

**2019 Candidates for San Fernando Valley Group Executive Committee**  
**5 Candidates (Listed in random ballot order)**  
**6 Open Positions**

**Julie Szende**

I first became active in the Sierra Club in 1968. As a member of the (ICS) International Community Section, I took part in the camping and hiking activities of the Section. During the last three years of my membership with the Section (1968-1979) I served as Conservation Chair.

When my husband and I moved to the San Fernando Valley, we joined the San Fernando Valley Group. I was elected Membership Chair after four years in the Group, and I have maintained that office until the present. In 2010 I was asked to assume editorship of our membership newsletter, the Valley Sierran. I have been editor of the newsletter ever since.

**Barry Katzen**

I entered the management group for the San Fernando Valley Sierra Club in 1988 (more than 30 years ago) as Treasurer. Since then I have been Program Chair, representative to the excomm Angeles Chapter, Political Chair, Vice Chair, and currently Chair for the San Fernando Valley Group. I will continue to serve, try to encourage others (especially younger people) to join with us to try to save open spaces and warn people of the dangers of global warming.

**Belen Katzen**

I married Barry Katzen in 2010, and as a result, married the philosophy of the Sierra Club as well. I became Secretary of the San Fernando Valley Sierra Club in 2014, which is my current position. I co-chaired with my husband on the Political Committee and will continue to try to get people more involved in the Sierra Club. I have also been the reservationist for the June Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for the last three years, as well as help the Membership Chair at our general meetings on the third Tuesday of the month.

**Jan Kidwell**



Education: Master's in Urban & Regional Planning, Cal. State Poly., Pomona.

Sierra Club member, Angeles Chapter since 1984.

Elected to Executive Committee of Angeles Chapter by Club members to serve twice "At Large" on Angeles Chapter Board. Vice Chair of the Chapter for a year.

Served as ExCom Rep and Chair, San Fernando Valley (SFV) Group 2003/4. Recruited newsletter editor volunteers to join the SFV Management Committee.

Began as front desk Friday volunteer at the Angeles Chapter office in 1996 for 8 months, and again in 2004. Worked on accounting and

administrative tasks.

Appointed Chair of Speakers Bureau 1996 – 2007. Arranged and gave talks on air quality, transportation, energy, global warming and sprawl.

Reformed and co-chaired Angeles Chapter's Transportation Cmte for 3 years.  
Organized campaign that resulted in half the EXPO light rail line being built by 2010 with over \$600m in funding allocated.

Chair of Air Quality, Global Warming & Energy Cmte., 2003 to 2006.  
Worked on the National Cool Cities campaign. Responsible for 11 cities in the southland signing on to reduce their GHGs from their operations by signing the Climate Protection Agreement.

Currently serving SFV Group as Political Chair since 2017.

**Terrie Brady**

I hope to continue to serve on the board of the San Fernando Valley group of the Sierra Club. I have been the Conservation Chair for the San Fernando Valley group for the past 5 years. We have worked to stop sprawl in our area. The respect of government entities has been one of the most gratifying aspects of serving on the board. To say "the Sierra Club urges you to protect this area from development and sprawl" in Browns Canyon, Studio City, and Calabasas has made a difference for many communities.

I can be reached with questions and conservation issues at [sfvcsepbasin@gmail.com](mailto:sfvcsepbasin@gmail.com). I offer this email at meetings and email interested parties alerts on conservation. I also tweet for our group at [@sfvsierraclub](https://twitter.com/sfvsierraclub). I send messages related to national and local conservation campaigns. One of these conservation issues on the Federal level was listing of the Monarch Butterfly as an endangered species.

I also join efforts with My Generation campaign; working toward 100% renewable energy. Renewable energy is one of the main solutions to stop global warming and is critical to a livable planet. Please vote for me to continue to work toward a livable planet.