

Endorsements - 2016

The Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club's Political Committee has made a number of important endorsements. The committee evaluated past environmental records of candidates, completed questionnaires and interviews in making these endorsements

We urge you to consider the environment when you vote. Only by electing candidates who share the view of the Sierra Club on the importance of the protection of the environment can we make our state the model for the rest of the nation.

For Election Day: November 8, 2016

President

Hillary Clinton

U.S. Senate

[Kamala Harris](#)

U.S. House of Representatives

House, District 25: [Bryan Caforio](#)

House, District 26: Julia Brownley

House, District 27: [Judy Chu](#)

House, District 28: [Adam Schiff](#)

House, District 29: [Tony Cardenas](#)

House, District 30: [Brad Sherman](#)

House, District 32: [Grace Napolitano](#)

House, District 33: [Ted Lieu](#)

House, District 34: [Xavier Becerra](#)

House, District 35: [Norma Torres](#)

House, District 37: [Karen Bass](#)

House, District 38: [Linda Sanchez](#)

House, District 40: [Lucille Roybal-Allard](#)

House, District 43: [Maxine Waters](#)

House, District 44: [Nanette Barragan](#)

House, District 46: [Bao Nguyen](#)

House, District 47: [Alan Lowenthal](#)

House, District 49: Doug Applegate

State Senate

District 21: Jonathon Ervin

District 25: Anthony Portantino

District 27: Henry Stern

District 29: Josh Newman

District 33: Ricardo Lara

District 37: Ari Grayson

State Assembly

District 38: Christy Smith
District 39: Patty Lopez
District 43: Laura Friedman
District 49: Ed Chau
District 50: Richard Bloom
District 51: Jimmy Gomez
District 53: Miguel Santiago
District 59: Reggie Jones-Sawyer
District 62: Autumn Burke
District 63: Anthony Rendon
District 65: Sharon Quirk-Silva
District 66: Al Muratsuchi

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

4th District: Janice Hahn

City Council Races in Los Angeles County

Santa Monica-City Council: Ted Winterer, Gleam Davis, Tony Vazquez, and Terry O'Day
Malibu-City Council: Rick Mullen, Skylar Peak, Jennifer de Nicola, Jefferson Wagner
Santa Clarita-City Council: Alan Ferdman

Castiac Lake Water Agency:

Lynne Plambeck, Joan Dunn and Stacy Fortner

City Council Races in Orange County:

Aliso Viejo-City Council: Ross Chun
Costa Mesa-City Council: Sandy Genis
Huntington Beach-City Council: Jill Hardy, Ed Pinchiff
Irvine-City Council: Melissa Fox
Irvine-Mayor: Mary Ann Gaido

Coast Community College District Trustee:

Area 2: Jerry Patterson
Area 3: Lorraine Prinsky

Irvine Ranch Water District

John Withers
Mary Aileen Matheis

Orange County Water District

District 4: Phil Anthony

South Coast Water District

Rick Erkeneff
Wayne Rayfield

BALLOT MEASURES

Measures on the State of California Ballot - Sierra Club California recommends.....

SUPPORT: 67-BAN ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS. REFERENDUM. A “Yes” vote approves, and a “No” vote rejects, a statute that prohibits grocery and other stores from providing single-use plastic or paper carryout bags but permits sale of recycled paper bags and reusable bags.

SUPPORT: 56-CIGARETTE TAX TO FUND HEALTHCARE, TOBACCO USE PREVENTION, RESEARCH, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Increases cigarette tax to \$2.00 per pack, with equivalent increase to other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes containing nicotine.

SUPPORT: 58-ENGLISH PROFICIENCY. MULTILINGUAL EDUCATION. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Preserves requirement that public schools ensure students obtain English language proficiency. Requires school districts to solicit parent/community input in developing language acquisition programs. Requires instruction to ensure English acquisition as rapidly and effectively as possible. Authorizes school districts to establish dual-language immersion programs for both native and non-native English speakers.

SUPPORT: 59-CORPORATIONS, POLITICAL SPENDING, FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS. LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY QUESTION.

Asks whether California’s elected officials should use their authority to propose and ratify an amendment to the federal Constitution overturning the United States Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission. Citizens United ruled that laws placing certain limits on political spending by corporations and unions are unconstitutional.

Measures within Los Angeles County and Orange County - The Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club recommends.....

Los Angeles County

SUPPORT: REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT A – Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space, Beaches, Rivers Protection, and Water Conservation Measure. To replace expiring local funding for safe, clean neighborhood/ city/ county parks; increase safe playgrounds, reduce gang activity; keep neighborhood recreation/ senior centers, drinking water safe; protect beaches, rivers, water resources, remaining natural areas/ open space; shall 1.5 cents be levied annually per square foot of improved property in Los Angeles County, with bond authority, requiring citizen oversight, independent audits, and funds used locally?

SUPPORT: METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY M – Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan. To improve freeway traffic flow/safety; repair potholes/sidewalks; repave local streets; earthquake retrofit bridges; synchronize signals; keep senior/disabled/student fares affordable; expand rail/subway/bus systems; improve job/school/airport connections; and create jobs; shall voters authorize a Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan through a ½ ¢ sales tax and continue the existing ½ ¢ traffic relief tax until voters decide to end it, with independent audits/oversight and funds controlled locally?

City of Calabasas

OPPOSE: CALABASAS CITY F – Shall the Ordinance No. 2016-333 approving changing the existing Zoning from Planned Development – Residential Multifamily (20) – Open Space Development Restricted – Scenic Corridor to Commercial Retail – Residential Multifamily (20) – Open Space Development Restricted – Scenic Corridor – Development Plan to accommodate: 67 Single-Family Detached Homes and two Affordable Duplexes; a 72,872 square-foot, three-story hotel; and preservation of approximately 61.0 acres as Permanent Open Space on a 77-acre property at 4790 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas be approved

City of Santa Monica

OPPOSE: SANTA MONICA CITY LV (also known as the “Land Use Voter Empowerment Initiative”) – An Initiative Measure Amending The City’s General Plan and Zoning Ordinance to Require Voter Approval of Certain Development Projects that Would Be Subject to a New Permit Requirement, of all Development Agreements, and of Certain Changes to the City’s Land Use and Planning Policy Documents Subject to Specific Exemptions.

Election March 7, 2017

Los Angeles City Council

District 5: Paul Koretz

District 11: Mike Bonin

Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees

Nancy Pearlman