

2019 Candidates for Palos Verdes South Bay Group Executive Committee
6 Candidates (Listed in random ballot order)
6 Open Positions

Marcia Cook



I have been a member of the Sierra Club since 1981 and I am a life member. For the last 20 years I have been a regular at the Thursday night conditioning hikes. I have served as the secretary for the Executive Committee of the PVSb group for the last four years and representative to the Chapter ExCom for the last two years. I would like to continue to do so. I concur with the Sierra Club resolution: "To preserve wilderness and protect our environment for generations to come". I am happy to contribute my time to serve the club.

Judy Herman



I have been a dues-paying member of the Sierra Club for several decades, but after the presidential election in 2016, I decided it was necessary to step up my involvement in environmental issues. Our open spaces, the beautiful natural areas we have set aside for all to enjoy the restorative power of nature, are under threat. We need to protect our water and air, and do our utmost to stave off devastating climate change that affects the entire planet. For the past two years I have been the editor of the PV-SB Group's newsletter, the Foggy View. Being on the ExCom has helped me stay in touch with the issues—recreational as well as environmental--that are of vital importance to the Group, and to keep members informed. I would like to continue doing so. Thanks.

Dave Wiggins



I am a lawyer, teacher and 34-year member of the Sierra Club. I have been active in conservation issues throughout my adult life, and have served on the Club’s local Executive Committee since 2006.

As President of the School Board in Redondo Beach, I was the first elected public official to speak out against a development plan that would have filled the remaining open spaces in the city’s harbor with 3000 residential units. My efforts, and those of many others, eventually forced the City Council to rescind the plan, leaving the space open for possible waterfront parkland.

I currently serve as a founding Director of the South Bay Parkland Conservancy, dedicated to preserving parkland and restoring coastal wetlands in the South Bay area.

I would appreciate your vote to continue serving the Club for a further term on the PV – South Bay Executive Committee.

Steve Dillow



I am a long-time (since 1980) Sierra Club member who was active way back when. Now that I am retired, it is time to give back some of the benefits I have received. I am a current member of the Palos Verdes-South Bay Executive Committee, and conservation and political action activities are my primary interest. Local issues such as the Torrance Refinery usage of MHF threaten our lives, health and safety. As such I am active in the TRAA grassroots organization. We must work to ban the use of deadly chemicals such as these which pose a threat to our entire community. I promise to work to protect our environment, both local and worldwide, and keep everyone informed of our progress.

Frank Atkin



My name is Frank Atkin and I currently serve as Outings Chair for PVSF Group. I have been a member of Sierra Club for more than 40 years and a life member for more than 20 years. I am a leader with certifications in navigation and wilderness travel. I have been an assistant instructor for the Wilderness Travel Course and have served as one of the instructors with the Navigation Clinic for the last 20 years.

I first joined Sierra Club when I discovered they were involved in protecting a wild river. Years later, a friend introduced me to a Sierra Club backpack in Yosemite and I have been in love with outings ever since. I have led a variety of outings, including day hikes, conditioning hikes, mountain hikes, and backpacks. And I have implemented a group email communication for PVSF leaders.

I hope to continue as Outings Chair to promote outings and stress safety procedures. I am asking for your vote to re-elect me as Outings Chair for the Palos Verdes-South Bay Group. Thank you.

Zoltan Stroll



I'm Zoltan Stroll and I have been a Sierra Club member for a couple of decades. During the last decade I've been actively volunteering as an O-level hike leader. For the last couple of years I've also been an ExCom member and PVSF Section Treasurer.

I particularly appreciate the conditioning hikes that PVSF Section leaders have been conducting in the local Palos Verdes Hills for over half a century. These hikes have been instrumental in preventing my having damaging cardiac events twice, and I'm not alone benefitting from this. Regrettably, during the last half a decade or so our local hiking range has been restricted relentlessly and repeatedly, to the extent that if this trend persists, we will have few open spaces left to perform our conditioning hikes. I wish to make it my goal as a continuing member of the ExCom to work on halting and reversing this regrettable trend.