LOCAL BALLOT MEASURE REVIEW FORM

Instructions: Sierra Club endorsement of or opposition to a city, county or district ballot measure requires decisions both at the chapter and State level. To request Local Ballot Measure Review Committee approval for a position, fill out this form and submit it by e-mail, together with a copy of the ballot measure, to all of the individuals listed on the last page of this form.

Members of the review committee will check to see that your proposed action is consistent with Sierra Club policies and procedures. You should receive a response from the committee about the review process in about two working days. However, it is wise to allow several weeks for the approval process in case there is significant controversy over a proposed position.

Please note that any fund-raising or expenditures by the Sierra Club in connection with a proposition, initiative, or referendum must be separately approved in advance, as described at the end of this form.

Thank you for your work to give the Sierra Club an effective voice,
Steve Birdlebough, Chair

Date: ___/___/___ Chapter submitting: ___________________

Descriptive Title of ballot measure: __________________________________________

Summary (or attach materials such as ballot arguments):

City, County, or Special District involved: ________________________________

Election date for vote on measure: ___/___/___

Proposed Position: Support __ Oppose__ Date of Chapter vote: ___/___/___

Chapter Vote on its recommendation: Yes: __ No: __ Abstain: __ Absent: __ Recuse: ___

Which Sierra Club Policies were reviewed in considering whether to recommend a position? (Quote relevant parts, and use a separate sheet if necessary.)

Group or section involved, if any: ____________________ Date of vote: ___/___/___

Group or Section Vote: Yes: __ No: __ Abstain: __ Absent: __ Recuse: ___

If two or more people voted “No” describe the basis for dissent - use a separate sheet if necessary, and include names and contact information for dissenting members:
Describe chapter campaign plans and attach samples of proposed publicity regarding the measure (press releases, op-ed articles, ballot arguments, etc.)

Your chapter spokesperson on this measure:

Name: 
E-mail address: Mailing address: 
Home phone: Work phone: 

Please e-mail this form together with a copy of the ballot measure and all other supporting materials to the below individuals. Any questions or concerns may be addressed to the chair.

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NOTE: Please observe the following requirements if your chapter, group, or section plans to raise or spend money on any local ballot measures!

Election campaign contributions and fundraising (including staff activity) are governed by State and federal regulations. Sierra Club California and all chapters are collectively restricted by tight spending limits and reporting requirements. No Club funding for any local ballot measure may be undertaken without advance authorization by Sierra Club California. Contact Executive Director Kathryn Phillips (916-893-8494) or Compliance Officer Ruth Muzzin (415-834-3818) for advice and e-mail all plans for Sierra Club election fundraising or contributions (including staff activity) to them, and to the National Compliance Team.

The chapters and Sierra Club California may not spend $50,000 or more in total Club funds on state/local ballot measures in California this year, or $100,000 or more in any 4-year period. This includes in-kind contributions like staff time. Exceptions to this rule include money spent on member communications; and staff time for people who dedicate less than 10% of their time per month on CA state/local ballot measures.