



David Morrow

I am writing this candidate statement on day two of what is forecast to be an extended, ten-day heat wave in Southern California. It reminds me, fellow Sierra Club members, that we are deep in a climate crisis and I want to be your representative on the Chapter ExCom to push for faster action on this threat. We need solar panels on every rooftop. Improving mass transit remains a priority but, for now, commuters will still drive by private vehicle, so we need effective incentives for commuters, especially those living in outlying areas such as the Antelope Valley and Inland Empire, to purchase EVs. Chronic drought requires us to adopt ways to conserve water, including landscaping with native plants.

I joined the Sierra Club member 35 years and have been with the Santa Clarita Group for 21 years and have led several hundred hikes. I have been the Group's Outings Committee chair since 2017. Before that, I was the Santa Clarita Valley Group chair for 11 years. I routinely attend the chapter's Outings Management Committee meetings and am familiar with the needs and concerns facing our chapter's outings program. Climate change through drought and fire is having a devastating effect on the lands where we recreate. We used to cross-country ski on Mt. Pinos but there hasn't been a decent snowpack there in years. The Sierras have lost tens of millions of trees from drought and disease. High country lakes are becoming stagnant by late summer. Forests in the Angeles National Forest are in danger of converting to brush. The continued success of our outings program depends on how we deal with the climate crisis and save nature, and us.

On a personal note, I am a family physician and have practiced in Santa Clarita for the past 22 years. I chaired a corporate risk and safety committee for several years and understand the fundamental need for safety in our outings program. I have volunteered at our local homeless shelter and a local program for homeless families.

Finally, we all know that the Club needs a more diverse and active membership to sustain it into the future and I see it happening. We can accelerate this with better branding and advertising.



Sherri Sisson

I would like to serve on the Los Angeles Chapter Executive Committee as an at-large member. As an active hiker as this is an important part of the Sierra Club. John Muir fell in love with the West by walking in the wilderness. For the last 10 years ,I have walked and lead hikes with the Orange County Sierra Club (OCSC). I too have fallen in love with the beauty of this land and the plants and animals that live here. I volunteer with Orange County Parks and am the Outing Chair for OCSC as well as a current member of the Orange County Group ExComm. Currently, we are faced with global warming, scarce water, and a rising cost of living. Getting out and walking in wild places in groups is great for our mental health and reminds us why we need to protect open spaces. The Sierra Club encourages people to hike with us, teaches safety and has a leave no trace ethos, and advocates for a love of these open spaces.



Anneliese Piñeda Klein

We live in a time of great urgency to achieve net zero and reduce the impacts of climate change and degradation on our environment. It is real and is impacting everyone. With this in mind, I intend to lead responsibly and engage and embrace everyone. As your candidate for the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee of the Sierra Club, I am committed to working earnestly to protect our environment and create a more inclusive and diverse membership. My record of working in environmental justice and as a Sierra Club leader is proof of my impact and dedication.

In 2021, I served as co-Chair of the Chapter's Communications Committee. I co-led a large team across multiple communication platforms (social media, web, and email). During my tenure, I created teams and established consistent processes from scratch, dramatically increasing our content creation and reach, and broadening our target audiences. I understand the value of bilingual content and worked to increase public-facing content offered in Spanish to better represent and engage with local communities that are largely Latinx.

In my day job, I am a digital Product Designer working on a digital communications platform. My job entails problem-solving and digging deep to the root of problems to understand how to develop sustainable solutions. I believe in understanding the "why" in problems that plague people, groups, and organizations. It is this mentality, advocacy, and set of skills that I bring to my environmental justice work as well.

I am a long-time sustainability and environmental justice advocate and supporter. From my early days volunteering with Sustainable South Bronx (NYC), City Harvest (NYC), and Catalytic Communities (Rio de Janeiro), I have experience advocating for communities that are diverse in terms of socio-economics, language, race, and ethnicity - communities that are critical to advancing the mission of the Sierra Club.

I also have governance experience, having recently completed a two-year term on the board of the Wellesley Club of Los Angeles where I served as Secretary.

As a Member-at-Large of ExCom, I would actively work to fulfill the mission of the Sierra Club, diversify our membership, help with fundraising, engage with overlooked communities, increase the accessibility of information to Sierra Club members and non-members and serve on committees such as the Equity Advisory Group. I am ready to dedicate myself to the Executive Committee of the Angeles Chapter and hope I can count on your vote.



Lynne Plambeck

As a Club member and activist for many years, I have held several positions at all levels of the Sierra Club, including group and Chapter Conservation Chair, Chapter Treasurer, ExCom member, Regional Delegate, and member of the State Executive Committee, giving me a unique perspective on how the Club functions and a vision for new avenues to accomplish the Chapter's goals. I am currently an Excom member and secretary of the conservation committee.

I have focused my local activism on saving Los Angeles County's last free-flowing river, the Santa Clara, along with native oaks and fighting urban sprawl, especially the 21,000-unit Newhall Ranch mega-development. I have also worked to ensure a healthy and clean water supply for my community. Through my conservation work, I have organized tours of the river, rallies, information booths, written comment letters, turned out people for hearings, designed brochures, and run for office to raise awareness. These activities provide experiences that I want to share in my efforts to enhance the Chapter's visibility and viability. In 2007, I received a National Sierra Club award for my work to protect the Santa Clara River. I was also honored to receive the Chapter's highest Conservation award for my work and a Chapter Service award year in 2012, as well as recognition from other organizations.

My background as the former owner of a recycling business for many years has given me the practical accounting and financial experience needed to make the many fiscal decisions required for this position.

The current political situation and climate crisis have brought an influx of new activists concerned about the environment. We must encourage these new "feet on the ground" and provide the best possible support for these activists that are willing to give their time and money to speak up on behalf of the environment and keep their neighborhoods clean and healthy. I believe our vision must include actions for these new members by supporting a strong conservation ethic and support for our local conservation and political activists. These actions will help retain the new members we need to keep the Club vital and preserve the places that our outings groups and leaders so dearly love to access and enjoy.

As a Chapter ExCom member, my goals will be to retain new activists through highlighting and support of local conservation efforts and actions throughout Orange and Los Angeles Counties. I ask for your vote.



David Haake

I am a life member of the Sierra Club and have served in a number of roles within the Sierra Club. I was a member of the Angeles Chapter's Executive Committee from 2010-2013 and served as Vice Chair of the Chapter's Executive Committee in 2013. I currently serve as Chair of the West Los Angeles Group of the Angeles Chapter. I am a physician at the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System and faculty member at UCLA.

I am O-Rated Outings Leader since 2010 and a 2013 graduate of the Sierra Club's Wilderness Travel Course. I enjoy backpacking and prior to the pandemic, co-led the West LA Group's weekly hike to the Parker Mesa Overlook in Topanga State Park in the Santa Monica Mountains. My favorite backpacking destination is Thousand Island Lake in the Ansel Adams Wilderness.

I serve as Chair of the CLEAN BREAK TEAM of the Angeles Chapter (2012-present), which works on a just and equitable transition from dirty fossil fuels to clean renewable energy. The Clean Break Team played an integral role in Culver City's 2021 decision to protect public health and safety by standing up to the oil industry to phase out oil operations in their portion of the Inglewood Oil Field. I am the outgoing chair of the Community Advisory Committee of the CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE, which is currently providing 100% renewable energy to over 2 million people in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

I am the 2017 recipient of the PHIL BERNAYS SERVICE PLAQUE, the highest service award conferred by the Angeles Chapter. It is awarded to a Sierra Club member who has provided long-term and outstanding service to the Angeles Chapter. On the national level of the Sierra Club, I chaired the Leader Recruitment Committee, which created VOLUNTEER CONNECTION (<https://clubvolunteer.org/>) as an open and equitable portal for volunteers to connect with Sierra Club volunteer opportunities.

In 2021, I was grateful and honored to receive the WILLIAM E. COLBY VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP AWARD, which is the club's top award for volunteer service, honoring outstanding leadership, dedication, and service to the Sierra Club. This journey was only possible because of all the incredibly talented colleagues I've been blessed to work with over the years.

OTHER SIERRA CLUB EXPERIENCE: Angeles Chapter Special Service Award (2013), Sierra Club Diversity Training (2011), Sierra Club Leadership Training (2013), Sierra Club My Generation Campaign (2013).



Marcia Hanscom

Having been a Sierra Club leader since 1993, I joined the organization for two reasons: 1) I'd read Al Gore's book: *Earth in the Balance*, and the information he presented about various threats to the Earth was so compelling I made a complete change in my work and my extracurricular activities' focus; and 2) I'd learned about threats to a beautiful place near the bicycle trail I'd frequented: Huntington Beach's Bolsa Chica Wetlands.

Since I became involved I've gone on to serving on the national Board of Directors, and also Angeles Chapter's Political, Conservation, Fundraising and Executive Committees. At the activist level I've led Sierra Club campaigns to collaborate in coalition with dozens of organizations for the successful protection of 880 acres of wild coast at the Bolsa Chica Wetlands in Orange County and 640 acres of coastal habitats at the Ballona Wetlands on the Los Angeles coast. I've received the Chapter's highest conservation award – the Weldon Heald Award – twice, for these accomplishments.

Also leading statewide coastal and wetlands protection efforts, I've organized and collaborated with other activists, and facilitated litigation for the Club through service as legal liaison on nearly a dozen lawsuits aimed at enforcing the California Coastal Act, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Endangered Species Act.

My experience will help strategically engage, motivate and organize new chapter members, inspired to become involved as we've reached out to be more inclusive and diverse, while still supporting grassroots advocates; outings, trips & hike leaders; and political endorsement teams to further our mission: to explore, enjoy and protect the planet.

My strong voice is needed on the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter ExCom - in implementing a positive, bold vision for protection of our precious Mother Earth, like the leadership I've provided with the LA Mayor's office in moving forward with the wildlife protection ordinance. I'm a reliable voice for public lands and wildlife preservation, environmental justice, fossil fuel reduction in furtherance of climate change relief and urban nature protection.

My professional background in marketing, public relations, community organizing, and fundraising are assets that will continue benefitting the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee.

For strong protection of wildness - for rivers, wetlands, forests, urban parks and wildlife – as well as fierce efforts for fossil fuel reduction and environmental justice, please vote for me and Lynne Plambeck for Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Executive Committee.



Khin Khin Gyi

I am currently a private practice concierge neurologist with a background in Functional Medicine. My journey began in Mandalay, Burma, now known as Myanmar where I was born. I came to this country with my parents when I was a teenager and completed high school and college in Lewiston, Maine where my father taught political science at Bates College.

I received my Ph.D. in anatomy and cell biology at Georgetown University after which I did a 2 year post-doctoral fellowship at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in Chemical Carcinogenesis. I then graduated from the U. of Vermont, College of Medicine with an M.D. in 1986. This was followed by neurology residency training at USC and a neuroimmunology fellowship at UCLA.

I worked for Kaiser Permanente as their staff neurologist for 14 years and then went into private practice neurology. After becoming a Sierra Club member in 2014, I studied Sustainability at UCLA Extension after which I was awarded my certificate with distinction in 2018. Since 2009, I have been involved with environmental advocacy work that contributed to the phasing out of oil operations in Culver City's portion of the Inglewood Oil Field as well as the portion that is located in the unincorporated part of LA County.

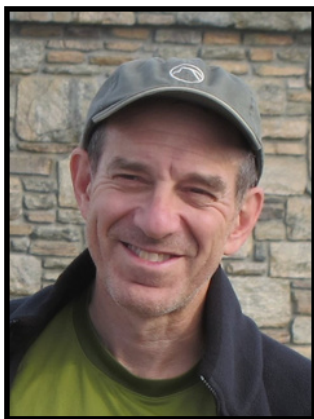
I wish to work on the Executive Committee team to bring together best practices from academia as well as lived experiences as an environmental advocate. As California goes, so goes the rest of the country. As such, I believe we can duplicate our successes throughout the rest of the country, with California leading the way.



Dyana Peña

Growing up in South East Los Angeles, environmental issues have always been prevalent. Though I grew up in a concrete jungle, my parents always prioritized exposing us to and teaching my siblings and me to appreciate and protect nature. (Thanks, mom and dad!) I feel very fortunate to have had that instilled in me from a young age, and have made it my life's mission to help other people find their place in the environmental movement, whether through my career as an environmental educator and now program director at Orange County Coastkeeper or through my work with the Angeles Chapter. I began my involvement with the Sierra Club while in college by attending climate rallies. I became a member and joined my first committee in 2017, the Orange County Political Committee. I have served on the Executive Committee since September 2020, filling in two vacancies, and as Chapter Chair since September 2021. I am also chair of the Equity Advisory Committee for the Angeles Chapter and am an active member of the Fundraising Committee. I am lucky to serve in such important leadership roles for this Chapter and have tremendous respect for my responsibility as a member and now a candidate for this Committee. I'm proud of the leadership that the Sierra Club continues to show and commit to bringing excitement and energy to the Chapter.

Approaching solutions to our many environmental challenges through restorative justice and collective liberation is imperative to me, as I believe the Sierra Club has space for anyone looking to get involved in this movement. I firmly believe that we must care for one another just as deeply as we care for our environment because our wellbeings are interconnected. I am committed to ensuring that our Chapter is prepared to receive and welcome all to our movement by leaning on our Core Values and bringing in as many resources as I possibly can to our Chapter. Learn more at www.dyanapena.com. Thank you for your consideration!



Coby King

O-U-T-I-N-G-S!

(and transit)

I've been an environmentalist all my life and an active Sierra Club member for a quarter-century!

If elected, I will work hard to preserve our open spaces and move forward with climate-friendly policies through activism, coalition-building, and OUTINGS!

For 24 years, since I first climbed Mount Islip, I've been devoted to climbing peaks, especially on the Hundred Peaks Section and Lower Peaks Committee lists.

And over those years, I've become deeply convinced that maintaining a robust and well-managed Outings program is critical to achieving many of the Club's missions to preserve and protect the environment. For many, seeing our local mountains (and being surprised and amazed at their diversity and beauty) is the first step to preserving these special places from the ravages of development and climate change.

Putting those beliefs into action, I was elected to the Hundred Peaks Section Management Committee in 2013. I was immediately elected vice chair of MComm and served as either chair or vice chair for the next eight years. I left MComm at the end of 2021 as the only four-time chair in HPS's history.

During that time, I've helped move HPS in a positive direction. Our bi-monthly newsletter and our election process are now electronic, reducing our climate footprint. I've helped HPS modernize and work to attract younger people to our outings.

I've also served as HPS's Facebook administrator and as webmaster and executive committee member for the Lower Peaks Committee. I want to renew efforts to expand our Outings leadership and incorporate justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion into our programs.

ALSO, I believe deeply in the environmental benefits of TRANSIT. Over the past 10 years, I've become a leader on bringing more transit to the San Fernando Valley (where I live) and was a key proponent of 2016's Measure M, which is funding the East San Fernando Light Rail Line (a game-changer for underserved communities), improving the Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit, and providing funding for the Sepulveda line to connect the Valley to the Westside.

I've participated on the chapter's Transportation Committee for many years and will bring my expertise and connections to the Chapter's advocacy.

As an active participant in Los Angeles and Democratic Party politics for decades, I see my experience as an opportunity for the Chapter to have a better seat at the table and more influence on policies.

Thank you for your support.



Nancy Barba

Organizer with Culver City for More Homes, Energy Efficiency and Decarbonization Director, Chair of the Culver City Planning Commission, Sierra Club West LA Group Executive Committee member, wife, mom, and first-generation Latinx woman.

I bring a rich background of worked and lived experience to stakeholder and community engagement in all my roles. My effective communication skills and facility to manage diverse priorities contribute to my engaged, results-driven leadership.

As an organizer with Culver City for More Homes, a grassroots group committed to creating new housing growth in job-rich, transit-rich, and high-opportunity communities, I advocate for housing that is equitably distributed in all neighborhoods and affirmatively furthers fair housing.

I have served on the Sierra Club West LA Group Executive Committee since I was elected in 2021. Through the Group I have served on the Los Angeles City CD11 endorsement recommendation team and participated in interviewing five candidates. In support of watershed health and sustainability in the area, I attended meetings to support the West LA College Soccer Field Basin Dry Well Project as well as helped pen a letter of support for the project on behalf of the Sierra Club West Los Angeles Group.

In my consulting role, I lead teams to deliver market transformation, regional and statewide decarbonization, and energy efficiency projects. I lead the design and development of programs for Regional Energy Networks and Community Choice Energy organizations. My strategic funding consulting empowers governments to serve hard-to-reach and disadvantaged communities. I have worked on a wide range of energy efficiency and conservation initiatives through federal, state, utility, and local grants throughout California.

In my role as Planning Commissioner, I have centered policy changes that address the critical need for urban infill, a priority for the future of climate adaptation and resiliency. I support the removal of land use and process barriers to housing production and advocate for a general plan that addresses the long history of inequality and racism.

I ask for your support to bring a vision of urban environmentalism that centers on equity and social justice, values diversity and engages all people to care for our commons and address the climate emergency.