

## Candidates for the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee

### Bettie Pearson



I am incumbent. If elected, this will be my second term.

Aside from volunteering and participating in chapter-based activities, my roles in the Sierra Club are through the Crescenta Valley (“CV”) Group. I lead day hikes and backpacking trips; prior to becoming an ExCom member, I was the alternate to ExCom for the CV group; I am the representative to the Conservation Committee, and I am the publisher of our monthly newsletter.

Community participation include my serving as an official volunteer for Glendale’s Parks and Recreation Department as well as city volunteers in the Verdugo Mountains Experimental Forest planting and watering saplings and participating in trail maintenance.

I promote the good works of the Club, and I invite others to join so that we can all have a voice in fresh air, clear water, and open space.

### Eduardo Cisneros



Climate change is the existential crisis of our age. As a member of the ExCom, I won’t lose sight of this as we work to build on the Chapter’s mission of protecting and preserving our environment for our enjoyment. Additionally, I will work to ensure our movement is diverse and inclusive as this is critical to solving the climate change crisis and key to the Chapter’s success.

I am a Latinx millennial and a proud native Angeleno. I was raised in the Gateway Cities region of the city in Huntington Park, an income- and park-poor city directly adjacent to the exclusively industrial City of Vernon that has long led in environmental justice advocacy.

Environmentalism and social justice activism is at my core. I also served in the Obama Administration and have extensive experience in organizing, activism, and advocacy, and look forward to bringing this experience to the Angeles Chapter.

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### Juana Torres



Dear Sierra Club Family, I'm honored to be a nominee!

My Sierra Club story starts in college when I joined my first group hike. That day I not only hiked and made new friends, but also learned the value of introducing people to the great outdoors.

After that day I wanted more than just to hike, so after college I set out to find a job with the organization. At the time, the National Field Office was hiring an organizer to work on local forest issues. I was hired and for the next 13 years I organized and raised funds to meet the Club's objectives.

Today, I'm running for ExCom because I love the Club and because I feel that my experience as an organizer/fundraiser could help the Chapter. If elected, I'll bring a fresh, organizer's approach to the Chapter's campaigns and I will assist with fundraising. Thanks!

### Debbie Drezner



I am running for a second term as an at-large member of the Angeles Chapter's Executive Committee. I recently retired from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California where I worked on projects related to endangered species, wetlands and the California Environmental Quality Act. I am also a professional mediator and mediate workplace disputes in the Postal Service, Transportation Security Administration and Los Angeles County's Department of Consumer and Business Affairs. One of my goals as a member of the executive committee is to strengthen the club by helping improve interactions among members when needed. To this end, I am currently a member of the Angeles Chapter's conflict resolution committee. I believe it is possible to find productive ways to communicate and work together while acknowledging difference, in accordance with club goals for equity, diversity and inclusion. I look forward to future opportunities to serve the Sierra Club.

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### Liliana Griego



I am passionate about advocating for local environmental awareness because growing up in Los Angeles, I never knew about the mountains that served as the backdrop to my city until I became involved with the Sierra Club. Since then, I have completed the Sierra Club's Wilderness Travel Course and several advocacy trainings, joined the Forest Committee, and partnered with the Sierra Club's Inspiring Connections Outdoors program.

I am committed to the Sierra Club's mission and working to create a more influential and inclusive Angeles Chapter by advocating for an integrative approach to address regional social and economic challenges. As a woman of color on the Executive Committee, I will partner with organizations that empower emerging environmental stewards and underrepresented communities, which the Sierra Club should involve. If you are striving for a sustainable, resilient, and inclusive community, then I ask for your vote so that we can achieve these aspirations together.

### Joy Cernac



As a thirteen-year Westside resident of LA, an Environmental Studies graduate of Oberlin College and having fifteen years' experience as an environmental professional, I am running for a second term on the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club's Executive Committee. Currently, I am serving my third term on the West LA Group of the Sierra Club's Management Committee, where I have served as Captain of our Coastal Clean-up Day site at Baldwin Hills Overlook for five years, pioneered a Water Resource Fair to combat the drought, as well as advocated for a storm water & urban runoff infiltration basin and for a Styrofoam ban in Culver City, among other activities. I take pride in the diverse terrain and makeup of the Los Angeles County community. Together with members of the Sierra Club, I endeavor to connect our residents with the natural world and each other to a much greater extent.