

Santa Clarita Group Candidate Statements  
election year 2020

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Dave Morrow

I am running to represent you on the Santa Clarita Valley Sierra Club Executive Committee. I have been a member of the Santa Clarita Group for 19 years, served as chair of the Santa Clarita Group for 12 years and am proud of the accomplishments we have achieved. We have been vigilant in opposing urban sprawl, have helped to stop several ill-planned projects, and have worked with the city of Santa Clarita in preserving open space. I also have chaired Membership, Publicity and Hospitality for the Santa Clarita Group and am currently the Group's Webmaster and Outings Chair. Though our hikes are currently on hold due the COVID-19 pandemic I hope to get them restarted when it safe to do so. Our local hiking program has well received, especially our easy hikes, well suited for families, and many of our hikes are showcasing the city's open spaces. Your support in helping me continue this work is greatly appreciated.

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Diane Trautman

For more than two decades I have been a member of the Sierra Club. During twelve of those years, I served as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Santa Clarita. I pushed developers to make project improvements to protect our environment. I also voted against projects that failed to do so. For years, I've advocated for better air quality and water conservation. And I've fought to stop bad housing developments and the expansion of our local landfill. Both on and off the commission, I have been a strong advocate for fair and affordable housing. This year, I became a team leader on the housing committee of our City's Homelessness Task Force. I also work with another organization to promote mental health and prevent suicides.

I currently serve as the Santa Clarita group's political chair and I am leading endorsement teams in anticipation of the November elections. I am a member of our conservation committee and also a member of the Angeles Chapter Political Committee. Additionally, I am our group's representative to the Executive Committee.

I would appreciate your support so that I can continue my service as a member of the Santa Clarita Management Team.

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Lynne Plambeck

As a Club member/activist for over thirty years, I have worked to ensure a healthy and clean water supply, saving LA County's last free-flowing river, the Santa Clara, and fighting urban sprawl, especially the 21,000 Newhall Ranch project. We have some of the worst air quality in the nation along with Chiquita Canyon Landfill, one of the largest dumps in the nation. I strongly opposed the huge expansion of this landfill and will continue to fight for better air monitoring and pollution control. With climate change causing extreme weather and more fires than ever before, we must speak out against bad planning decisions that put people in harm's way and advocate for solutions that protect our air and water quality. Scientists now tell us habitat protection and climate solutions are even more important to protect populations from the spread of new viruses. Habitat destruction allows viruses transmitted by animals to come in contact with human populations.

I will provide strong conservation leadership for our community. I have received a National Sierra Club award for my work to protect the Santa Clara River and the Chapter's highest Conservation award. I pledge to continue to fight for clean air and water and climate solutions in the SCV.

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