The Loma Prieta Chapter Endorses the Following

**President**
Hillary Clinton

**Vice President**
Tim Kaine

**U.S. Senate**
Kamala Harris

**Congressional Representatives**
- 12th – Nancy Pelosi
- 14th – Jackie Speier
- 17th – Mike Honda
- 18th – Anna Eshoo
- 19th – Zoe Lofgren

**State Proposition 67**
(End Plastic Bags) – Yes

**State Proposition 56**
(Cigarette Tax) – Yes

**State Proposition 58**
(End Bilingual Restriction) – Yes

**State Senate Seats**
- SD 11 Jane Kim
- SD 13 Jerry Hill
- SD 15 Jim Beall
- SD 17 Bill Morning

**State Assembly Seats**
- AD 19 Phil Ting
- AD 22 Kevin Mullin
- AD 24 Vicki Veenker
- AD 25 Kansen Chu
- AD 27 Ash Kalra
- AD 29 Mark Stone

**San Mateo County Measure K**
(Sales Tax Extension benefiting parks & affordable housing) – Yes

**Santa Clara County Measure A**
($950 million Affordable Housing Bonds) – Yes

**Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Measure B**
(30 year sales tax extension) – No

**CITY BALLOT MEASURES**
- Pacifica Measure W (Quarry Development Entitlement) - No
- Cupertino Measure D
  - (Vallejo Specific Plan) – No
- Gilroy Measure H
  - (Setting Urban Boundary) – Yes
- Milpitas Measure I
  - (Prolonging Urban Boundary Ordinance) – Yes
- Milpitas Measure J
  - (Prolonging Hillside Ordinance) – Yes
- Milpitas Measure K
  - (Require 2/3 Vote to Rezone Parks) – Yes
- Santa Clara Measure R
  - (Require 2/3 vote to sell or lease Open Space & Parks) - Yes

**SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARDS/COUNCILS**
- San Clara Open Space Authority District #4
- San Mateo County Harbor District 2 Year Term
  - Ed Larenas
- San Mateo County Harbor District 4 Year Term
  - Sabrina Brennan

**City Councils**
- Cupertino
  - Arthur Keller
  - Lydya Kuo
  - Liz Kniss
  - Greer Stone
- Gilroy
  - Tom Fisher
  - Dan Harney
  - Fred Tovar
- Los Altos
  - Jan Pepper
  - Jeannie Bruins
- Los Altos Hills
  - Peter Evans
  - Roger Spreen
- Milpitas Mayor
  - Carmen Montano
- Milpitas Council
  - Gunawan Ali-Santosa
  - Mark Tiernan
- Morgan Hill
  - Rene Spring
- Mountain View
  - John McAlister
  - Chris Clark
  - Lisa Matichak
  - Margaret Abe-Koga
- Palo Alto
  - Arthur Keller
  - Lydya Kuo
  - Liz Kniss
  - Greer Stone
- San Jose District #2
  - Sergio Jimenez
- San Jose District #6
  - Helen Chapman
- City of Santa Clara Seat #4
  - Raj Chahal
- City of Santa Clara Seat #6
  - Suds Jain
- City of Santa Clara Seat #7
  - Teresa O’Neill
- Saratoga
  - Manny Cappello
  - Dede Smullen
- Sunnyvale Seat #6
  - Nancy Smith
- Sunnyvale Seat #7
  - Tara Martin-Milus
- CITY COUNCILS IN SAN MATEO COUNTY
- Daly City
  - Dana Smith
  - Glenn Sylvester
- Half Moon Bay
  - Adam Eisen
  - Harvey Rarback
- Menlo Park
  - Ray Mueller
- Pacifica
  - Deirdre Martin

Endorsement Issue October 2016
The Newsletter of the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter
San Benito, Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties

**Environmental Stewardship Program 2016-2017**

*The Loma Prieta Chapter Environmental Stewardship Program (ESP) will be starting soon*

If you are interested in learning more about critical environmental issues and would like to take action to protect our environment, this is the program for you.

The program features the following:

- **Monthly Seminars/ Dinners**
  (award-winning films and presentations)

- **“Take Action” Activities**

- **Outings and Hikes**

- **Environmental Book Club**

- **Hands-on Projects**

For more information,
contact Gita Dev, Peninsula Regional Group Co-Chair, at:
415-722-3355      gd@devarchitects.com
Thank you to our Political Endorsement Volunteers

by Melissa Hippard, Chair Political Committee

Each election season, the Loma Prieta chapter runs local endorsements in cities, counties, and for special districts. This fall we covered 19 races across San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties and endorsed 39 individuals for office. The process lets our members and the public know who the Sierra Club considers a strong environmental leader. It also connects our active members with their civic leaders who are willing to step up and serve their community. Working together, the Sierra Club and elected officials can help move our communities in a sustainable and healthy direction as we face challenges from growth and climate change. I would like to thank the members of the Political Committee and participating activists for their hard work this season: Mike Ferreira, Cheryl Weiden, Charles Schafer, Jimmy Benjamin, Ginny Laibl, Ruth Muzzin, Dave Olson, Kartja Irvin, Dave Poeschel, Ken King, Gary Latshaw, Swanee Edwards, Gita Dev, Shawn Britton, Jan Hintermeister, Kurt Newick, Gary Bailey, Kakoli Banerjee, Rob Means, Terry Trumbull, and Bob Levy. Special thank you to Sue Chow and Tani Li for leading production of the Election Insight newsletter.

Ballot

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. Do not write on your mailing label.

D. Place ballot in an envelope and mail to: Chapter/Group Elections Sierra Club 3921 E. Bayshore Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94303

Ballots must be sent in the mail and received by November 21, 2016. Late ballots will not be counted.

To discover your regional group affiliation, look at the second row on your mailing label. If the second group of characters is “JNT,” 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 “JNT,” so both Jan and Leslie can vote.

Dual Membership and Group Affiliation:

A typical Election Insight mailing label looks like this:

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94308

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Loma Prieta Chapter and Group Ballot

Chapter Executive Committee

4 Two-Year Seats
Vote for no more than 4 candidates

Voter 1
Gary Bailey
Sue Chow*
John Cordes
Katja Irvin*
Shani Kleinhaus*
Darren Ponce*

Voter 2

* Incumbents

Peninsula Regional Group

Members with group code 0200 & 0204 vote in this column
3 Two-Year Seats
Vote for no more than 3 candidates

Voter 1
Gita Dev*
Mike Ferreira*
Cheryl Weiden*

Voter 2

San Carlos/Belmont Regional Group

Members with group code 0203 vote in this column
3 Two-Year Seats
Vote for no more than 3 candidates

Voter 1

Voter 2
Gladwyn d’Souza*
Pam Miller*
Paul Wendt*

Guadalupe Regional Group

Members with group code 0205 vote in this column
2 Two-Year Seats
Vote for no more than 2 candidates

Voter 1
Mary Ellen Chell*
Gary Latshaw*

Voter 2

Be sure to VOTE!

Excom candidate statements are on Loma Prieta website. Ballots must be received by November 21, 2016. Late ballots will not be counted.
2016 Endorsements

SAN MATEO COUNTY

DALY CITY

Dana Smith and Glenn Sylvester for the City Council of Daly City

Although Daly City is one of the most densely developed cities in California, there is a wealth of local flora and fauna that have managed to survive and acclimate in that environment. Daly City also has the largest human population in San Mateo County, which creates the need for insightful handling by the city government of potential conflict situations. Dana Smith has a wealth of Sierra Club experience in dealing with wildlife issues as well as excellent alignment with all Club development policies. She also has solid political experience as an elected member of the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee and well merits our endorsement.

Glenn Sylvester’s background as a Daly City Planning Commissioner has given him insight to the need to carefully plan new dense development only in transit-rich locations because putting it elsewhere just adds to greenhouse gas production. Glenn’s collegial manner should also work well with all members of the Council, and we therefore endorse his candidacy.

www.glennsylvester.org

HALF MOON BAY

Adam Eisen and Harvey Rarback to Get Half Moon Bay Back on Track

by Half Moon Bay Endorsement Team

The biggest land use controversy on Half Moon Bay’s horizon is the ongoing Update of the General Plan – Local Coastal Program. It got off to a raucous start last year when outside consultants produced a draft plan that looked like a 1950s sprawl vision. Adam Eisen and Harvey Rarback were among the community leaders who galvanized successful resident pushback against that version, but the process is far from finished. The Sierra Club believes their election is necessary to complete the Update as it is intended — to improve the protection of the Half Moon Bay environment and coastal access. www.adameisen.com http://HarveyRarback.com

PACIFICA

Deirdre Martin for a Better Pacifica Future

by Ken King, Team Leader

Deirdre Martin, along with her MBA in management, is passionate about solving Pacifica’s environmental problems. Long an activist promoting clean-up days and a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, she wants to change the city’s direction away from mindless development. Tipping the council toward an environmentally savvy majority will finally end the useless and expensive Calera Parkway Highway 1 widening project, which our chapter strongly opposes. Deirdre has a realistic view about making key decisions and investments to skillfully manage retreat in the city’s low-lying area facing inevitable sea level rise, which the development faction myopically asserts is not a problem.

www.deirdre4council.org

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

CAMPBELL

Donald Young for Campbell City Council

The Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club is excited to endorse Donald Young for Campbell’s city council. Donald understands how important leadership is in creating sustainable communities and is well prepared to help the city address issues from climate change to water supply. In his professional life, Donald has over 15 years experience in sustainable designs in business facilities and practices. He supports making solar more accessible throughout Campbell and will work well with the community on getting transit-oriented-development right. Donald is focused on making Campbell a great place to live and working well with neighboring communities to ensure everyone benefits from growth. Please vote for Donald this fall.

CUPERTINO

Cupertino City Council Candidates Provide Environmental Leadership for the Whole Valley

Incumbent Mayor Rod Sinks provides the City with reasoned and able administration during a period of contentious debate about growth. The whole of Santa Clara Valley is fortunate to have his courage and leadership pushing for a transit alternative to automobiles in the HWY 85 corridor, Community Choice Clean Energy, and stringent air quality standards as a member of the Bay Area Quality Management District Board. Learn more about Mayor Rod Sinks’ record of accomplishments and goals at http://rodsinks.com/.

With two seats available, we are fortunate to have another outstanding candidate for Cupertino City Council, David Fung. David’s brilliance contributed to the development of the Mac II computer and now he is applying his talent to City governance. Mr. Fung has been serving...
on the Cupertino Parks & Recreation Commission, where he has expanded his understanding of community needs and environment concerns. Despite David’s lofty intellect, he is a down to earth guy. You can find him on social media and visit his website at www.fungscp.com.

GILROY

Dan Harney, Fred Tovar and Tom Fischer for Gilroy City Council

Since his appointment to the Gilroy City Council in January, Daniel Harney has been an active participant on the Council – studying, asking questions, and not just accepting staff recommendations. He supported Community Choice Energy for the City and is on the Board of Directors of Silicon Valley Clean Energy. Daniel is dedicated to the continuation of water conservation for residents and business. He also wants to concentrate efforts on land use solutions to decrease Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Gilroy Unified School District Board President Fred Tovar has a good reputation on the School Board. He supports Measure H Urban Growth Boundary Initiative and wants the City to consider other alternatives before annexation of new areas. He also wants to increase education and outreach to improve water conservation and waste recycling efforts in the community. Other environmental priorities include more focus on transit, planning for transit-oriented and affordable housing, and access to parks and trails.

Planning Commissioner Tom Fischer has an excellent grasp of the issues in Gilroy and is knowledgeable about environmental and development regulations. Serving on the Commission since 2011, Tom has supported environmental positions with respect to growth/annexation. Regrettably, recent Planning Commission recommendations were overturned by the City Council. Air pollution and water conservation are among his top concerns, and he agrees that Gilroy should join the Open Space Authority.

LOS ALTO HILLS

Two Endorsements for Los Altos Hills Town Council

by Kit Gordon, volunteer

For over ten years Roger Spreen served as Chair of the Town’s Open Space Committee, directly working to preserve the Town’s natural resources. He advocated to protect creeks and riparian areas from encroaching development, defend heritage oak trees from being removed due to excessive house designs, assure wildlife corridors could not be blocked by residential fencing.

Under Roger’s chairmanship, the Open Space Committee secured Town funds to restore the Town’s major Open Spaces. Now in its 3rd year, this program has made significant strides in removing invasive weeds and expanding native grasses in areas of Byrne Preserve. Most importantly, it has involved Town residents and local school groups in this effort, increasing community knowledge and support for such efforts.

Roger is proud of working directly with environmental pioneer Lois Crozier Hogle to help her protect her lands, a unique, stunning 11-acre property in the hills next to Stanford, by creating a unique, customized conservation easement.

www.spreenforcouncil.com

LOS ALTOS

Jan Pepper, Clean Energy Hero for Los Altos City Council

By Cheryl Weiden, PRG ExCom

Jan Pepper, incumbent, is a strong supporter of the Community Choice Aggregation method for renewable energy. She is Chief Executive Officer of the San Mateo County Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) Joint Powers Authority (JPA). She led the council discussion to have Los Altos join the CCA for Santa Clara County. She supported Los Altos’ reusable bag ordinance in 2013 and the reduction in the city’s water use during the drought. With transportation being one of the highest contributors to GHG emissions in Los Altos, she supports installing additional EV charging stations, moving more of the city fleet to clean vehicles, and encouraging more biking and walking of residents through implementation of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plans. http://pepperforcouncil.com
Montano for Mayor, Ali-Santosa and Teirnan for Milpitas City Council

City Council Member and Vice Mayor Carmen Montano has a reputation for being on the side of the community. She cares about environmental issues, especially environmental justice. For example, she is a long-time supporter of the urban growth boundary to prevent hillside development. She also supports inclusionary zoning for affordable housing, and sees a need to reduce traffic and GHG emissions. Among her top projects would be providing affordable housing and improving transit and bicycle infrastructure.

Milpitas School Board President Gwan Ali-Santosa understands city government and has a good record of achievement on the School Board. In particular, he supported the Board’s efforts to reduce paper waste by converting the Board to paperless agendas and providing tablets in classrooms. Environmental issues that he is interested in include reducing waste, energy efficiency, water conservation, and protecting hillside development. He has supported these goals and has had considerable institutional memory and acumen to serve as Council member.

Former Planning Commissioner Mark Tiernan has an excellent grasp of the issues in Milpitas and is knowledgeable about environmental and development regulations. Environmental issues that he is interested in are climate change and implementation of the Milpitas Climate Action Plan (hiring a Sustainability Manager), waste reduction, and upgraded green building standards. He is endorsed by State Senator Bob Wieckowski who has an excellent environmental voting record, and by former Milpitas mayors Pete McHugh and Henry Manayan.

Rene Spring: True Commitment to Environmental Progress for Morgan Hill City Council

Morgan Hill Planning Commissioner Rene Spring has not been timid about leading Morgan Hill towards environmental sustainability. He was the lone voice on the Planning Commission in opposition to the City’s desire to annex and sprawl into the prime farmlands of the Southeast Quadrant. And, he alone opposed the Edmundson-Oak Meadows project, which also required annexation based on the effect it would have on a rural, grazing land, hillside area. He has worked to slow the City’s rapid growth, and others are now following his lead. Learn more about his vision at http://SpringforCouncil.org.

Vote for a strong environmental Mountain View Council

by Gita Dee, Co-Chair Peninsula Regional Group

Margaret Abe-Koga showed real leadership while serving on the Mountain View Council and has been a leading advocate for sustainability and higher green standards. She brings deep knowledge of and experience in steering the issues of growth, transportation, and housing at a time when Mountain View is experiencing very rapid growth. We endorse her once again.

Lisa Matichak brings invaluable experience on the Planning Commission, adeptly balancing rapid growth with quality of life issues. Committed to sustainability, growth, and protection of the environment, she has the experience to guide the City well in the coming years of growth. Lisa participates in our Chapter’s Environmental Stewardship Program.

Incumbent John McAlister has always been strong in promoting sustainable strategies and smart growth, while looking out for the little guy. An ardent advocate of regional sustainable transportation solutions, he founded the North/South County Cities Coalition that works to improve VTA and has actively worked on all the City’s green strategies.

Incumbent Chris Clark brings his strong sustainability convictions and planning commission experience to inform his decisions. We can count on him for protection of Mountain View’s Shoreline Park in North Bayshore as this area is transformed by explosive growth. His experience on smart growth, transportation solutions, and alternative energy will be invaluable.

Keller, Stone, Kniss and Kouv for Palo Alto City Council

By Mike Ferreira, Sue Chou, Ginny Laidl and Dave Olsen

Arthur Keller is well informed about Palo Alto. He has served two terms on the Planning and Transportation Commission and is currently the co-chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee on the Comprehensive Plan Update. Arthur recognizes that Palo Alto needs some more housing but also advocates for managing growth by limiting other development until housing becomes credibly available. He is also for enhancing the city infrastructure to support more electric vehicles. Arthur is a PhD data scientist and advisor to several companies. www.arthureller.com.

Greer Stone is the current chairman of the Palo Alto Human Relations Commission. Greer advocates limiting office growth, preserving and expanding retail space and promoting more affordable housing. He is also consistent that Transportation Demand Management actions must reduce traffic before additional commercial development is allowed. Greer has gained insight into the diverse elements of Palo Alto’s population during his role as a Human Relations Commissioner, and this will provide valuable perspective to City Council deliberations. www.greerstone.com.

Incumbent Liz Kniss has been a supporter of environmental issues many times in her long elected career. She has served as a previous Palo Alto mayor as well as Santa Clara County Supervisor. She has had many legislative successes in her career and brings considerable institutional memory and acumen to the role of Council member. www.lizkniss.com.

Lydia Kou almost won a seat on the council in the last election in 2014. She’s a realtor and an active community volunteer who advocates for listening closely to what residents want. She believes that growth should be managed.
in a way that provides/preserves community, environment, and quality of life. She would also like to see more technol-
gy developed to better support Transportation Demand Management and wants to retain green spaces and trees in
Palo Alto by paying attention to the health of this valuable aspect of the City’s persona. www.lydiakou.com

SAN JOSE

Chapman for San Jose City Council, District 6

Helen Chapman’s experience as a local environmental leader is extensive. She has served on the board of Committee for Green Foothills, as San José Parks Commissioner, and is a cofounder of the San José Parks Foundation. She led efforts to raise the fees of San José’s Parkland Dedication Ordinance, giving San José millions of dollars of land acquisition for parks and trails. She is a member of the Democratic Party Environmental Caucus and has worked closely with organizations such as Greenbelt Alliance, Open Space Authority, CalSJ, Save Our Trails, and will likely be Sierra Club’s best friend on the Council.

San Jose City Council District #2

Needs Sergio Jimenez

by Katja Irvin - Team Leader

Sergio Jimenez has a strong background in public policy and community service. He works for the County Public Defender as an investigator and is currently Chair of the San José Parks & Recreation Commission. Seeing a need to activate his community, he also founded the Oak Grove Neighborhood Association. This experience makes Jimenez particularly well placed to be an effective Councilmember for District 2, with excellent knowledge of climate change and environmental policy, he demonstrates a commitment to true workable solutions. Well known for his input at Council meetings, Suds will provide unique strength and experience to Council at a critical juncture. "A candidate as impressive as Jimenez — deserves a place on this council, and soon." —San Jose Mercury News

www.sudsjain4council.com

Barbara Mathewson for Midcoast Community Council (MCC)

by MCC Endorsement Team

The Midcoast Community Council's official role is to be advisory to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. It is that and more. Thanks to the energy and perseverance of its elected members, it has become an influential gathering place for the Coastside community at which issues of importance - many of them environmental - are presented and debated. The MCC’s service as an issue conduit to the Coastside exceeds that of most City Councils. It is with that in mind that we recommend Barbara Mathewson as an addition to the MCC due to her willingness to engage with residents, gather their environmental input, and carry it forward.

SUNNYVALE

Sunnyvale’s Dynamic Duo: Incumbent Tara Martin-Milius (seat 7) and Nancy Smith (seat 6)

Sunnyvale Council member Tara Martin-Milius stands out for her proven record of advocacy for our environment—from the dais and behind the scenes. She was the driving force behind the bird-safe building ordinance, our clear-cutting resolution, and joining the Leigh Cemetery. Tara consistently votes for the environment, from zero waste to bike lanes and quality public transit to divestment. She pushes for aggressive climate action. She strongly supports Community Choice, serving as Sunnyvale’s alternate on our CCE board. Tara envisions going beyond sustainability to regeneration, beyond net zero to net positive. The Club enthusiastically endorses this staunch environmentalist for re-election.

A manager at Nvidia, Nancy Smith has worked with corporate leaders to launch programs such as a transportation and Green2Work initiative to reduce employees’ carbon footprint. While serving as Chair of the Santa Clara County Water and Environmental Resources Committee, Nancy formed working groups to address environmental issues and to come up with humane solutions to the problems faced by the homeless population of Coyote Creek. She has lobbied successfully to protect and restore habitat for fish populations, initiated programs to encourage ethical corporate behavior, and used public forums to educate people about the importance of environmental and social justice. A vote for Nancy is a vote for the environment and for social equity in Sunnyvale.

SARATOGA

Capello and Smullen for Saratoga Town Council

The Sierra Club is pleased to support Dede Smullen and Manny Capello for Saratoga town council. Manny Capello is currently serving as mayor and has shown good leadership. Dede has been on the planning commission for many years and is articulate, dedicated to the environment, and to her community. Both expressed a deep concern about climate change, energy usage, zero-waste, water conservation, need for substantial setbacks from creeks, and the need to improve public transit. Dede and Manny see the public transit issues as important for their aging population as well as a conservation issue. Please join us and vote for these two great environmental leaders.

SANTA CLARA

Support a Green and Open Council in Santa Clara!

by Gita Dev - Co-Chair Peninsula Regional Group

Raj Chahal (Seat 4) brings freshness and energy to his support of open space issues, recreation, and community involvement in the City’s future. His background in science and management makes him adept at dealing with complex city governance. Combined with his community service and Planning Commission experience, he brings depth and experience to running the City effectively for the residents. www.rajforsantaclara.com

Suds Jain (Seat 6) has our wholehearted support as he walks and talks his thoughtful commitment to a greener future for our planet. With many years on the planning commission, community service, and a deep working knowledge of climate change and environmental policy, he demonstrates a commitment to true workable solutions. Well known for his input at Council meetings, Suds will provide unique strength and experience to Council at a critical juncture. "A candidate as impressive as Jain — deserves a place on this council, and soon." —San Jose Mercury News

www.sudsjain4council.com

Barbara Mathewson – Santa Clara Open Space Authority District #4

Dorsey Moore should continue to serve on the board of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority. The Sierra Club enthusiastically endorses his candidacy in the District 4 race. Dorsey has been a passionate and effective environmental leader in Santa Clara County for decades. As the current chair of the Open Space Authority, Dorsey has strongly advocated for connecting urban populations with the Authority’s preserves. Dorsey has been at the forefront of working with...
the Santa Clara Valley Water District to identify ways that the two agencies can work together to secure Santa Clara County's water supply. Dorsey's political experience, long time community leadership, and genuine passion for the environment and community of Santa Clara County demonstrate what an exceptional leader he is. Please join us and vote for Dorsey Moore in November.

San Mateo County Harbor District
Will Be Well Served By Sabrina Brennan and Ed Larenas

By Mike Ferreira, Loma Prieta Chapter Chair

We have a long and proud history of working together with Ed Larenas in his role as a dedicated leader of the Surfrider Foundation, and we look forward to supporting Ed once he is elected to the 2-year seat on the board. We believe Ed's proven leadership on important coastal environmental and access issues will greatly benefit the District and bring it to the forefront of such districts on the California coast. http://edlarenas.com

By Gladwyn d'Souza, Chapter Transportation Chair

Boyd, Slater-Carter for Continued Progress at Montara Water & Sanitary District (MWSD)

By Loma Prieta MWSD Endorsement Team

A few board members of special districts can claim the environmental and infrastructure progress that Scott Boyd and Kathryn Slater-Carter can justifiably claim for their service to their community during their terms on the Montara Water And Sanitary District. From their brilliantly strategized takeover of a decrepit private water system to subsequently upgrading the system on both a quality and quantity standpoint, all the while fending off the political machinations of neighboring districts trying to poach on their success, the residents of Montara and Moss Beach have much to thank Scott and Kathryn for. The Sierra Club appreciates that they also brought the District into compliance with the California Coastal Commission’s permitting process. They richly deserve our endorsement.

Help Our Candidates Win

It is critical that we do all we can to help our candidates win. Our own health and the health of our ecosystems depend on our actions. Making sure that environmental champions are the key decision makers will go a long way toward ensuring that our planet is healthy and sustainable! You can make a difference by contacting the Sierra Club’s endorsed candidates and volunteering your time. Please call or email our chapter office to obtain contact information on our candidates: James Eggers, Chapter Director; james.eggers@sierraclub.org 650-390-8411

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Yes on K for Affordability and Quality of Life

By Julia Betti, Co-chair Yes on K in San Mateo County

Measure K extends Measure A, overwhelmingly approved by San Mateo County voters, to continue providing locally controlled funding for services important to the Sierra Club. These include public transportation for seniors, youth and others; school gardens and environmental education; programs to reduce our carbon footprint and address sea level rise and efforts to improve our city and county parks, including the Devil’s Slide Trail. In addition, Measure K can address our growing affordability challenges in San Mateo County that are forcing too many of our neighbors to leave. Vote YES on K.

No on Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Measure B (30 year sales tax extension)

By Gladwyn d'Souza, Chapter Transportation Chair

Measure B is a $6.68 doubling of the sales tax to fund road expansion and BART extension in Santa Clara County. It will do very little to lower our carbon footprint. Let’s not lock in archaic solutions for 30 years. We can do better.

STATE ASSEMBLY SEATS

Sierra Club Endorses Vicki Veenker for Assembly District 24

by Chapter Political Committee

California needs legislators that will take action on environmental issues and protect the long-term health of our air, water and natural surroundings. Vicki Veenker is a strong environmental candidate for the Assembly District 24 seat left open by termed out Assemblyman Rich Gordon. Veenker promises to be a reliable supporter of environmental issues in the Assembly. She is opposed to the Twin Tunnel project that proponents call the “California Water Fix.” She understands the urgency of acting against climate change, the importance of defending CEQA and the foolishness of injecting oil waste into our fresh water aquifers. Veenker’s legal background and long interest in public policy will serve her well in the Assembly. She’s been recognized as an exceptional patent attorney and has served as the President of the Board of the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, which offers free legal services to low income clients and fights poverty. Vicki has also leads the Foreign Policy Association’s Great Decisions discussion series by recruiting speakers to provide community education. The Sierra Club joins many others in endorsing Veenker as a strong candidate for the Assembly District 24 seat, including numerous city council members and community leaders and civic groups. See her web site for the list. vickiforassembly.com

Ash Kalra for Assembly District 27

By Chapter Political Committee

If asked for a very brief description of Ash Kalra the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter Political Committee would have to say “Stand Up Guy” — because when it comes to environmental issues especially that is exactly what he is. We have long admired his dedication to doing the right thing and Santa Clara County will be very well served by such a principled representative in the State legislature.

Ash has dedicated his life to public service. He has served on the San Jose City Council since 2008. Prior to the Council, Ash was an attorney at the Santa Clara County Public Defender’s Office for 11 years. In addition to these positions, Ash has been a teacher, sat on numerous boards and commissions, and has received a number of awards for his leadership and work. He is running to become the next State Assemblymember for District 27 because he wants to make a difference again and be a champion for transit, safety, the environment and the people of Santa Clara County. Ash not only “gets it” — he “gets it quick.” He has a rare ability to delve into complicated issues and come up with the right answer. Voters who have concerns about California’s environment would do well to send Ash Kalra to Sacramento where he would be a standout — as well as stand up — representative. www.akalra.com/

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Vote NO on Measure B: Sales Tax to Fund VTA Projects

Measure B seeks to lock an obsolete direction in place for 30 years by nearly doubling the transportation portion of the sales tax. We need to vote No because the current failed strategy requires that we establish a new direction, one that we can trust before doubling the transportation portion of the sales tax—such as the direction in which the City of São Paulo and Portland have pursued.

How do you like being stuck in increasing traffic every day? What’s it like to try to make the close of your day clear of the daily grinds of traffic? Yet here is the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) asking us yet again to nearly double the transportation portion of the sales tax. Yes, the VTA is already asking for a new direction for reducing traffic congestion before we agree to double the transportation portion of the sales tax.

Past measures clearly reveal a failed strategy. The average bond, 30 years, VTA has built three new freeways—highways 85, 87, and 237—and yet voters today are grid-locked on these new freeways. Furthermore, VTA has a history of offering one set of projects and doing something else with the money. Look at the Morrison-Wellstone bond, approved by the measure in 2000, and what has transpired in reality:

- Connect BART to Milpitas, San Jose, & Santa Clara: Straightforward, right? The project was cut in half and has not yet been completed. In fact not one segment has opened!
- New light rail corridors throughout Santa Clara County were cancelled. Until a few weeks ago, VTA wanted to replace the center of Hwy 85 with express lanes. The space has been reserved for right lane. Only a lawsuit by Caperoni, Los Gatos, and Saratoga forced them to remove this option from Measure B. Light rail is a perfect example of squandered billions and strong and binding rules to address conservation challenges like illegal timber and wildlife trade, its rules will likely be too weak to have an impact on the ground and are unlikely to be enforced, rendering the section essentially meaningless.
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Helen Chapman: San Jose's Progressive Environmental Champion

by the Climate Action Leadership Team (CALT)

Just imagine this scenario—a foreign company descends upon a city in the Bay Area and decides to extract in fossil fuel extraction. The city抵挡s to the company’s plans and the city threatens a multilateral cooperation tribunal to adjudicate because the US has signed a free trade agreement with that country. The city successfully declares that the Bay Area city has impeded the company’s “investment opportunity” in the US and awards $800 million in compensatory damages to the company. The city faces years of litigation and possible bankruptcy.

The above hypothetical scenario is not so farfetched. In fact, it is happening right now. Trans-Canada, the company that would have profited from the Keystone XL Pipeline, is using the US government under NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) for 1.5 billion in compensatory damages because our government rejected the pipeline. Right now, the Trans-Pacific Partnership or TPP involves 12 countries and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership or TTIP (8 European Union countries) threaten to make the above scenario a pervasive reality.

In brief, these "Free Trade" agreements work to eliminate tariffs and to undermine federal, state, and local sovereignty, so that multinational corporations can reign supreme. These agreements encourage multinational companies to seek quick, cheap labor among member nations and to act with impunity when faced with regulations, since they have the backing of all-powerful multinationals.

For the environment, the consequences of TPP and TTIP will be devastating. Silicon Valley National strongly opposes the TPP and has listed the following as the main reasons why we have to defeat it:

- **Extreme Secrecy.** The TPP negotiations took place in extreme secrecy. Public input was drowned out by dominant corporate input—more than 600 corporate advisors actively worked to shape the agreement while the public was left in the dark.
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