

2019 Candidates for Pasadena Group Executive Committee
4 Candidates (Listed in random ballot order)
3 Open Positions

Russel Babbitz



There are times in our lives when we are asked to step up and help out. After hiking with the Sierra Club to Henninger Heights on Thursday nights for years someone asked me to serve on the Pasadena Group Exec, I agreed and was elected two years ago. The Pasadena Group has a core of dedicated volunteers who have been involved for decades, it has been a pleasure to help and learn from them. Since beginning my current term, I also volunteered to represent the Pasadena Group at the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee meetings, which is shared with Patricia Pipkin. Some months before his passing David Czamanske asked me to take his place on the Angeles Chapter Political Committee, which I've been attending for well over a year and assisting with endorsement reports when needed. What began as service with the Pasadena Group has grown to a wider involvement that is beginning to

show returns on the learning curve (hopefully those at the meetings agree). So, I am asking for your vote to keep me involved, learning, assisting and contributing - I feel the momentum is increasing!

Dr. Rhonda Rodgers



Planet Earth is our most precious resource. As a university professor, I have the unique privilege of helping students to translate empirical science into common sense for daily life. As a business owner and manager for over 20 years, I have a respect for the needs of our expanding population, however I also see the moral imperative of communicating the long-term environmental consequences of legislation that will bring short-term benefits to Angelenos. As a member of the Executive Committee I will bring these skills to the table in an effort to find the optimal balance between the needs of the community and the long-term health of our planet. I am an active leader in the Pasadena Group, Wilderness Travel Course, and the 20s and 30s sections in the Angeles Chapter. And my greatest thrill is watching our participants in these outings experience nature and then embrace activism. "Few are altogether deaf to the preaching of pine

trees. Their sermons on the mountains go to our hearts; and if people in general could be got into the woods, even for once, to hear the trees speak for themselves, all difficulties in the way of forest preservation would vanish." – John Muir

Pat Zeider



I am one of the founding members of the current incarnation of the Pasadena Group and currently serve as Vice Chair. I am particularly interested in climate change, which I believe is the most serious challenge facing humankind, and in local Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley issues. I hope to continue supporting these issues if I am re-elected.

Pat Pipkin



I first joined the Sierra Club in 2003 because I wanted to support its actions to protect wild places. Since then my appreciation for the Club has grown even stronger because of its commitment to combating climate change and advocating for environmental justice.

I became an outings leader in 2015 and have served in the Pasadena Group Executive Committee since last year. It's been my pleasure to promote our public programs at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, contribute to our social media presence, and serve as our alternate representative at Angeles Chapter Executive Committee meetings.

Our Group has done admirable work in advocating with local government on environmental and climate issues and educating the community through our public programs. I'm seeking re-election so I can do my part to ensure this continues.