

Candidate Statements:

Robert Bernstein



Building a sustainable world means having a positive vision of what we want, not just opposing projects.

My vision: A community that is more walkable, bike-able and transit friendly. For social justice as well as for environmental reasons. It's a vision where we locally produce much of our own food and renewable energy. A vision where we can access nature in a way that enriches us, yet with minimal damage to our natural ecosystems.

Global climate change is largely the result of human policies and activities and I want us to do our part on a community level.

I am a Life member of the Club and have been on our Group ExCom since 1998. I am Group Vice Chair as well as Environmental Justice Chair and Transportation Chair.

Also I am a hike leader and a photographer and occasional writer for the Condor Call newspaper.

I ask you please to vote for me and also for Alex Pujo, Katie Davis and Bernard Mines.

Katie Davis



John Muir, the founder of the Sierra Club, said, "The battle we have fought, and are still fighting for the forests is a part of the eternal conflict between right and wrong."

Today the protection of our forests and ecosystems is more critical than ever. I believe Santa Barbara, with

its long environmental record and diverse habitats, has a powerful role to play in creating a more sustainable future.

As a trained presenter with Al Gore's "Climate Reality Project," I have been giving numerous climate presentations around Santa Barbara County and have been inspired by the many people I've met and local organizations ready to face the challenges ahead.

As a VP at tech company Citrix, I enjoy applying technology and teamwork to environmental education and action. I created a YouTube video that was a top result for "climate change video," led volunteers in creating an educational website on Ocean Acidification and free ocean education-related iPhone apps in coordination with the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary and UCSB Marine Sciences.

I have served on advisory boards for a number of environmental groups and was awarded 2nd place in the 2012 Cox Conservation Hero awards. I look forward to serving the Sierra Club in its mission to move us beyond fossil fuels and to conserve our local and global resources.

Alex Pujo



Much has changed since I came to Santa Barbara in 1974. Strong policies protected us from the rapacious growth that degraded most of California; however, we live in an area that exports its impacts to surrounding communities and places little value on environmental justice.

I work in a small architectural firm (www.pujo.net). In my profession I learned that the space for people is that small area left over after everything else is occupied by vehicle circulation and storage. It was not always like that, and 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.

In 1992 my wife and I and a few others ("Grassroots 101") led the opposition to the widening of Highway 101 south to Ventura. We managed to reduce project impacts, allocate funding to service roads and

bikeways, and update transportation policies (“Circulation Elements”) for the benefit of all users -not only car drivers.

From this effort evolved the Coalition for Sustainable Transportation (COAST) to improve rail, transit, bicycle and pedestrian access in Santa Barbara; I was its first President. I am a member of the Bicycle Coalition since 1994.

Bernard Mines



I am a volunteer hike leader with the Sierra Club who has been leading hikes for most of the last decade, continuing the Wednesday night hiking tradition.

I have also co-led some snow expeditions with the LA chapter. I have a great appreciation for the outdoors, and a passion for adventure and would like to share some of my energy and enthusiasm by serving on the ExCom.

Growing up in Santa Barbara, I bring to the table an intimate knowledge of our wilderness areas, as well as a wide variety of friends and contacts.

I am also an active volunteer participating in trail maintenance projects with the Los Padres Forest Association.