



# Election Insight 2020

The Newsletter of the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter San Benito, Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties

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## SIERRA CLUB ENDORSEMENTS

The Loma Prieta Chapter Endorses the Following:

### NATIONAL

**President:** Joseph Biden  
**Vice President:** Kamala Harris

### U.S. Congressional Representatives

House, District 14:  
Jackie Speier (DI)  
House, District 17:  
Ro Khanna (DI)  
House, District 18:  
Anna Eshoo (DI)  
House, District 19:  
Zoe Lofgren (DI)  
House, District 20:  
Jimmy Panetta (DI)

### State Senate Seats

SD 13: Josh Becker (D)  
SD 17: John Laird (D)

### State Assembly Seats

AD 19: Phil Ting (DI)  
AD 22: Kevin Mullin (DI)  
AD 24: Marc Berman (DI)  
AD 25: Alex Lee (D)  
AD 27: Ash Kalra (DI)  
AD 28: Evan Low (DI)  
AD 29: Mark Stone (DI)  
AD 30: Robert Rivas (D)

### STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES

**State Proposition 15**  
(California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act) -  
**YES**

**State Proposition 16**  
(Reestablish Affirmative Action

in California) -  
**YES**

**State Proposition 22**  
(Reversing AB 5  
Categorization of App-based  
Workers as Employees) -  
**OPPOSE**

**State Proposition 25**  
(Replace Cash Bail  
with Risk Assessments) -  
**YES**

### LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES

**San Benito County Measure N:**  
Strada Verde Innovation Park  
Voter Initiative (2,777 acres of  
land to be converted to hospitality,  
retail, research & automotive  
testing uses) -  
**OPPOSE**

**3 County Measure RR:**  
Caltrain Sales Tax (increase  
sales taxes by one-eighth of a  
cent in San Francisco, San Mateo  
and Santa Clara counties to  
support Caltrain) -  
**YES**

**Santa Clara County Measure S:**  
Water District, (continue existing  
tax, but with no expiration) -  
**OPPOSE**

**Santa Clara County Measure T:**  
Open Space, (renewal of the 2014  
initiative, measure Q, protection of  
over 26,000 acres of open space)  
**YES**

### SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARDS/COUNCILS

**Granada Community Services District Board**  
Matthew Clark

**Midcoast Community Council**  
Dan Haggerty

**Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Ward #3**  
Jed Cyr

**Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Ward #4**  
Curt Riffle

**Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Ward #7**  
Zoe Kersteen-Tucker

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Scott Boyd  
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Kathryn Slater-Carter

**San Mateo County Board of Education Area 4, Director**  
Rod Hsiao

**Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority Board**  
Dorsey Moore

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**Campbell City Council (District 1)**  
Susan Landry

**Campbell City Council (District 2)**  
Sergio Lopez

**Cupertino City Council**  
Steven Scharf  
Hung Wei

**Los Gatos City Council**  
Heidi Owens  
Maria Ristow

**Morgan Hill City Council (District C)**  
Rene Spring

**Mountain View City Council**  
Margaret Abe-Koga  
Sally Lieber  
Lisa Matichak

**Palo Alto City Council**  
Pat Burt  
Lydia Kou  
Ed Lauing  
Greer Stone

**San Jose City Council (District 4)**  
David Cohen

**Santa Clara City Council (District 4)**  
Teresa O'Neill

**Santa Clara City Council (District 5)**  
Suds Jain

**Santa Clara City Council (District 6)**  
Anthony Becker

**Sunnyvale City Council (District 2)**  
Alysa Cisneros

**Sunnyvale City Council (District 4)**  
Russ Melton

**Sunnyvale City Council (District 6)**  
Omar Din

### CITY COUNCILS IN SAN MATEO COUNTY

**Daly City, City Council**  
Juslyn Manalo  
Glenn Sylvester

**East Palo Alto City Council**  
Carlos Romero  
Lisa Yarborough-Gauthier

**Foster City, City Council**  
Sam Hindi  
Catherine Mahanpour  
Patrick Sullivan

**Half Moon Bay City Council (District 2)**  
Harvey Raback

**Menlo Park City Council (District 3)**  
Jen Wolosin

**Menlo Park City Council (District 5)**  
Ray Mueller

**Millbrae City Council**  
Gina Papan  
Ann Schneider

**Pacifica City Council (District 4)**  
Marj Davis

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Nancy Radcliffe

**Redwood City, City Council (District 3)**  
Janet Borgens

**Redwood City, City Council (District 4)**  
Michael Smith

**Redwood City, City Council (District 7)**  
Chris Rasmussen

**San Bruno Mayor**  
Rico Medina

**San Bruno City Council**  
Michael Salazar

**San Mateo City Council**  
Amourence Lee



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## Absolutely NO! on San Benito Measure N

by Dave Poeschel, Open Space Committee Chair.

San Benito County voters will be asked, “Shall an initiative enacting the ‘Strada Verde Innovation Park Specific Plan,’ and making County General Plan and Zoning Code Amendments, for approximately 2,777 acres of agricultural land in northwest San Benito County, allowing various uses (including Research/Development, Automotive Testing/Tracks, Distribution, Offices, Business/Professional Services Commercial, Light Industrial, Hospitality, Retail, and Public/Private Services) and requiring the creation of a 209.5 acre Pajaro River Park and preservation of 561.7 acres exclusively for agriculture be adopted?”

Your answer should be a resounding NO!

This is a developers’ attempt to use a ballot

measure to circumvent San Benito County’s jurisdiction over its own land use patterns, and to avoid the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

By using a ballot measure, the developers are exempting themselves from detailed and full disclosure of environmental effects and from any required mitigation of environmental harm if the measure is passed by the voters. To alleviate concerns, the initiative proposes that “future actions” will be required to abide by CEQA. But of course, the sprawl and traffic and air pollution and loss of open space and agriculture — the changes to land use in the county — will be exempt.

These outside developers’ plan is not to invest in any struggling San Benito County

town but to sprawl into the floodplain of the Pajaro River and gobble up thousands of acres of the already dwindling farmland in the County. In the 139 pages of the initiative, Strada Verde offers a river park and would leave 562 acres in agriculture which sounds substantial until compared with the massive project of 2,777 acres.

And, the project will also gobble up highway capacity with an explosion of traffic. With Highway 25 expansion expecting to cost \$240 million, the Strada Verde estimates of it paying only \$18 million in traffic impact fees leaves taxpayers holding the bag.

Concerned citizens are educating the public about the Strada Verde proposed project at [www.protectsanbenitocounty.org](http://www.protectsanbenitocounty.org)

## The Sierra Club urges a Yes vote on Measure RR

In the Sierra Club’s judgment this funding is essential for Caltrain to continue to operate as a vital commuter function that we can ill afford to lose.

Caltrain is a commuter rail line on the San Francisco Peninsula and in the Santa Clara Valley. The northern terminus of the line is in San Francisco at 4th and King Streets; its southern terminus is in San Jose at Diridon

Station with rush hour service running as far as Gilroy.

Caltrain is governed by the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (PCJFB) consisting of representatives from the three counties served by Caltrain: San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara. San Mateo County’s SamTrans agency provides operational management and staffing.

This Measure is a 1/8 percent sales tax

increase for all three counties intended to address the chronic operating deficit that the three counties have had to backfill every year even when the line was operating at full capacity during pre-Covid commute hours. Some infrastructure improvements are also contemplated. It requires an aggregate 2/3 majority vote across all three counties to pass.

Please Vote Yes on Measure RR

## No on Measure S, Valley Water Property Tax Needs a Sunset Date

by Katja Irvin, Water Committee Chair.

Valley Water is renewing their Safe, Clean Water parcel tax early, and this time the 15-year sunset that was part of the 2000 and 2012 measures is gone, making it difficult for voters to hold Valley Water to the promises of the Safe, Clean Water program.

The main change since 2012 is to remove the sunset date requiring voter approval every 15 years. The program of projects is almost identical to 2012, including Anderson Dam, Coyote Creek, and Almaden Lake. These flood control

and habitat restoration projects have funding through 2028 under the 2012 program.

The 15-year renewals are needed to provide for voter oversight to make sure this special tax benefits the community and the environment. Environmental groups are especially concerned about Valley Water’s history of missing commitments on stream stewardship and habitat restoration projects.

For example, construction of the Almaden Lake Improvement Project, which will create a creek channel for migrating fish, would be com-

pleted by 2028 under the 2012 ballot measure. Half way through the 15-year program there still is no final Environmental Impact Report and now Measure S has the same goal for Almaden Lake, pushing Valley Water’s commitment out another eight years.

Sierra Club volunteers and the public need to maintain our ballot box review of the Safe, Clean Water program in order to have greater leverage over Valley Water’s spending, and to reduce the potential that funds will be reallocated to projects we oppose.

## Yes on Santa Clara Valley Measure T to Protect Open Space

by Dave Poeschel, Chapter Open Space Committee Chair

Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (OSA) is a special district that covers most but not all of Santa Clara County. Its mission is “to conserve the natural environment, support agriculture and connect people to nature, by protecting open spaces, natural areas, and working farms and ranches for future generations”. Its dedicated funding comes from an initial 1994 \$12/year parcel tax bringing in about \$4 million/year and funding from 2014 Measure Q

of an additional \$24/year parcel tax bringing in about \$8 million/year.

Measure T seeks to ensure that the Measure Q funding continues rather than terminating after the 15-year Measure Q program expires.

With this modest amount of funding, OSA has been able to preserve 20,000 acres, provide urban open space grants for dozens of urban projects, and provide ongoing educational events and programs. Moreover, its science driven planning studies play a key role in regional conservation and can be credited for much of the momentum to protect Coyote Valley includ-

ing the recent purchase of North Coyote Valley with primarily San Jose City and Peninsula Open Space Trust funds.

While we have expressed some concerns about certain cattle grazing practices, OSA plays a critical role in conservation of open space and wildland habitat protection. Without extending the 2014 parcel tax, it would be difficult for the agency to be able to continue as arguably the most important force for conservation in Santa Clara County.

Learn more about the OSA at [www.openspaceauthority.org](http://www.openspaceauthority.org)

## 2019 BY THE NUMBERS

Individual Members  
14,252



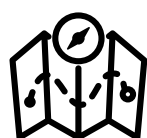
Hike Participants  
> 6000



Member and Supporter Households  
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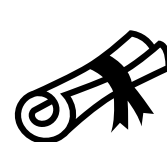
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Individual eNewsletter Subscribers  
37,254



Environmental Stewardship Program Participants  
35



Volunteer hours  
> 9,000



Legal Settlements  
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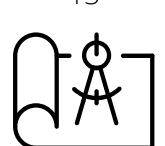
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Chapter Endorsed Candidates Who Won Elections  
2 of 2\*



Development proposals improved by Chapter recommendations  
13



\*In 2019 there were no municipal elections in Santa Clara and San Benito Counties and only three city elections in San Mateo County, one of which was uncontested.

# Thank you to our Political Endorsement Volunteers

This newsletter lets our members and the public know who the Sierra Club considers a strong environmental leader. This fall we covered 52 individuals for office and 4 local ballot measures. We would like to thank our members of our Political Committee, Endorsement interview volunteers and our Endorsement article writers: Nabeel Al Shamma, Sue Chow, John Cordes, Gita Dev, Mike Ferreira, Rose Grymes, Katja Irvin, John Keener, Gary Latshaw, Susan Lessin, Oscar Mace, Dave Olson, Dave Poeschel, Hoi Poon, Lennie Roberts, Heyward Robinson, and Charles Schafer.

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## Check that Box

Each Loma Prieta Chapter member is entitled to vote once in this election. Two selection columns have been included so that both people in a dual membership can vote (see below, to discover whether you have dual membership). If you fail to receive your ballot, contact the Chapter office (650-390-8411) for an extra. Photocopies or other reproductions will not be accepted.

**A. Vote for Chapter and regional group candidates.** Instructions below tell how to determine your group.

**B. Decide whether to use the Voter 1 column or the Voter 2 column.** Mark your ballot by placing an "X" in the box opposite candidate names in that column. Ballots marked in both columns by other than two members in a joint membership will not be counted. Print write-in names legibly. Sign validation tab on the line provided (tab will be removed prior to counting).

**C. Cut along dashed line and remove the complete ballot from paper.** The mailing label on the back must be left in place for validation. In lieu of a label, print clearly on the back your name, member number, and expiration date (EXACTLY as they appear on your membership card) and your mailing address.

**D. Place ballot in an envelope and mail to:**  
 Chapter/Group Elections Sierra Club  
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 Palo Alto, CA 94303

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To discover your regional group affiliation, look at the second line on your mailing label. The three-digit number beginning with "20" is your regional group code.

**203 = San Carlos/Belmont and Chapter Executive Committee**

**204 = Peninsula and Chapter Executive Committee**

**205 = Guadalupe and Chapter Executive Committee**

# Loma Prieta Chapter and Group Ballot

### CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4 Two-Year Seats  
 Vote for no more than 4

- |                          |              |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| <b>VOTER 1</b>           |              | <b>VOTER 2</b>           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mary Buxton* | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Nathan Chan* | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sue Chow*    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lisa Barboza | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### SAN CARLOS/BELMONT REGIONAL GROUP

Members with Group code 203

**Vote in this column**

2 Two-Year Seats  
 Vote for no more than two

- |                          |                  |                          |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>VOTER 1</b>           |                  | <b>VOTER 2</b>           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gladwyn d'Souza* | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pam Miller*      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Paul Wendt*      | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### PENINSULA REGIONAL GROUP

Members with Group code 204

**vote in this column**

3 Two-Year Seats  
 Vote for no more than four

- |                          |                 |                          |
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| <b>VOTER 1</b>           |                 | <b>VOTER 2</b>           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Laura Brown     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gita Dev*       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Kristel Wickham | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### GUADALUPE REGIONAL GROUP

Members with Group code 205

**Vote in this column**

2 Two-Year Seats  
 Vote for no more than three

- |                          |                 |                          |
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| <b>VOTER 1</b>           |                 | <b>VOTER 2</b>           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gary Latshaw*   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Charles Schafer | <input type="checkbox"/> |



# SIERRA CLUB

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\* Incumbents

SAN JOSE  
CITY COUNCIL**Let's Help David Cohen  
in Critical San Jose City  
Council, District 4, Race**

by Dave Poeschel, Chapter Open Space Committee Chair

Electing **David Cohen** in this race would remake San Jose City Council into a less polarized and more environmentally sensitive body. He is up against the only Republican on the Council who has stuck with his party through the Trump era. Cohen is also in a good position, having led the vote in a three-way March primary. David Cohen is a bright



DAVID COHEN

UCB PhD engineer and thoughtful school board trustee. He is pragmatic but understands the wisdom of prioritizing for a healthy environment.

His votes supporting the protection of Coyote Valley and on other environmental issues as a representative on the SCC Democratic Party Central Committee show he gets it. While the incumbent has promoted and voted for the Charcot Highway Flyover project in his district that would split a school from the neighborhood it serves, bringing dangerous traffic and hazardous air pollution to the students of Orchard K-8 School, Cohen has joined us in campaigning against the project. The project was narrowly approved but faces further Council hurdles. Election of Cohen would likely stop this ill-conceived highway expansion.

Considering the current membership, David Cohen's calm disposition and both wise and rational voice stand to dramatically change the tone of San Jose politics and move the Council further along on environmental progress.

Consider joining the effort at: [www.electdavidcohen.com](http://www.electdavidcohen.com)

**Teresa O'Neill for Santa  
Clara City Council**

**Teresa O'Neill** is a City of Santa Clara City Councilmember who has worked hard on connected trails and is concerned about access to the outdoors for residents. She has protected the nature preserve at Ulistac Natural Area along the Guadalupe River and voted in favor of a public access park along the riverfront in Santa Clara. Fighting to protect wildlife, she supports greater setbacks along the river and creeks for providing habitat area for birds.



TERESA O'NEILL

As a board member of the Valley Transportation Authority she supports and emphasizes active transportation as an important element of climate change policies and works hard to coordinate the needs of all residents in creating success stories. Of the entire Council, Teresa O'Neill is the one member that our activists feel they can reach out to with certainty to not only get a favorable response but a principled one at that. Teresa is willing to be a lone "no" vote, especially regarding "overriding considerations" on California Environmental Quality Act findings. She is always open and receptive to our concerns about encroachments and other impacts to remnant habitat and creek corridors. [teresaoneill.org](http://teresaoneill.org)

**Suds Jain for Santa Clara  
City Council**

**Suds Jain**, a long-time activist in the Loma Prieta Chapter, is a member and former chair of the Santa Clara Planning Commission and a retired electrical engineer. He currently serves on the: El Camino Real Citizens Advisory Committee, BART/MTA Santa Clara Community Working Group, Chief of Police Advisory Committee, Santa Clara Affordable Housing

Nexus Fee committee and Santa Clara Citizens Advisory Committee. Jain also chaired the 2019 Charter Review Committee.

He believes developers should pay more for impacts to the city's quality of life. As the son of immigrants, he values education, hard work and fiscal responsibility. He has taught climate change science in public schools, co-founded the Wilcox High robotics team, is a UC certified Master Gardener and worked to get the first community garden. He plans to be a strong, independent voice on council and is not accepting contributions from PACS, unions, or corporations. [www.votesuds.com](http://www.votesuds.com)



SUDS JAIN

**Anthony Becker for Santa  
Clara City Council District 6**

**Anthony Becker**, a 34-year-old, is currently on the planning commission. The City Council needs somebody from the new generation that understands the needs for the future. A Santa Clara resident for over 25 years, he opposes Measure C to change 6 voting districts to 3 districts. He points to the 2018 district elections that successfully elected the council's first minority councilmember, Raj Chahal, and Karen Hardy, who ran a campaign with a few thousand dollars.



ANTHONY BECKER

To tackle the divisiveness that often occurs in council meetings Becker wants to be a new voice that sides with the voters. As a renter, Becker understands issues of high rents, affordable housing, and is open to looking into rent regulations, safe parking for cars and motorhomes, and transitional housing. Other priorities include AI solutions for traffic relief, improving recreation facilities through park upgrades, and bringing the city's downtown renovation plans to fruition. [www.becker2020.com](http://www.becker2020.com)

**Our Endorsed Candidates  
for Sunnyvale are:**

By: *John Cordes, Loma Prieta Political Committee*

Sunnyvale is switching to district elections for the first time this year. For city council, you will only be able to vote for one council person representing your district, and our at-large mayor.

**District 2 – Alysia Cisneros**

Alysia is actively working to make Sunnyvale more sustainable. She said, "I am committed to a sustainable Sunnyvale, one where our residents can easily walk, bike, scoot, skate, or ride to their destinations, rather than driving." She wants to focus on getting more housing built in Sunnyvale. She said, "If we are going to solve our climate crisis, we must build more homes, and those homes must be green." "I believe that we should legalize smaller, denser, more energy efficient, and more climate friendly homes throughout our city." Alysia stated on her questionnaire. Despite being a strong supporter of more and affordable housing, Alysia is very concerned about adding more housing in Moffett Park due to concerns about sea level rise. She said "It's extremely important that the impacts of sea level rise are adequately addressed by developers..." With respect to active transportation, Alysia said "We need to be funding the implementation of the ATP, the Roadway Safety Plan, and Vision Zero. But we need to go beyond this. Currently, the vast majority of our long-term, billion-dollar transportation plan is devoted to automobile



ALYSIA CISNEROS

infrastructure. This must change." For more about Ms. Cisneros, her positions and to contact her, see below. [www.votealysa.com](http://www.votealysa.com)

**District 4 – Councilmember Russ Melton**

Councilmember Russ Melton is the only incumbent running in a district election. He has a proven track record of voting and advocating for sustainability in Sunnyvale. He is a strong supporter and voted for making implementing the Climate Action Plan 2.0 as a City Council strategic priority for Sunnyvale. Mr. Melton is a strong supporter of more housing in Sunnyvale to help reduce the negative impacts of transportation, including greenhouse gas emissions. He voted for increasing the amount of housing that will be allowed in the Lawrence Station Area Plan and supported maximizing housing as a core goal in the El Camino Real Specific Plan. Mr. Melton said "Decarbonizing transportation is the most important strategy in the Climate Action Plan 2.0" for Sunnyvale to pursue. In alignment with this objective, Councilmember Melton is advocating for "Implementation of the Vision Zero Plan and Active Transportation Plan as a Council Strategic Policy Priority" next year. For more about Councilmember Melton, his positions and to contact him, see below. [www.MeltonForCouncil.com](http://www.MeltonForCouncil.com)



RUSS MELTON

**District 6 – Omar Din**

Mr. Din is a strong supporter of alternative transportation solutions as key step to reducing greenhouse gas emission in Sunnyvale. He said, "We need to focus on switching over to alternative means of transportation and reducing the level of service and vehicle miles traveled of cars within the city." On his questionnaire Mr. Din said "I think it is essential to have high density housing near transit since it creates walkable and bikeable cities which decreases our carbon footprint and helps us achieve our target CO2 reductions". When asked about implementing Climate Action Plan 2.0, Mr. Din would like to see even more aggressive goals saying "... I find that they don't go far enough." For more about Mr. Din and his positions and to contact him, see below. [omarforsunnyvale.com](http://omarforsunnyvale.com)



OMAR DIN

CITY COUNCILS  
IN SAN MATEO COUNTY**Glenn Sylvester & Juslyn  
Manalo Have Earned  
Reelection to the City  
Council of Daly City**

**Juslyn Manalo's** first term on the City Council of Daly City has been a story of diligence on important issues, especially Daly City's Climate Action Plan, and that is a reassuring trait to the Sierra Club. In her role as a council member and as a delegate to county-wide joint powers authorities she has been a steady and reliable environmental vote throughout her many committee assignments. Our expectation is that she will continue to perform as a steady environmentalist. She has been a driver for affordable housing and a steady support-



JUSLYN MANALO



GLENN SYLVESTER

er of various environmental issues as those have arisen before the Council. She has also signed on as a sponsor of our chapter's annual event. Please reelect Juslyn Manalo to the City Council of Daly City. [www.juslynmanalo.com/about-me](http://www.juslynmanalo.com/about-me)

**Glenn Sylvester's** first term on the Daly City Council of Daly City was well served by his background as a Daly City Planning Commissioner because it has given him insight to the need to carefully plan new dense development in transit-rich locations. He knows well that putting it elsewhere just adds to greenhouse gas production. Glenn's collegial manner also works well with all members of the Council and, importantly for Daly City it also works well when Glenn participates with inter-agency boards and commissions. We therefore endorse his candidacy for reelection. [www.glennsylvester.org/about](http://www.glennsylvester.org/about)

**Carlos Romero's and  
Mayor Lisa Yarborough-  
Gauthier's Reelection A  
Good Decision for East  
Palo Alto**

Throughout his long service **Carlos Romero** has easily been one of the most progressive, Club-aligned, and impactful member of the East Palo Alto City Council, especially on inter-agency boards, committees, and commissions. In recent years he has been a very strong board member of the Peninsula Community Energy (PCE) organization, a San Mateo County-wide Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) organization strongly supported by our chapter. He actually drives innovative ways for the organization to expand its mission to provide GHG reduction options to San Mateo County energy consumers and is highly respected by other board members. Carlos is a steady and selfless public servant in every sense of the phrase, and we are proud to endorse his reelection to the East Palo Alto City Council.



CARLOS ROMERO

LISA YARBOROUGH-  
GAUTHIER

Mayor **Lisa Yarborough-Gauthier** serves her city resolutely. Although it recently appeared that significant economic progress was on the horizon this has been dimmed by the covid-19 downturn. Importantly, the City needs to be concerned about sea-level rise and could be challenged by the cost of sophisticated shoreline defenses. Lisa has secured appointment to the newly established San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District. This should offer opportunities for East Palo to avail itself of project grants. The Mayor is also active on several other environmental fronts and her webpage promotes several progressive causes. Please reelect Lisa Yarborough-Gauthier to the East Palo Alto City Council.

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**We endorse Foster City  
Council Members Sam Hindi,  
Catherine Mahanpour,  
Patrick Sullivan**

There are 5 candidates running for the 3 open positions on the City Council of Foster City. The Foster City Endorsement Committee selected 3 candidates: **Sam Hindi** (incumbent), **Catherine Mahanpour** (incumbent), and **Patrick Sullivan** (non-incumbent). They each have records of protecting natural resources and the environment and understand that sea level rise and climate change are major issues facing Foster City and the Bay Area.

Mr. Hindi and Ms. Mahanpour supported

programs to install more EV chargers, to approve rebates for water conservation and solar panels, and to upgrade the wastewater facility. They participated in the process of raising the existing levee system to 2050 resiliency. All 3 candidates want to make sure that the levee project is completed on time and on budget.

Mr. Hindi is the liaison between the ad hoc Citizens Sustainability Committee and the City Council. He welcomes more citizens who are interested in environmental issues to join this committee and wants to make it permanent.

Ms. Mahanpour is an environmental lawyer and is a board member of Peninsula Clean Energy. She continues to lobby for providing clean renewable energy to our residents.

Mr. Sullivan has been committed to public service for many years. He served for 10 years on the Park and Recreation Committee, including as Chair.

All 3 candidates are advocates for affordable housing and for the adoption of REACH codes on new building construction. They want to preserve parks and open space and to protect them from re-zoning for development and/or housing. They want to reduce dependency on cars by having a reliable and efficient regional transit system that connects the 9 Bay Area counties. [www.samhindi.com](http://www.samhindi.com) [www.catherineforfostercity.com](http://www.catherineforfostercity.com) [www.patricksullivanfostercity.com](http://www.patricksullivanfostercity.com)

## A New Environmental Start is Rising in Menlo Park

by Heyward Robinson, Menlo Park Endorsement Committee Chair

Jen Wolosin did not start out as an environmental champion - she just wanted to make it safe for her kids and others to walk and bike to school. But after founding Parents for Safe Routes\* and digging deeper into the issue, she came to understand the tremendous air quality and climate benefits of getting kids and their parents out of cars. Her efforts have paid off.

Safe Routes is now a City Council priority; new bike lanes have been constructed; and most importantly, a record number of children are walking and biking to school. Jen embodies the best of a great grass roots organizer: focused, informed, prepared, tenacious, and successful. Her Council priorities include implementing the Menlo Park's ambitious Climate Action Plan (with a goal of being carbon neutral by 2030), developing sustainable, affordable housing near transit, preparing the City for rising seas, and addressing systemic racial and economic inequities. Jen's current position on the City's Transportation Master Plan Commission gives her a city-wide perspective on the transportation challenges facing Menlo Park. She has strong endorsements, is well financed, and broadly respected in the community. The City is lucky to have someone with her passion and qualifications run for Council. \* Recognized as Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition's 2018 Program of the Year. [www.jenwolosin.com](http://www.jenwolosin.com)



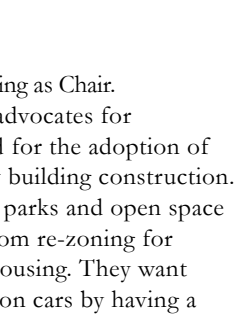
SAM HINDI



CATHERINE MAHANPOUR



PATRICK SULLIVAN



JEN WOLOSIN

## We Endorse Gina Papan's Reelection to the Millbrae City Council

Councilmember **Gina Papan** is a multi-term Council incumbent and former Mayor whose occupation is as a Deputy Attorney General for the past 19 years. Gina has secured the position of representing all 20 San Mateo County cities to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and this can only be a plus for Millbrae because transportation infrastructure, current and planned, is vital to Millbrae's future.

Gina promises to continue to support responsible development that doesn't increase traffic or burden local services, infrastructure, or schools, to prioritize childcare and senior programs, and to fix Millbrae's aging streets and potholes. She believes Millbrae needs affordable housing that the City's working families can afford, and should have compassionate services for homeless people and families in need, while ensuring that the City's business districts, parks and public places are safe and secure for everyone.

The Sierra Club respects Gina Papan's long service to the City of Millbrae, and we endorse her reelection. [www.ginapapan.com/re-election-priorities](http://www.ginapapan.com/re-election-priorities)



GINA PAPAN

## Reelect Ann Schneider to Millbrae's City Council

Council Member **Ann Schneider** is running for her second term on the Millbrae City Council. The Council Member has been very interactive with our Loma Prieta Chapter Sustainable Land Use Committee regarding past and pending Transit Oriented Development issues. She is also supportive of focused protections for endangered/threatened species (California Red

Legged frog, San Francisco Garter Snake, Saltwater Harvest Mouse, and Clapper Rail bird) in and adjacent to Millbrae.

Ann carries a significant number of committee assignments and she is more than willing to champion the interests of Millbrae when engaged with interagency organizations. Ann has an impressive list of endorsements that speaks well to her issue positions. She is supportive of affordable housing, an important issue to the diverse population of Millbrae and especially important to the Sierra Club.

We endorse Ann Schneider for reelection to the Millbrae City Council.



ANN SCHNEIDER

## Marj Davis Endorsed for Pacifica District 4 City Council Race

By John Keener - Pacifica Committee Leader

The Sierra Club endorsement in Pacifica's 4th District City Council election goes to **Marj Davis**. Marj has been a local environmental activist for many years, and this year, she decided to run for City Council. Among the highlights of her leadership in environmental causes are 3 years as Treasurer, 3 years as President of Pacifica's Environmental Family, and service as Treasurer and Co-Director (Business and Administration) of Pacifica Gardens. She is active in Pacific Beach Coalition cleanups and in the Rockaway Ocean Conservation Stewards.

Marj enjoys hiking, gardening, and is an avid



MARJ DAVIS

birder. She cares about preserving the beauty and natural resources of Pacifica. She also cares about the disadvantaged in our community, serving on the board of the Pacifica Resource Center. Marj has a degree in Business Management, with additional training in non-profit bookkeeping and management.

Marj has strong ties to the community and the environment. However you submit your ballot, by mail, dropbox, or in person, be sure to vote for Marj Davis in District 4 of Pacifica. [marjdistrict4pacifica.org](http://marjdistrict4pacifica.org)

## Nancy Radcliffe: A Much-Needed Voice for Redwood Shores District 4

by Sue Chom, Redwood City Endorsement Team Leader and Loma Prieta Chapter Executive Committee Member

If you love trees and regard trees as indispensable to life on earth, you will feel a kinship with **Nancy Radcliffe**, our endorsed candidate for District 1 (Redwood Shores) in Redwood City. Nancy, a long-time resident of Redwood City, has been very active in CityTrees, an organization whose mission is to create "Urban Forests." But that's not all. While she is busy working with residents to plant and prune trees, Nancy is also working to usher in a sustainable Redwood City as a city planning commissioner; she has been a tireless advocate of reducing greenhouse gases by getting people out of cars, protecting wildlife corridors, restoring baylands, and creating a system of interconnected parks. Furthermore, Nancy is very much focused on making sure that we are doing as much as we can to prevent the destruction that climate change-induced sea level rise would bring. We need change in Redwood City as a new era is dawning, whether we welcome it or not. We cannot keep on wishing for a sustainable world if we keep on voting for people for whom a healthy planet is not a priority. A vote for Nancy is a vote for a better future for all. [www.nancyradcliffe.org](http://www.nancyradcliffe.org). [nancy@nancyradcliffe.org](mailto:nancy@nancyradcliffe.org)



NANCY RADCLIFFE

## Janet Borgens, A Strong Voice for Redwood City District 3

by Sue Chom, Redwood City Endorsement Team Leader and Loma Prieta Chapter Executive Committee Member

**Janet Borgens**, the incumbent candidate in Redwood City's district 3, is a tireless champion of diversity, inclusion, and social justice. For us, Janet has been a steadfast pro-environment ally through all the years that she has been on the city council. She voted time and again for what we recommended and has stated that she will do everything she can to protect open space.

Janet has been vigilant about sea level rise dangers, so we know that she will do everything she can to protect our communities from inundation. Furthermore, she is an advocate for the expansion of bicycle and pedestrian pathways, water recycling, senior citizens, and development policies that are socially equitable. Indeed, Janet is a social justice warrior for all these causes and for affordable housing as well as for police reforms, a perspective she calls her "social justice lens."

Last, but not least, is the fact that Janet has been one of the most accessible council members, one who is always willing to listen to complaints and suggestions alike. A vote for Janet is a vote for the environment and for social justice. [janet@janetborgens.org](mailto:janet@janetborgens.org) [janetborgens.org](http://janetborgens.org)



JANET BORGENS

## Michael Smith, a Progressive Environmentalist for Redwood City District 4

by Sue Chom, Redwood City Endorsement Team Leader and Loma Prieta Chapter Executive Committee Member

**Michael Smith**, the candidate in Redwood City's District 4, is running unopposed, but you wouldn't know it. Refusing to accept a simple "wave in" from the city council, Michael insisted on running a full-fledged campaign as he saw this as an opportunity to reach out to his constituents.

What will Michael bring to Redwood City? Plenty. As a champion of the underdog, Michael Smith, as an entrepreneur, a teacher at Canada College, a mentor for youth, and currently, a city planning commissioner, brings a fervor for progressive changes that is seldom seen among Redwood City candidates.

As a planning commissioner, Michael worked to promote REACH CODES, green building stipulations which would expedite the transition to clean energy by requiring new construction to wire homes for electric, not gas, appliances. He has also been busy making sure developers take sea level rise and affordable housing into consideration before approval. And that's not all: one of Michael's goals is to reduce auto emissions and traffic congestion by providing housing along transit corridors and creating more bike lanes.

Michael Smith is a young man who will play a leading role in the shaping of a new Redwood City, one that would be sustainable, healthy, and humane. [michael@michael4redwoodcity.com](mailto:michael@michael4redwoodcity.com) [michael4redwoodcity.com](http://michael4redwoodcity.com)



MICHAEL SMITH

## Chris Rasmussen For City Council District 7 in Redwood City

The Sierra Club is enthusiastic in endorsing **Chris Rasmussen** for Redwood City's City Council District 7.

Chris doesn't just talk it, he lives it. His environmental actions fall into many categories. As a homeless/mental health outreach officer, Chris has participated in many city and county creek and coastal cleanups; in doing so he helps keep creeks and bay areas clean and free of garbage and human wastes, so the homeless camps would be less adversely affected. With his family, Chris has been highly active in environmental activities and groups. Chris has also been involved in environmental protection work with environmental organizations such as the Russian River Watershed.

Chris, in his professional capacity as a community homeless outreach officer, has assumed a mentoring role during creek and coastal cleanups, and through his membership in the Russian River watershed, has physically worked hard to protect ecosystems. Chris is very definitive in expressing his pro-environmental and pro social justice views, such as supporting diversity and equity and stating without hesitation that he is seriously against sprawling into the bay and is committed to ensuring that new housing should have a substantial affordable housing component. [www.chris4rvc.com](http://www.chris4rvc.com)



CHRIS RASMUSSEN

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## Rico Medina for Mayor of City of San Bruno

**Rico Medina** is running for reelection as Mayor of San Bruno and the Sierra Club is pleased to endorse his candidacy. He brings solid experience and a sophisticated environmental outlook regarding the major issues facing San Bruno. We believe he will serve the community well as he assesses substantial new developments that will be brought forward for review by the city and we believe he will strive to prevent the displacement of middle and working class residents that is being experienced around the Bay Area. Rico Medina is very aware of the spectrum of problems that need to be addressed with progressive solutions and we are confident that he will do his best for San Bruno. RicoMedina2020@gmail.com



RICO MEDINA

## City of San Bruno Should Elect Mike Salazar to the City Council

We endorse **Mike Salazar** for the City Council of the City of San Bruno. Mr. Salazar will bring a well-defined environmental outlook to solving problems and planning for San Bruno's future. During his service as a San Bruno Councilmember he has supported the initiation of infrastructure upgrades; the development of a new internet site; completion of a grade separation and establishment of the San Bruno Community Foundation. He has served on the Crime Prevention Committee, Parks/Recreation Commission and was appointed to the San Mateo County Peninsula Clean Energy Advisory Board. The Peninsula Clean Energy program was strongly supported by the Sierra Club and we appreciate Mr. Salazar's service and support and we commend his candidacy to our members. SalazarForCouncil.com



MIKE SALAZAR

## Amourence Lee for San Mateo City Council

**Amourence Lee** is the first Asian American woman to serve on the San Mateo City Council. As a resident on the east side of town, she represents the experience of a somewhat disadvantaged community and brings balance to the Council. She has served as Vice-Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission and General Plan Subcommittee and was appointed to join the council in November 2019. Amourence studied public policy and public health at Columbia University where she received her master's degree. She is passionate about housing and environmental sustainability. As a Parks Commissioner, she has experience with the Urban Forest and our chapter's Green Streets campaign which she supports. The daughter of a former civil rights leader who supported school integration in Atlanta, she is an outspoken supporter of Black Lives Matter. A social justice advocate, she helped raise a Pride Flag at San Mateo City Hall for the first time in the city's history. www.amourencelee.com/blog vote@amourencelee.com



AMOURENCE LEE

## SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARDS / COUNCILS

### Reelect Dan Haggerty to the Midcoast Community Council

**Dan Haggerty** is running for his third term on the Midcoast Community Council and the Sierra Club is pleased to endorse his candidacy. If there is one standout feature of Dan's service on this board it's that he really cares about his role as an advocate for his neighbors and for the coastal environment. He keeps an eye on happenings in the Midcoast and speaks up about infrastructure deficiencies and perceived threats to health and safety. He is knowledgeable about the California Coastal Act, the California Environmental Quality Act and the San Mateo County Local Coastal Program. Often he is a critic of plans or projects that could detract from the aesthetics of the Coastal experience, the promise of which regularly draws large numbers of Bay Area residents to the Midcoast. Because the Council is advisory to the County government rather than a legislative body in its own right, it takes perseverance to achieve a goal and Dan is just the man for the job. Please reelect Dan Haggerty to the Midcoast Community Council.



DAN HAGGERTY

### Reelect Jed Cyr to Ward 3 of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

The Sierra Club has long had the pleasure of working with and endorsing **Jed Cyr**. We are longtime supporters of the mission of the District and greatly appreciate the focus and steadfastness that Jed has brought to his position. Jed has held this office since 1996. He comes from the education field (now retired) and applies those skills in his interactions with the public and with MROSD staff. He believes in balancing access issues with the inherently protective charge of the District. Our chapter looks to him for support when we believe that new access or usage proposals are potentially problematic in terms of environmental impact. His responsiveness is his trademark.



JED CYR

We endorse Jed Cyr for reelection to Ward 3 of the Midpeninsula Open Space District.

### Rod Hsiao For Reelection to the San Mateo County Board of Education

**Rod Hsiao** has held this office since 2006. He championed the Outdoor Education Program at Camp Jones Gulch at the San Francisco YMCA Camp property in La Honda. San Mateo County children have been attending this camp since 1965 and the Program was a great improvement. Rod facilitated the funding of the Program by arranging a \$3.9 million land exchange between the Board, the Peninsula Open Space Trust, San Mateo County, and the YMCA. A significant portion of the former Board property is now part of the County's Memorial Park. The Chapter much appreciates the environmental sensitivity that went into Rod Hsiao's efforts in this important transaction.



ROD HSIAO

Rod has an impressive list of endorsements including ours displayed on his website and we endorse his reelection. www.voterod.org/about

### Let's Keep Dorsey Moore as Director of Santa Clara County Open Space Authority, District 3

As Director of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (OSA), **Dorsey Moore** is deeply engaged in the management of the public open space agency. In his day job, Moore is the Executive Director of the San Jose Conservation Corp where he helps provide direction for youth and he takes his nurturing mindset to his role as Director.



DORSEY MOORE

Moore is also deeply committed to the environmental ethic and open space preservation mission of the OSA where he had served for several years on its Citizens' Advisory Committee prior to becoming a Director. Dorsey's environmental credentials also include an MBA in sustainable management and a BA in geology/geography. It shows in his knowledge of the issues that come before the OSA Board.

We are lucky to be served by his vigor and intelligence. Moore is an incumbent who should be reelected so that he can continue to work hard on our behalf.

## CITY COUNCILS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

### Campbell City Council: Landry for District 1, Lopez for District 2

by Dave Poeschel, Endorsement Team Leader

The race for District 1 features 3 candidates for 1 seat. We see a couple of good environmentalists, but incumbent **Mayor Susan B. Landry** has proven herself to be a strong voice for protecting Los Gatos Creek and moving forward with climate action among a Council that needs to be pushed further. We urge environmentalists to unify behind Landry in a 3-way race where the winner may not necessarily have a majority. Please visit www.susan4campbell.com.



SUSAN B. LANDRY

In District 2, we see progress with two good candidates seeking to fill an open seat where either candidate will improve the make-up of the current council. We support **Sergio Lopez** because we have an opportunity to elect a brilliant young leader who we expect great things from for decades to come. While a social activist, promoting ideas to solve problems with housing, small business, and safety, Sergio also clearly prioritizes progress on environmental issues. We encourage you to invest some time reading his extensive website where he outlines policy updates from everything from transit, climate, urban forest, building codes, biking, and bees to mental health and government efficiency. lopezforcampbell.com/



SERGIO LOPEZ

### Hung Wei for Cupertino City Council

**Hung Wei** has been on the Fremont Union High School Board where she served more than two terms and is well known in the Community. She is a long-term member of Cupertino Rotary

and has served as its president in the past. She is a committee member on the City of Cupertino's Safe Routes to School Program on promoting walking and biking to school to reduce vehicle traffic congestion and emissions.

She supported, as a School Trustee and as a member of Cupertino Rotary, bike repair stations at each school site and at De Anza College to encourage students biking to school. She has volunteered at bike rodeo programs in schools hosted by Cupertino's Safe Routes to School Coordinator to promote safe biking with parents and students. She has supported the Sierra Club on our issues with the Lehigh Quarry related to Permanente Creek, and as a School Board member encouraged many environmental programs. Her responses to our Loma Prieta Chapter questionnaire were consistent with our environmental policies and goals. Please vote for Hung Wei for Cupertino City Council. www.hungwei.org



HUNG WEI

### Reelect Cupertino City Council Member Steven Scharf

**Steven Scharf** is in his second term as mayor even though this is his first term on the Cupertino City Council. We see that as indicative of the regard his colleagues have for his capabilities. He has been a Sierra Club member for 40 years and has attended our Loma Prieta Chapter's Guardians of Nature event.



STEVEN SCHARF

Mayor Scharf's campaign for a second term is based on a strong record on several key environmental issues: he supported restricting the Lehigh quarry's environmentally adverse activities and voted to allocate several million dollars in legal expenses to cope with the Lehigh issue; he supported a strong REACH code over the objections of some residents as well as the objections of a big corporation that lobbied staff to weaken reach codes; he has met with local and regional environmental teams who are engaged with climate issues and has been supportive of their proposed policies; he supported infill development of housing (Westport); and he attempted to constrain the development of office space that would have made Cupertino's housing-job balance worse. He is on the Cities Legislative Committee and took a strong stand to protect the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) consistent with the position of Sierra Club California.

He has strong support in the community. He feels he has learned a lot during his two terms as mayor and has more understanding of the power relationship between the state and its cities. He is willing to compromise and listen to different opinions but will do what he believes to be best for the environment and his constituents.

The Sierra Club endorses the reelection candidacy of Steven Scharf for the Cupertino City Council. nordicgroup.us/scharf4council/

### Sierra Club Endorses Heidi Owens and Maria Ristow for Los Gatos Town Council

by Charles Schafer, Los Gatos Endorsement Team Lead

The Sierra Club is pleased to endorse **Maria Ristow** and **Heidi Owens** for Los Gatos Town Council. We were impressed with their knowledge on a range of issues, and their obvious passion for serving the public. Both have strong environmental sensitivity and have been promoting environmental issues for many years in their roles on various commissions and participation in workshops.

Their primary focus is on transportation

issues. Both are avid bicyclists and advocate for more bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure as well as for transit on Hwy 85 and possibly Hwy 17. They are also promoting town shuttle service and want to refocus highway construction spending to building/providing better transit service. As a corollary both are in favor of building denser housing along transit corridors to develop a more transit-oriented environment and facilitate building more affordable housing.

Both candidates are also outspoken about preserving open space; we need to stop displacing wildlife as well as putting a stop to sprawl. They also are advocating for more wildlife over/under crossings along Hwy 17 and are promoting wildlife-friendly fencing. Energy is another concern, and both have promoted strong reach codes, and are advocating for more charging stations in the downtown area.

As you can see, both candidates are strong environmentalists, and their many years of service to the community show us they are the kind of candidate we can be proud to endorse. [www.mariaristow.com](http://www.mariaristow.com) [www.heidi4losgatos.com](http://www.heidi4losgatos.com)

## Reelect Rene Spring for Morgan Hill City Council, District C

by Dave Poeschel, Chapter Open Space Committee Chair

As we expected with our endorsement in his first run for Morgan Hill City Council, **Rene Spring** has proven himself to be an environmental leader. Rene has supported our efforts to address climate change, voting for all electric building codes for new construction which allows us to move away from natural gas, a greenhouse gas that leaks into the atmosphere from the pipeline infrastructure and is harmful to indoor air quality when burned.

Rene especially shines in his efforts to protect open space and reduce suburban sprawl. He continues to be a vocal opponent of sprawl and opposed Morgan Hill's most recent attempt to annex prime farmland in the area known as the Southeast Quadrant. His was a minority opinion on the Council on this issue but fortunately with a narrow majority, the Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) denied Morgan Hill's request to gobble up more farmland. We have had narrow victories, so we need to reelect Rene Spring and elect more candidates in other races like Rene. Learn more about his vision at [springforcouncil.org/](http://springforcouncil.org/)

## Margaret Abe-Koga for Mountain View City Council

**Margaret Abe-Koga** was the first Asian American female to serve on Mountain View City Council when elected in 2006. She served as Vice-Mayor in 2008, and as Mayor in 2009 and was re-elected in 2016. Margaret has been an active member of the City Council championing the issues of protecting wildlife, public safety, affordable housing, environmental sustainability, youth and is committed to city policies that will help residents and small businesses guide them through this period of crisis due to the pandemic.

Regionally, Margaret has served on many critical agencies bringing a wealth of experi-



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MARIA RISTOW

ence to the council. With her leadership at Valley Transportation Authority, she ensured funding for the Stevens Creek Trail, the pedestrian master plan, the regional bike share program and bus and light rail service.

She was born and raised locally by immigrant parents from Japan and has experienced firsthand the difficulties of racial inequality. She graduated from Harvard with a degree in Government. [www.reelectmak2020.com](http://www.reelectmak2020.com)

## Sally Lieber for Mountain View City Council

**Sally Lieber** has been rated at 100% by Sierra Club. She has been a committed environmental advocate and progressive leader for decades. She has served as council member and Mayor of Mountain View and later was elected for three terms as Assembly Representative for the 22nd assembly district, where she served as Speaker Pro-tempore in 2007-08.

She has a lifetime 100% voting record on the environment as a legislator and has been known to take on environmental causes even when they are not popular. She created and carried the legislation for the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority to fruition and now serves on their advisory committee. This agency now funds restoration efforts all around the Bay, using the popular 2016 Measure AA funds. The agency protects San Francisco Bay for future generations by restoring habitat for fish, birds, and wildlife, reducing trash, pollution, and harmful toxins, improving water quality, protecting communities from floods, and increasing shoreline public access. [www.sallylieber.org](http://www.sallylieber.org)

## Lisa Matichak for Mountain View City Council

**Lisa Matichak** has been a friend of the environment and under her persistent leadership, Mountain View has divested from fossil fuels. A 30-year veteran of the Silicon Valley tech industry, most recently focused on cybersecurity, she has championed quality of life issues for current Mountain View residents, striving to temper city growth with the environment and without diminishing existing services.

A graduate of our Chapter's Environmental Stewardship Program, which she participated in for three years, she was elected to council in 2016, and has since served as Vice Mayor and Mayor. Before that, she served on the Environmental Planning Commission, building expertise that has served her well as council member.

Lisa tells us "I want to focus on helping residents and small businesses get to a new normal, one where residents and businesses thrive. I want to address racial inequality and social justice and I want to help make our quality of life better." [www.LisaForCouncil.com](http://www.LisaForCouncil.com)

## Pat Burt for Palo Alto City Council

**Pat Burt** has a long history of collaboration and support with the Loma Prieta Chapter and with other environmentally oriented organizations. His endorsements span the political



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LISA MATICHAK

spectrum in Palo Alto and are reflective of his ability to get things done. Among many policy objectives he supports specific plans for Palo Alto's two downtowns that would increase density for residential development, but not for additional offices.

He favors zoning changes that would restrict commercial office development and replace it with denser housing zoning in those areas, in portions of the El Camino corridor, and portions of Stanford Research Park. He believes that new housing development in the downtowns should be allowed to purchase redundant parking in city owned parking garages to make those projects more financially feasible.

He favors Residential Permit Parking (RPP) programs for multiple reasons; it constrains "free parking," incentivizes reductions in single-occupancy driving use, reduces greenhouse gasses, traffic congestion, and costly parking demand while pushing the business community to embrace and fund Palo Alto's Transportation Management Association (TMA). [www.patburt.org](http://www.patburt.org)

## A Second Term for Palo Alto City Council Member Lydia Kou

The Sierra Club endorsed **Lydia Kou** in 2016 because, among other things, she brought us a message of strong concern for the natural environment and a particular regard for Palo Alto's famous tree canopy. At several points in her first term she was a strong voice against possible detriment to the environment, was accessible to our activist volunteers, and reached out to those volunteers when she perceived environmental threats before we did. She is cognizant as to how Palo Alto arrived at its jobs/housing imbalance and favors affordable housing development over market rate or luxury housing and is generally opposed to new office development that would exacerbate the imbalance.

Lydia does not buy into proposals based on surface appearances. She looks at things from several angles and often seeks improvement before acceptance. We see this as a good trait in a representative of the people and as a caretaker of the Palo Alto environment.

The Sierra Club recommends the reelection of Lydia Kou to the Palo Alto City Council.

## Ed Lauing for Palo Alto City Council

As a Parks and Recreation Commissioner **Ed Lauing** has targeted parks and recreation investments and programming to optimize access through the transportation network created through the city's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and spearheaded comprehensive conservation plans for each of the city's open space preserves (Baylands, Foothills Park, Arastradero Preserve, and Esther Clark Preserve).

As a Planning Commissioner he maintained a strict interpretation of the ordinance against removal or possible damage to protected trees and he has supported office caps to stop the escalation of our jobs/housing imbalance in order to reduce Green House Gas impacts from long commutes. He has a strong



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reputation as both an environmentalist and as a steady and trustworthy colleague. [www.edlauingforcitycouncil.com](http://www.edlauingforcitycouncil.com)

## Greer Stone for Palo Alto City Council

During **Greer Stone's** terms as an appointed Human Rights Commissioner he has worked with the Silicon Valley Climate Alliance to help place the issue of climate change into the context of human rights. He was conversant on all issues raised in our candidate questionnaire. Social Justice is a key element of his political philosophy. His background as an attorney is also a plus when it comes to dealing with the complexities of municipal governance.

As a teacher in Palo Alto schools, Greer Stone has been a member of the various "green teams" established at his schools and has worked with students to create a more sustainable school community. As the new Student Activities Director at Palo Alto High School, he is exploring new ways to make the school a more sustainable and environmentally friendly campus. He is sponsoring a "Paly Green" club to educate young people on the dangers of climate change and to encourage their active participation in enacting positive change at Palo Alto High School and in their local community on issues regarding climate change.

We endorse with confidence the candidacy of Greer Stone for the Palo Alto City Council.

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GREER STONE



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Scott Boyd  
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Kathryn Slater-Carter



SCOTT BOYD



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## What will be your... environmental legacy?

Name your local Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter as a beneficiary in your will, living trust or other estate plans and create a lasting legacy that provides for a sustainable and healthy future. Contact us today and help us plan our future work to protect our local environment for generations to come.

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## We have a wide variety of opportunities for volunteers to become involved!

- Promote a conservation issue dear to your heart:  
[www.sierraclub.org/loma-prieta/conservation](http://www.sierraclub.org/loma-prieta/conservation)
- Get involved in a political action in support of the environment:  
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- Help educate new members through the efforts of a regional group: [www.sierraclub.org/loma-prieta/regional-groups](http://www.sierraclub.org/loma-prieta/regional-groups)
- Get involved in outings for your own health and to promote the value of open spaces: [www.sierraclub.org/loma-prieta/outings](http://www.sierraclub.org/loma-prieta/outings)

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