



## **OREGON CHAPTER, SIERRA CLUB ATTORNEY GENERAL - CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

The Sierra Club's mission is to explore, enjoy, and protect the planet, and our Oregon Chapter was founded in 1978. The Sierra Club is a 501(c)4 non-profit organization and currently represents just under 60,000 members and supporters from across the state of Oregon. We can be found at [sierraclub.org/oregon](https://sierraclub.org/oregon).

The Sierra Club uses the power of its voice and our volunteers on behalf of its members and supporters. We use this power on behalf of the candidates we endorse. If you are interested in Sierra Club's endorsement, complete the attached Sierra Club 2024 Oregon Attorney General Candidate Questionnaire.

Please return the completed copy of this questionnaire to the Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club via email at [PoliticalCommittee@oregon.sierraclub.org](mailto:PoliticalCommittee@oregon.sierraclub.org). Use the subject line: **Completed Sierra Club Questionnaire - [Candidate's Name]**

***Responses to this questionnaire are shared only with Sierra Club volunteers/entities working with our Political Program.***

We encourage you to start by reading the [Sierra Club Policy Platform](https://www.sierraclub.org/blueprint-for-decade-change-sierra-club-s-policy-platform) in order to get familiar with the values that underlie our criteria for making endorsement decisions: <https://www.sierraclub.org/blueprint-for-decade-change-sierra-club-s-policy-platform>



## **Questionnaire:**

Candidate Name:

Campaign Contact:

Campaign Phone Number:

Campaign Email Address & Website:

### **1. Environmental Record and Leadership**

- a. Please describe leadership you've shown in support of the environment and/or justice, fairness and equity.
- b. What do you consider to be the most important climate or environmental justice issues facing Oregon?

### **2. Climate Priorities**

- a. Oregon has made some good progress on setting and pursuing goals for carbon emission reductions. But as every year goes by, the need to reduce global emissions to slow climate change is more and more critical, as are adaptation measures to save lives from heat waves, ice storms, and major wildfires. How should Oregon focus its efforts on carbon reductions and climate resilience? What are your priorities in this effort?
- b. As Oregon transitions its economy to renewable energy, the impacts of the transition will be felt differently across communities. What are the roles and responsibilities of the State of Oregon in facilitating this transition for frontline communities and less wealthy residents? What measures should Oregon be implementing to smooth the transition to renewable power?

### **3. Powers of the Attorney General in Defending the Environment**

- A. Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum has shown considerable leadership on environmental and climate issues during her time in office, including efforts to stop



Trump from gutting the Obama-era Clean Power Plan, support inclusion of independent scientists on EPA committees, sue bad-actor companies for environmental contamination, and defend vital policies like Governor Kate Brown's climate executive order and Oregon DEQ's Clean Fuels Program. How will you continue Rosenblum's legacy and use the Attorney General's power to defend environmental policies and advance climate justice?

- B. Nationwide, [there is a trend of states imposing harsh penalties on environmental protestors](#) in response to Dakota Access Pipeline resistance movements. In Oregon, even [Democrats have shown willingness to pass legislation that could lead to felony convictions for nonviolent protest actions](#). Sarah Alvarez, a staff attorney with the Civil Liberties Defense Center, says that a law meant to address mass shootings in Georgia is now "being twisted to apply to environmental protesters who haven't harmed anyone. That is the concern that I have when I look at the Oregon bill." As Attorney General, how will you defend the civil rights of Oregonians who peacefully protest in support of the environment?

#### 4. Your campaign

- a. Tell us about your plans to win this campaign.
- b. With respect to your fundraising, do you accept donations from fossil fuel interests? Examples: NW Natural (Natural Gas PAC), Zenith Energy, Chevron, Western States Petroleum Association
  - i. If yes, why?
  - ii. If not, would you take the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge?  
<https://nofossilfuelmoney.org/>
- c. Are there other entities or interests from whom you would not accept donations?
- d. Why should the Sierra Club endorse your candidacy? Is there anything else we should know relevant to our decision-making?