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## **SIERRA CLUB ENDORSES DEBBIE COOK** **Conservation Group Praises Work to Protect California's Environment**

The Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club today announced the national Sierra Club's endorsement of Huntington Beach Mayor Debbie Cook in the 2008 election. The Angeles Chapter spans the areas of Los Angeles and Orange County.

"We are very pleased to announce today that the Sierra Club officially endorses Debbie Cook for the 46<sup>th</sup> Congressional District," said Susana Reyes, Co-Chair of the Los Angeles Political Committee. "We are confident that she will continue work to protect California's environment, for our families and for our future."

Debbie worked to protect the special habitat of Bolsa Chica Wetlands. She has been actively supportive of clean beaches, safe drinking water, and parks. She helped lead the fight to prevent massive dumping of partially treated wastewater into the ocean, and educated others of the folly of a proposed ocean desalination plant. In 2007, she co-sponsored with only six other cities in Orange County to join the U.S. Mayor's Agreement on Global Warming. She has worked on the international stage to educate the public and policy makers about peak oil and the resultant challenges for local government and citizens.

"We are deeply grateful to Debbie Cook for her work as Chair of the Southern California Association of Governments' Energy and Environment Committee, where she guided energy and transportation policies that take into account greenhouse gas emissions" said Stephanie Pacheco, Vice-Chair of the Orange County Political Committee. "She is a true environmental champion who not only votes correctly on environmental issues, but also leads the fight to protect both California and U.S. clean air, clean water and special places."

Along with the endorsement, the Sierra Club will lend its volunteer strength to Debbie Cook's campaign.

"We pledge to do all we can to help ensure Mayor Debbie Cook is elected," concluded Carole Mintzer, Chair of the Orange County Political Committee. "Scores of Sierra Club volunteers will contact voters on her behalf and we will speak to the public as often as possible about her exemplary environmental record. We look forward to a victory party for the environment on election night and to many years of Debbie fighting for the environment as a U.S. Representative."

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