Redwood City Endorsement Team Leader and Loma Prieta Chapter Executive Committee Member

Michael Smith, the candidate in Redwood City’s District 4, is running unopposed, but you wouldn’t know it. Respect to accept a simple “wave in” from the city council, Michael insisted on running a full-fledged campaign as he saw this as an opportunity to reach out to his constituents.

What will Michael bring to Redwood City? Plenty. As a champion of the underdog, Michael, as an entrepreneur, a teacher at Canada College, a mentor for youth, and currently, a city planning commissioner, brings a fervor for progressive changes that is seldom seen among Redwood City candidates. As a city planning commissioner, Michael worked to promote REACH CODES, green building stipulations which would expedite the transition to a greener energy by requiring new construction to wire homes for electric, not gas, appliances. He has also been busy making sure developers do not sea level rise and affordable housing into consideration before approval. And that’s not all; one of Michael’s goals is to reduce auto emissions through congestion by providing housing along transit corridors and creating more bike lanes.

Michael Smith is a young man who will play a leading role in the shaping of a new Redwood City, one that would be sustainable, healthy, and humane. michael@michaelsmithredwoodcity.com, michael@redwoodcity.com

Chris Rasmussen for City Council District 7 in Redwood City

The Sierra Club is enthusiastic in endorsing Chris Rasmussen for Redwood City’s City Council District 7. Chris doesn’t just talk, he does it. He is a progressive, and environmental actions fall into many categories: homeless/mental health outreach officers, etc. He participated in many city and county council meetings, and in doing so he helps keep creeks and bay areas clean and free of garbage and human wastes, so the homeless camps would be less adversely affected. With his family, Chris has been highly active in environmental activities and groups. Chris has also been involved in environmental protection work with environmental organizations such as the Russian River Watershed Council.

Chris, in his professional capacity as a community homeless outreach officer, has assumed a mentoring role during creek and coastal clean-ups, and through his membership in the Russian River watershed, has physically worked hard to preserve ecosystems. Chris is very definite in expressing his pro-environmental and pro social justice views, such as supporting diversity and equal and fair housing without hesitation that he is seriously against spreading into the bay and is committed to ensuring that new housing should have affordable housing components. www.chrisrasmussen.com

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Rico Medina for Mayor of City of San Bruno

Rico Medina has announced his candidacy for Mayor of San Bruno and the Sierra Club is pleased to endorse his candidacy. He brings solid experience and the sophisticated environmental outlook regarding the major issues facing San Bruno. We believe he will serve the community well as he assesses substantial new developments that will be forthcoming for review by the city and we believe he will work to prevent the displacement of middle and working class residents that is being experienced around the Bay Area. Rico Medina is very aware of the spectrum of problems that need to be addressed with progressive solutions and we are confident that he will do his best for San Bruno. RicoMedina2020@gmail.com

City of San Bruno Should Elect Mike Salazar to the City Council

We endorse Mike Salazar for the City Council of the City of San Bruno. Mr. Salazar will bring a well-informed environmental outlook to solving problems and planning for San Bruno’s future. During his service as a San Bruno City Council member he has supported the initiation of infrastructure upgrades, the development of a new internet site; completion of a grade separation and establishment of the San Bruno Community Foundation. He has served on the Crime Prevention Committee, Parks/Recreation Commission and was appointed to the San Mateo County Parks Clean Energy Advisory Board. The Peninsula Clean Energy program was strongly supported by the Sierra Club and we appreciate Mr. Salazar’s service and support and we commend his candidacy to our members. SalazarForCouncil.com

Amoureuse Lee for San Mateo City Council

Amoureuse Lee is the first Asian American woman to serve on the San Mateo City Council. As a resident on the east side of town, she represents the experience of a somewhat disadvantaged community and brings balance to the Council. She has served as Vice-Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission and General Plan Subcommittee and was appointed to the council in November 2019. Amoureuse studied public policy and public health at Columbia University where she received her master’s degree. She is passionate about housing and environmental sustainability. As a Parks Commissioner, she has experience with the Urban Forest’s most recent Green’s Street campaign which she supports. The daughter of a former civil rights leader who supported school integration, the Sierra Club is an outgrowth of her support for Black Lives Matter. A social justice advocate, she helped raise a Pride Flag at San Mateo City Hall for the first time in the city’s history. www.amoureuselee.com/blog

Rod Hsiao For Relection to the San Mateo County Board of Education

Rod Hsiao has held this office since 2006. He chairs the Local Education Outreach Program at Camp Jones Gulch at the San Francisco YMCA. Camp property in La Honda, San Mateo County children have been attending this camp since 1963 and the Program was a great improvement. Rod facilitated the funding of the Program by arranging a $5.9 million land exchange between the Board, the Peninsula Open Space Trust, San Mateo County, and the YMCA. A significant portion of the former Board property is now part of the County’s Memorial Park. The Chapter much appreciates the environmental sensitivity that went into Rod Hsiao’s efforts in this important transaction.

Reelect Dan Haggerty to the Midcoast Community Council

Dan Haggerty is running for his third term on the Midcoast Community Council and the Sierra Club is pleased to endorse his candidacy. If there is one standout feature of Dan’s service on this board it is that he really cares about his role as an advocate for his neighbors and for the coastal environment. He keeps an eye on happenings in the Midcoast and speaks up about infrastructure deficiencies and perceived threats to health and safety. He is knowledgeable about the California Coastal Act, the California Environmental Quality Act and the San Mateo County Local Coastal Program. Often he is a critic of plans or projects that could detract from the aesthetics of the coastal environment; the promise of which regularlydraws large numbers of Bay Area residents to the Midcoast. Because the Council is advisory to the County government rather than a legislative body in its own right, it takes perseverance to achieve a goal and Dan is the man for the job. Please reelect Dan Haggerty to the Midcoast Community Council.

Reelect Jed Cyr to Ward 3 of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

The Sierra Club has long had the pleasure of working with and endorsing Jed Cyr. We are long-time supporters of the mission of the District and greatly appreciate the focus and steadfastness that Jed has brought to his position. Jed has held this office since 1996. He comes from the education field (now retired) and applies those skills in his interactions with the public and MROSD staff. He believes in balancing access issues with the inherently protective charge of the District. Our chapter looks to him for support when we believe that new access or usage proposals are potentially problematic in terms of their potential impact. His responsive- ness is his trademark. We endorse Jed Cyr for re-election to Ward 3 of the Midpeninsula Open Space District.

Let’s Keep Dorsey Moore as Director of Santa Clara County Open Space Authority, District 3

As Director of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (OSA), Dorsey Moore is deeply engaged in the management of the public open space agency. In this day job, Moore is the Execu- tive Director of the San Jose Conservation Corp where he helps protect the direction of youth and he takes his nurturing mindset to his role as Director. Moore is also deeply committed to the en- vironmental ethic and open space preservation mission of the OSA where he has served for several years on its Citizens’ Advisory Committee. Director Moore’s environmental credentials include an MBA in sustainable management and a BA in geology/ geography. He shows in his knowledge of the land and the law that come before the OSA Board.

We are lucky to be served by his vigor and intelligence. Moore is an incumbent who should be reelected so that he can continue to work hard on our behalf.

Reelect Cupertino City Council Member Steven Scharf

Steven Scharf is in his second term as an elected official and has served as a School Trustee and as a member of Cupertino’s County park and bike repair stations at each school site and as De Anza College to encourage stu- dent biking to school. He has volunteered at bike safety programs in schools hosted by Cu- pertino’s Safe Routes to School Coordinator to promote safe biking with parents and students. He supported the schools’ efforts with the Lehigh Quarry related to Per- manente Creek, and as a School Board member encouraged many environmental programs. His responses to our Loma Prieta Chapter question- naires were consistent with our environmental policies and goals. Please vote for Steven Scharf for Cupertino City Council. www.hungwei.org

HUNG WEI for Cupertino City Council

Hung Wei has been on the Fremont Union High School Board where she served more than two terms and is well known in the community. She is a long-term member of Cupertino Rotary and has served as its president in the past. She is a volunteer member on the City of Cupertino’s Safe Routes to School Pro- gram on promoting walking and biking to school to reduce vehi- cle traffic congestion and emissions. She supported, as a School Trustee and as a member of Cupertino County park and bike repair stations at each school site and as De Anza College to encourage student biking to school. She has volunteered at bike safety programs in schools hosted by Cupertino’s Safe Routes to School Coordinator to promote safe biking with parents and students. She supported the schools’ efforts with the Lehigh Quarry related to Permanente Creek, and as a School Board member encouraged many environmental programs. Her responses to our Loma Prieta Chapter questionnaires were consistent with our environmental policies and goals. Please vote for Hung Wei for Cupertino City Council. www.hungwei.org
issues. Both are avid bicyclists and advocate for more bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure as well as for maintaining Hwy 880 and possibly Hwy 17. They are also promoting town village shuttle service and want to refocus highway construction spending to building/providing better transit service. As a family, both are in favor of building denser housing along transit corridors to develop a more transit-oriented environment to facilitate building more affordable housing. Both candidates are outspoken about preserving open space; we need to stop displacing wildlife while as well as putting a stop to sprawl. They are also advocating for more wildlife over/under crossings along Hwy 17 and are promoting wildlife-friendly zoning. Energy is another concern, and both have promoted strong codes, and are advocating for more changing station in the downtown area. As you can see, both candidates are strong environmentalists, and their many years of service to the community show us they are the kind of candidate we can be proud to endorse. www.mariirstow.com www.localliving.com

Reelect Rene Spring for Morgan Hill City Council, District C
by Dave Pinchel, Chapter Open Space Committee Chair
As we expected with our endorsement in his first run for Morgan Hill City Council, Rene Spring has proven himself to be an environmental leader. Rene has supported our efforts to address climate change, voting for all electric building codes for new construction which allows us to move away from natural gas, a greenhouse gas that leaches the atmosphere from the pipeline infrastructure and is harmful to indoor air quality when burned. Rene especially shines in his efforts to protect open space and reduce suburban sprawl. He continues to be a vocal opponent of sprawl and opposed Morgan Hill’s most recent attempt to annex prime farmland in the area known as the Southeast Quadrant. His was a minority opinion on the Council on this issue but fortunately with a narrow majority, the Local Area Forma- tion Commission (LACFO) denied Morgan Hill’s request to gobble up more farmland. We have had narrow victories, so we need to reelect Rene Spring and elect more candidates in other races like Rene. Learn more about his vision at springforCouncil.org

Margaret Abe-Koga for Mountain View City Council
Margaret Abe-Koga was the first Asian American female to serve on Mountain View City Council when elected in 2006. She served as Vice Mayor in 2008, and as Mayor in 2009 and was re-elected in 2016. Margaret has been an active member of the City Council championing issues of protecting wildlife, public safety, affordable housing, environmental sustainability, youth and is committed to city policies that will help residents and small busi- ness advocate get through this period of crisis due to the pandemic. Regionally, Margaret has served on many critical agencies bringing a wealth of experi- ence to the council. With her leadership at Valley Transportation Authority, she secured funding for the Stevens Creek Trail, the pedestrian master plan the regional bike share program and light rail service. She was born and raised locally by immigrant parents from Japan and has experienced the difficulties of racial inequality. She graduated from Harvard with a degree in Government. www.reelectmalk2020.com

Sally Lieber for Mountain View City Council
Sally Lieber has been named at 100% by Sierra Club. She has been a committed environmental advocate and progressive leader for decades. She has served as council member and Mayor of Mountain View and was elected for three terms as Assembly Representative for the 22nd assembly district, where she served as Speaker Pro-tempore in 2007-08. She has a lifetime 100% voting record on the environment as a legislator and has been known to take on environmental causes even when they are not popular. She created and carried the legislation for the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority to fruition and now serves on their advisory committee. This agency now funds restoration efforts all around the Bay, using the popular 2016 Measure AA funds. The agency protects San Francisco Bay for future generations by restoring habitat for fish, plants, wildlife, reducing trash, pollution, and harmful toxins, improving water quality, protecting communities from floods, and increasing shoreline public access. www.sallylieber.org

Lisa Matchak for Mountain View City Council
Lisa Matchak has been a friend of the environment and under her persistent leadership, Mountain View has divested from fossil fuels. A 30-year veteran of the Silicon Valley tech industry, she is the most recently focused on cybersecurity, she has championed quality of life issues for current Mountain View residents, striving to temper city growth with the environment and without diminishing existing services. A graduate of our Chapter’s Environmental Stewardship Program, which she participated in for three years, she was elected to council in 2016, and has since served as Vice Mayor and Mayor. Before that, she served on the Environ- mental Planning Commission, building expertise that has served her well as council member. Lisa tells us “I want to focus on helping resi- dents and small businesses get to a new normal, one where residents and businesses thrive. I want to address racial inequality and social jus- tice and I want to help make our quality of life better.” www.LisaForCouncil.com

Pat Burt for Palo Alto City Council
Pat Burt has a long history of collaboration and support with the Loma Prieta Chapter and with other environmentally oriented organiza- tions. His endorsements span the political spectrum in Palo Alto and are reflective of his ability to get things done. Among many policy objectives he supports specific plans for Palo Alto’s two downtowns that would increase density for residential development, but not for additional offices. He favors zoning changes that would remove commercial office development and re- place it with denser housing zoning in those ar- eas, in portions of the El Camino corridor, and portions of Stanford Research Park. He believes that new housing development in the downtowns should be allowed to purchase redundant parking in city owned lots and sell them to make those projects more financially feasible. He favors Residential Permit Parking (RPP) programs for multiple reasons; it constrains “free parking,” incentivizes reductions in single-occupancy driving use, reduces greenhouse gases, traffic congestion, and costly parking demand while pushing the business community to embrace and fund Palo Alto’s Transportation Management Association (TMA); www.patburt.org

Lydia Kou for the Palo Alto City Council Member Lydia Kou The Sierra Club endorsed Lydia Kou in 2016 because, among other things, she brought us a message of strong concern for the natural environ- ment and a particular regard for Palo Alto’s famous tree canopy. At several points in her first term she was a strong voice against possible detriment to the environment, was accessible to our activist volunteers, and reached out to those volunteers when she perceived environ- mental threats before we did. She is exasperant as to how Palo Alto arrived at its jobs/housing imbalance and favors affordable housing development over market rate or luxury housing and is generally opposed to new office development that would exacerbate the imbalance. Lydia does not buy into proposals based on surface appearances. She looks at things from several angles and often sees improvements before acceptance. We see this as a good trait in a representative of the people and as a caretaker of the Palo Alto environment. The Sierra Club recommends the reelection of Lydia Kou to the Palo Alto City Council.

Ed Lauming for Palo Alto City Council
As a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, Ed Lauming has targeted parks and recreation investments and programming to optimize access through the transpor- tation network created through the city’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and spearheaded compre- hensive conservation plans for each of the city’s open space preserves (Baylands, Football Park, Ardenwood Preserve, and Estler Clark Preserve). As a Planning Commissioner he maintained a strict interpretation of the ordinance against removal or possible damage to protected trees and he has supported office ups to stop the exsulation of our jobs/housing imbalance in order to reduce Green House Gas impacts from long commutes. He has a strong reputation as both an environmentalist and as a steady and trustworthy colleague. www.6housingforallcouncil.com

Greer Stone for Palo Alto City Council
During Greer Stone’s terms as an appointed Human Rights Commissioner he has worked with the Silicon Valley Climate Alliance to help place the issue of climate change into the context of human rights. He is conversant on all issues raised in our candidate question- naire. Social Justice is a key element of his political philosophy. His background as an attorney is also a plus when it comes to dealing with the complexities of municipal governance. As a teacher in Palo Alto schools, Greer Stone has been a member of the various “green teams” established at his schools and has worked with students to create a more sustainable school community. At the new Student Activities Director at Palo Alto High School, he is exploring new ways to make the school a more sustainable and environmental- ly friendly campus. He is sponsoring a “Paly Green” club to educate young people on the dangers of climate change and to encourage their active participation in enacting positive change at Palo Alto High School and in their local community on issues regarding climate change. We endorse with confidence the candidacy of Greer Stone for the Palo Alto City Council. www.greerstone.com greerstoneforcitycouncil@gmail.com

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  - Matthew Clark

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  - Ray Mueller

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  - Michael Smith

- Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Board Ward 7
  - Zoe Kersteen-Tucker

- Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Board Ward 4
  - Curt Riffle

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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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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

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