

Airport Marina Candidate Statements  
election year 2020

Candidate Statements are in Ballot Order (top to bottom)

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Miriam Faugno

Miriam Faugno has lived in Playa del Rey for 11 years, having been drawn to the area by the sight of the Ballona Wetlands and the wildlife who call it home.

Prior to that she lived in Jersey City Heights, NJ where with ten others, she helped save an endangered 13-acre unused spring-fed reservoir [<https://www.jcreservoir.com/>] that is no longer threatened with becoming a parking lot but is now a protected State entity and brings Nature to an Urban environment.

Professionally she has been a NYC HS Waldorf English and Drama teacher, and art editor for Parabola Magazine.

She has served on the Airport-Marina Sierra Club Executive Committee Board for 6 years and is so grateful for our fellow members' work.

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Kathy Knight

I grew up in West Los Angeles and loved the ocean. I volunteered with the Sierra Club in 1992 to save the Ballona Wetlands from the Playa Vista development. Over 95% of our coastal wetlands have been destroyed. I helped Club member, Patricia McPherson, get the word out about oilfield gas at the PV site including west of Lincoln Blvd. When the City banned development west of Lincoln due to gas, Playa Vista became a willing seller to the State of California in 2003. Public involvement has saved over 600 acres.

I want to continue to serve on the AM Group Ex-Com to continue our work to stop proposed massive bulldozing of the Ballona Ecological Reserve to change it into a saltwater bay. My goal is to restore it to the freshwater wetland that it is, and to protect the wonderful wildlife from being killed by bulldozers.

I feel qualified for this position because I have been Chair of the Airport Marina Group for the past 2 years and served as the AM Group Conservation Chair before that. I have attended many seminars/meetings in the past 25 years about coastal wetlands. I received an Angeles Chapter Conservation Award in 2019.

I am a social worker by profession. I left my social work job protecting children in 1995 to work on protecting the wildlife of Ballona.

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