



Robert Bernstein

Building a sustainable world means supporting good projects, not just opposing bad projects. My vision:

A community that is more walkable, bikeable and transit friendly. For social justice as well as for environmental reasons. A community that produces much of our own food and renewable energy. A community where we can access nature in a way that enriches us yet minimizes damage to our natural ecosystems.

The Climate Crisis is the result of human policies and activities and we urgently need change.

I was first elected to the Executive Committee in 1998. I was a founding Board member of COAST (Coalition for Sustainable Transportation) and past president of the Bicycle Coalition. I have used my decades of transportation experience as Transportation Chair on the Executive Committee. I have also been Group Chair in the past.

I am a hike leader and a photographer and writer for the *Condor Call* newspaper. I am grateful to write for local regional news services which gives our message a wider audience.

Our current Executive Committee is a powerhouse team that works well together. I would be honored to serve with this team for another term!

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Katie Davis

"Blaa, blaa, blaa," said Greta Thunberg at the latest UN climate conference, contrasting leaders' fine words with the scientific truth that CO2 emissions are still rising and we need more action, more quickly.

As current Chair of the SB Group, I enjoy working to secure concrete victories, including getting Santa Barbara to set a goal of 100% renewable energy by 2030 and implementing a Community Choice Energy program to achieve it.

Also, defeating 750+ proposed oil wells and requiring that new buildings and MTD buses be pollution-free and all electric. I also serve on Sierra Club California's board, the CA Climate and Energy Committee, and Sierra Club's National Marine Team. I am also a trained presenter of Al Gore's "Climate Reality Project" and work in coalition with lots of other organizations because we are stronger together.



Alex Pujo

I was born and raised in Argentina and came to Santa Barbara in 1974. My wife and I own a small architecture and planning firm:

www.pujo.net

Since 1992 we have been involved in local and regional transportation planning because we believe that auto-mobility is one of the greatest environmental threats facing us.

We live in an area that exports its impacts to surrounding communities and places little value on environmental justice. Our older neighborhoods are convincing proof that life is better for all living organisms when we live close to town, drive less and walk more.

Newer transportation policies are increasing access for everyone, but antiquated planning practices encourage sprawl and create a false choice between quality of life and housing supply.

I am a founding member of the Coalition for Sustainable Transportation (COAST) and a member of the Bicycle Coalition since 1994. I currently serve on the executive committees of the Santa Barbara Group and the Los Padres Chapter; I co-chair the Political Committee that reviews local political races and recommends endorsements.

Thank you for your support.

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Luz Reyes-Martin

I'm honored to serve as the Vice-Chair on the Executive Committee for the Sierra Club Santa Barbara Chapter.

As a member of the Executive Committee, I work alongside other members to continue our advocacy work, work in coalition with other community groups, and continue to grow a strong member base. I've been proud to work alongside activists with the Sierra Club chapter in leading the work needed in our communities.

Preservation, protection, education, and environmental justice are areas that the Sierra Club will continue to fight for and that I am committed to focusing on. The effects of climate change, the threat of oil expansion, and other environmental hazards disproportionately affect underrepresented communities across the Central Coast.

I'd be honored to have your support to remain on the Executive Committee. I live in Goleta with my family, I currently serve on the Goleta School Board, and am employed by Planned Parenthood California Central Coast.

"Do work that matters. Vale la pena" - Gloria Anzaldúa

SANTA BARBARA GROUP MEMBERS ONLY VOTE

Santa Barbara Group
Executive Committee Ballot

See candidate statements this page

NOTE: Only members of the SANTA BARBARA GROUP can vote for the candidates below. A second column is provided for households with dual memberships who get only one *Condor Call*. You may photocopy or cut this ballot from the *Condor Call*.

Mail ballot before Dec. 31 to:
Santa Barbara Group, Sierra Club,
P.O. Box 31241, Santa Barbara, CA 93130

Vote for NO MORE THAN 4 (FOUR) people
including the write-in option if you wish.

In alphabetical order: 1st member 2nd member

Robert Bernstein

Katie Davis

Alex Pujo

Luz Reyes-Martin

Write in candidate if desired:

Please provide your Sierra Club member ID # (from your *Condor Call* mailing label or your membership card)

(Number is only to ensure a valid confidential vote. It will not be tied to your name)

Reopening wastewater
plant in SP eyed

The wastewater plant in Santa Paula, closed by an explosion in 2014, has sat dormant for the last seven years but that could soon change if the County of Ventura approves an application to reopen the facility.

If so, opponents are ready to object strongly when public hearings open up in early 2022.

Placed near schools, farms, the Santa Clara River, and on sacred Chumash land, the plant's reopening would put culturally and environmentally sensitive habit at substantial risk, yet the Planning Division has not required a full Environmental Impact Report of the proposed project.

If the facility is permitted to reopen, it would be expanded and operate nonstop, creating pollution from the tanker trucks hauling hazardous waste. The plant is at 815 Mission Rock Road and the company asking to reopen is Ri-Nu Services LLC.

The plant would accept trucked-in domestic waste from portable toilets, septic tanks, and industrial wastes, including those from oilfields. It would be permitted to operate around the clock with up to 500 truck deliveries a week. County officials found the operation's effect on farming could be minimized with a vegetative screen, dust control and proper communication.

However, a hearing held on Nov. 8 turned contentious. Some residents told the Ventura County Planning Director and the applicant "we won't take what others don't want." Planning director Dave Ward, who sat at the same table with Ri-Nu CEO Tim Koziol, defended his staff's claim that there really wasn't much to worry about due to 'mitigation'.

Former Santa Paula mayor Marianne Krause, Santa Paula Latino Town Forum, CFROG and other groups are organizing opposition, and the Ventura Sierra Club is keeping a close eye on it.

Representatives said the county planners ignored studying the worst-case scenario when in fact the worst case already happened when crimes were committed on the property that led to injuries to many and disabilities to firefighters in the explosion seven years ago. The 2014 explosion occurred when a chemical used in the processing

of waste products was loaded into a human waste truck, causing a chemical reaction and explosion as well as spontaneous combustion. Ri-Nu testified it would modify its methods.

Public comment ended Nov. 30, but if the planners go ahead to approve the proposal without a full EIR, opponents are ready to appeal. Public hearings will likely start early 2022. For up-to-date details, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/WastewaterRi-Nu>

EVENTS

Dec 8: **Powered by People** to discuss what comes next for the Build Back Better Act and beyond, featuring Acting ED of Sierra Club Dan Chu for a virtual event. Sign up here:

<https://tinyurl.com/BBBjoin>

Dec 15: **Bee & Butterfly** plant planting at Ventura Community Park, 9am to restore the habitat and populate the species. Details go to:

www.MeetUp.com/SierraClubVentura

Dec 16: **Renewable Trends** sponsored by Sierra Club, a virtual event to learn how we can most effectively steer decision-makers toward practical and equitable solutions. Register here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ActSCLub>

Jan 5: **Supper Club**, our first at 4pm at The Good Plow in Carpinteria and discuss the real cost of cheap food! (See story pg ?) Join the Meetup which is the best way to host nutritionist Gerri French to track RSVPs. There is a \$10 fee for the Supper Club with \$5 refunded that can be used to support The Good Plow with food and beverage purchases. Go here:

<https://www.meetup.com/Santa-Barbara-Food-and-Farm-Adventures/events/282193938/edit/>

EAVESDROPS

"Enough of treating nature like a toilet."

~ U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres during the Glasgow climate summit, urging world leaders to do more to address the climate emergency.

Then U.S. President Joe Biden noted, "It's destroying people's lives and livelihoods."

But to Greta Thunberg it was all a lot of "blah, blah, blah."



See catch currents at:
www.sierraclub.org/lospadres

Most meetings continue
online for now

Group News

www.SBSierraClub.org

The public is welcome to our programs

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

~ Meets 4th Thursday 7pm of every month, via internet for now. Email Secretary Gerry Ching for the agenda: gching@cox.net
~ Chapter website and blog at:

www.SierraClub.org/LosPadres

SANTA BARBARA GROUP

~ We meet 1st Tuesdays, noon to 1:30pm of each month. For details and to follow the South Coast area, contact:

<http://www.sbsierraclub.org>
<https://www.FACEBOOK.com/SBSierraclub>
<https://TWITTER.com/SBSierraClub>
<https://www.INSTAGRAM.com/SierraClubSantaBarbara>
<https://www.MEETUP.com/SierraClub-SantaBarbara>
<https://tinyurl.com/SBGroupBlog>

ARGUELLO GROUP

Our North County Group will keep you informed on our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/SierraClubArguelloGroup ~Volunteers needed; your talents could make a difference. Call 350-0629 or: RebeccaAugust@mac.com

VENTURA NETWORK

~ For board meeting dates, times and location email: sierraclubventura@gmail.com
~ Get latest info about the western Ventura County group via Facebook and a blog:

<http://tinyurl.com/VenturaSierraClubFB>
<https://tinyurl.com/VenturaSierraClubBlog>
~New MEETUP site for hikes, outings etc:
www.meetup.com/SierraClubVentura

CONEJO GROUP

~ Events, outings and meetings will be sent to you if you sign up at ConejoGroup@gmail.com

Otherwise, get all information on this eastern Ventura County Group from Hugh Warren, 341-6295 mail@hkwarren.net
www.sierraclub.org/los-padres/conejo
www.sierraclub.org/los-padres/conejo/outings

