

PVSB Group Candidate Statements
election year 2020

Candidates are listed in Ballot Order (top to bottom)



Joyce White

My name is Joyce White and I am running in the upcoming election for the executive committee of the Palos Verdes – South Bay Group of Sierra Club. I love to hike and want to keep our open spaces open but I know that since the population has grown we need to have and follow rules. I hope as a Sierra Club hike leader I can be an example to others. As I am getting up in years, I would love to see some young members join the Sierra

Club so they can protect our environment. Thanks for voting for me.



Dean François

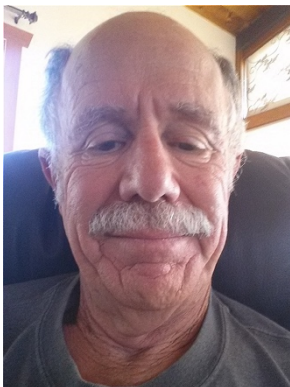
I'm a lifetime environmental activist and outdoors-person. Since moving to the South Bay in the mid-80's, I've served on the Redondo Beach Environmental Task-Force; Volunteered for Heal The Bay, LA Waterkeeper, Sierra Club(SC), Ballona Wetlands Landtrust/Ballona Institute, and a SC outing participant. I sought ocean storm drain diversions, started cycling activist organizations, and served on the SC Conservation

Committee. Since elected to your SC's Group Executive Committee, I have formed positions opposing Oil Drilling; promoted parklands/wetlands, smarter development, bicycle paths, commercial-free beaches, and candidate endorsements. I serve as Political Chair and represent our SC Group on the Chapter's Political Committee. Not only do I remain active for the environment, I also enjoy it to the fullest. I look forward to continuing to seek, encourage and support good environmentalists to run for office, and ensure that our club stays visible and active in the community, and supporting many SC activities.



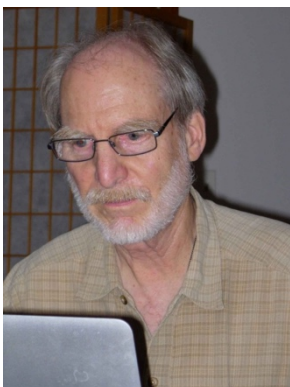
Melanie Cohen

I stand with the Sierra Club's statement to apologize for years of systemic racism and will work whole heartedly to shift resources and focus to support an agenda nationally and locally for racial and environmental justice. This year I stood with allies from Greenpeace and Fire Drill Fridays to blockade Warren Oil in Wilmington to bring awareness to the toxic living conditions within this community. We must continue to hold our elected representatives responsible for the state of our environment and continue to advocate for 2500 ft setbacks from homes and crucial human activities. The AES power plant (Redondo) land was sold and should be deactivated at the end of this year. The Palos Verdes/South Bay group has voiced its support to shut it down this year. The land is currently zoned for a park. I will continue work to preserve open space for the community.



Bill Lavoie

Bill Lavoie has been a very valuable member of our Group ExCom. He has been Vice Chair of the PVSB ExCom for the past two years, running the ExCom meetings when the Chair was not available. He has organized outreach for the Sierra Club at public events like Earth Day and Whale of a Day, and excels at recruiting new members. Bill organized and leads the Monday night hikes on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and also is one of the leaders for the Thursday night hikes. A proud owner of an electric vehicle, Bill also has solar panels on his roof. He says: "Sierra Club. We Walk The Talk." Bill would appreciate your vote to re-elect him to the Group ExCom.



Al Sattler

Explore, Enjoy, Protect ... I would like to think that our Palos Verdes-South Bay Regional Group does pretty well at each of these. We have a robust local hiking program, wherein people Explore and Enjoy our natural world, and

we also have people working to Protect our natural world on local, regional, and global scales. Coping with the COVID-19 pandemic has unfortunately kept us from our usual group activities, although at least we can have virtual get-togethers. Hopefully we will be able to be back to in-person group activities sometime next year. I ask for your vote to continue for another 2 years.

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