



Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters

Conservation Voter

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Help Us Help You !

Usually when you see a headline like the one above, it is quickly followed by a fundraising appeal or solicitation of some kind. But we are not asking you for money. Not today. Don't get me wrong; we will never turn down any support and we can always use more money to help us elect true environmental stewards to positions of leadership throughout Los Angeles County. But right now, thanks to you and the many people and organizations that supported our last successful fundraiser, we have more money in the bank than we have ever had in our long history!

So, let's get back to that annoying little headline **AND** how you can **HELP US HELP YOU !**

On November 6, 2007 there will be municipal elections in 19 of the 88 cities that comprise Los Angeles County. Those cities are listed below. Because our board is a working, volunteer board we are able to direct almost all of the money we raise to support the candidates we endorse. As we enter into this busy and important election cycle, we need your help identifying the candidates who are deserving of our support. That's where you, our loyal supporters, can become our partners!

If there are deserving candidates in any of these cities, let us know. If there are issues that we should ask the candidates about in the course of their interviews with LALCV, please let us know. While the 19 cities holding elections this coming November are sometimes referred to as the 'smaller' cities in Los

Angeles County, the environmental problems are as bad, if not worse, than in many of the larger cities. Moreover, your LALCV dollars go a lot further in these cities than they would if spent in the city of Los Angeles City, for example.

In a very short time (before the November elections) we will be unveiling our new website. Some of its interactive features will enable anyone to access past candidate questionnaires; allow concerned citizens to sign up to canvass, phone bank, and in other ways volunteer for a campaign; and alert us to candidates and races that deserve our attention. Please make sure to visit us at www.LALCV.org.

These are exciting times at LALCV. We have a strong 22 person board, enough money to make a true difference in these races, and a renewed commitment to elect great environmental leaders throughout Los Angeles County. But we need you!

Please **HELP US HELP YOU !**

Sincerely,

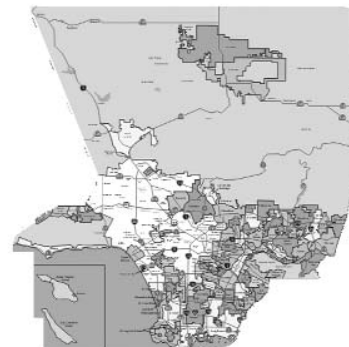
Mitchell Schwartz

L.A. County Cities Holding Elections on November 6th

Agoura Hills
Baldwin Park
Bell Gardens
Diamond Bar
Duarte
El Monte
Hawaiian Gardens

Hawthorne
Hermosa Beach
La Puente
Lynwood
Maywood
Montebello
Palmdale

Rancho Palos Verdes
Rolling Hills Estates
Santa Fe Springs
South El Monte
West Covina



LALVC Welcomes Two New Board Members



C.J. Frogozo

C.J. Frogozo and Clark Lee both joined the LALCV Board in July 2007. C.J. manages political research at OTX, an online market research company. Prior to which, she was the state-wide Director of Operations and Outreach for the Courage Campaign, a 527 focused on initiative reform and statewide coalition building, where she was instrumental in implementing an online activist community and coordinating its blog. During the 2004 presidential election, she was the Office Director and Volunteer Coordinator for the Kerry Edwards Campaign in Milwaukee, WI, where she assisted in administering one of the largest get-out-the-vote operations in the United States. C.J. received her M.A. in Art History from the Courtauld Institute of Art at the University of London and her B.A. in Art History and French from Wellesley College.



Clark Lee

Clark Lee is the Political Director of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party and an independent consultant on targeted constituent outreach, communications, field operations, and voter education. He has served on staff for many statewide, legislative, and local campaigns, including John Kerry for President-California, the California Democratic Party, Governor Gray Davis, and the Alliance for a Better California. He has consulted for, and worked with, nonprofit, government, and private-sector entities, including the California Secretary of State and the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Unit on voter rights issues. Clark is also actively involved with community service, youth mentorship, and grassroots activism. Clark graduated from Claremont McKenna College with honors in Government.

Coming soon to a web site near you ...

Our LALCV.org website is getting a facelift and will have enhanced features that will enable environmental supporters like you to get the latest relevant information about key local races, see opportunities to get involved in the campaigns, provide your feedback or insights into the environmental issues that deserve attention during the races, and interact with our organization in more ways than one. Stay tuned for the unveiling and visit us at www.LALCV.org.

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LALCV's 2007 Award Event Honors Local Environmental Leaders



Mitchell Schwartz & Lee Wallach, LALCV board members

More than 200 people joined us this year for our annual Smith-abram Environmental Champion Awards on Sunday, May 6, 2007 at the Hancock Park home of Marjorie and John Nielson. This year's theme, "It's Too Darn Hot", reflected the collective concern about global warming, as friends and colleagues joined together for an afternoon of food, drinks and fun.

This year the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters honored three people and one organization that have turned up the political heat in Los Angeles County: California Assembly Speaker **Fabian Nunez**, environmental attorney **Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza**, Culver City council member **Gary Silbiger**, and the influential nonprofit organization **Liberty Hill Foundation**.



Gary Silbiger, Culver City councilmember

Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza and Gary Silbiger were on hand to accept their awards, Michele Prichard and Kafi Blumenfeld accepted the award on behalf of Liberty Hill Foundation. Assemblymembers Karen Bass and Kevin de Leon accepted the award on behalf of Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez.



Jerilyn Mendoza accepts award from Paula Daniels

Mitchell Schwartz, LALCV's president, welcomed the honorees, congratulating them for their tireless work on behalf on the environment in Los Angeles County and their continued commitment to fighting to make our cities cleaner and healthier and for holding our civic leaders officials accountable to the environmental needs of our communities.



Mitchell Schwartz with Rick and Pauline Schneider

This year's event attracted more supporters than in previous years, including high donor sponsors who contributed \$1000 or more to the LALCV mission. High donors included Paramount Pictures, Clean Energy, Amy Fisch Solomon, Assemblymember Ted W. Lieu, Better World Group, The Bomaye Company, Carson Hydrogen Power, CDM, Los Angeles Councilmember Eric Garcetti, Gladstein Neandros & Associates, Honorable Dario Frommer, Honorable Bob Hertzberg, IBEW Local 18, Janet and Mitchell Feldman, Nicole Mutchnik, ProPrinting, Renewable Resources Group, Richard and Kabrel Polak, Robert F. Hemphill, San Pedro Hotel Company, Senator Sheila Keuhl, Sound Energy Solutions.



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Karen Bass, California Assemblymember, Dist 47

The annual event raised \$52,000. Proceeds included a silent auction of artwork, jewelry, Hollywood memorabilia, spa services, restaurant meals and a number of other items that drew a record number of bidders.

The Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters holds its annual award event each spring as a way to bring supporters together and recognize individuals and organizations that uphold the LALCV mission. LALCV endorses, supports, and helps elect candidates for local public office who promote the conservation of natural resources and a healthy environment throughout Los Angeles County. In its 24-year history, LALCV has helped to elect more than 100 environmental leaders to local offices in Los Angeles County.



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