

2019 Candidates for Central Group Executive Committee
2 Candidates (Listed in random ballot order)
2 Open Positions

Barbara Hensleigh

I began my relationship with the SC when I took its Basic Mountaineering Training Course. I enjoy backpacking.

I led a group to reorganize the Central Group over 3 years ago. I have been its Chair for the past 2 years. The group is vibrant, friendly and diverse.

Under our leadership, the CG has held two Zero Waste Fairs in DTLA. It is active in stopping plastic pollution, working to end oil drilling in LA, part of a coalition to stop an aerial tram in Griffith Park, among other things. We are working with politicians in various municipalities who we helped successfully elect to pass environmental laws. We have an Outings program, including hikes which don't require a car. Finally, we developed a program to actively recruit in areas underrepresented in the SC. We are firmly committed to the notion that the best decisions are made with all voices at the table.

In the next two years, I hope to further develop the CG to be a strong leader in CEQA, build relationships with local environmental organizations to support their goals, and develop our ability to provide input into plans for the LA River.

Betzabel Estudiilo



I live in South East Los Angeles and I've been a Sierra Club member for the past six years. I'm an immigrant and health care rights advocate, outdoor enthusiast, and my passion and work is guided by a social justice framework. I was born in Mexico and brought to Central Los Angeles at the age of four. Growing up as an undocumented immigrant in a low-income family, I was presented many challenges and lacked opportunities. One of them was not experiencing the outdoors. This is one of the reasons why I joined the Sierra Club. Since 2017, I have been the Vice Chair and Political Chair of the Central Group. During my tenure, I have coordinated the endorsement process of Montebello City Council and West Hollywood City Council elections. In addition, I have help build relationships with elected officials to support environmentally friendly issues and policies. If elected to the Central Group Executive Committee, my priority will be to continue to strengthen our relations with elected officials to ensure that they champion and support environmentally friendly policies that improve the lives and well-being of Central Group members.