

Rio Hondo Group Candidate Statements
election year 2020

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Gary Sjogren

I've helped the Rio Hondo Group for over twenty years, serving as Group Chair about half that time. I also help arrange some of our public programs and publicize upcoming programs in local media. I sometimes speak to other organizations about environmental, pollution and development issues. In our new world of coronavirus and Black Lives Matter, I will try to be an experienced guide for our group in furthering the progress of the larger society. I collect recyclables to provide income to the Group and reduce them in landfills. As a retired software developer, I maintain the group website. And it has been my concern to notify Angeles Chapter personnel when the web site has not functioned properly. I am willing to continue serving on the Rio Hondo Group ExCom.



Mike Bressler

I joined the Sierra Club over 35 years ago because I enjoyed hiking, and appreciated and wanted to preserve what is left of the natural areas of our country. I remain a strong supporter of the club's stance on environmental issues. I am a College instructor, and have done research on Global Environmental Politics. At the family level, we attempt to reduce our environmental footprint by composting, backyard vegetable gardening, and native plant gardening. I helped initiate the Rio Hondo Group's newsletter and Facebook presence, and have worked with the OC Political Committee, and would like to see our group have greater effectiveness in achieving grassroots support for earth friendly policies.

Penny Fonches

I remain interested in serving on the Executive Committee as Secretary for the Rio Hondo Group. It is important for the Executive Committee to be as inclusive and diverse as the geographic communities represented by the Rio Hondo Group. I have a long history of advocacy and activism for many worthwhile organizations and causes in addition to Sierra Club. I will continue my efforts to build greater inroads with communities of color, among younger generations, across the expanded zip codes and increase the avenues for publicity.

To quote Michael Brune, "To Change Everything, It Takes Everyone." I agree. Thank you for your vote and consideration.

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