

# Conservation Voter

November 2006

## LALCV-Endorsed City Council Races

### McKeown & O'Connor Winners in Santa Monica

Kevin McKeown and Pam O'Connor, finished first and second in the Santa Monica City Council election on November 7th. Both are incumbents who previously received an LALCV endorsement, and both featured the LALCV endorsement prominently in their mailings.

"LALCV is pleased to have endorsed these candidates for City Council who have a proven record of commitment to environmental protection and sustainability in Santa Monica," said LALCV President Andi Liebenbaum. "The City is fortunate to have City Council members like Pam and Kevin, people who put their community's quality of life at the top of their priority lists."



Kevin McKeown earned the League's endorsement owing in large measure to his commitment to protect neighborhoods from over-development and increased traffic, as well as his support for increased parks, playfields, and youth programs. "I'm committed to protecting our planet from the sadly unwise things we do when we lose touch with our natural environment," says McKeown. "I'm exceedingly proud, therefore, of what we in Santa Monica are doing to live light on the land and preserve our planet." McKeown, who works as an Education Consultant, has served on the Santa Monica City Council since 1998.



Pam O'Connor was endorsed for her efforts to improve public transportation in the city, promote park space and many other accomplishments. O'Connor is a regular user of public transit who neither owns nor leases a car. "I'm actively doing something about traffic congestion in my role on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority/Metro Board," says O'Connor. "I've worked tirelessly for a Light Rail line to our city. This fall construction starts on the first segment. As incoming Chair of the MTA, I will bring the leadership to

finish the job of building a Light Rail line all the way to Santa Monica." O'Connor has served on the Santa Monica City Council since 1994 and was mayor in 1997 and again in 1999.

LALCV also endorsed Terry O'Day in Santa Monica. O' Day, who was running for office for the first time, failed in his bid to unseat longtime incumbent Santa Monica Councilmember Bob Hollbrook. LALCV supported O'Day because of his long commitment to environmental entrepreneurialism. O' Day is the Executive Director of Environment Now.

### Inglewood Mayoral Race

In a closely fought race the LALCV-endorsed candidate in the Inglewood mayoral race, Danny Tabor, lost a run-off challenge. Mayor Roosevelt Dorn and Councilwoman Judy Dunlap will face one other in a run-off race in January 2007.

A community leader, Tabor, helped lead a community campaign to prevent Wal-Mart from evading environmental and public review in the corporation's quest to build a superstore in Inglewood. He was also lead negotiator of the LAX Community Benefits Agreement, a ground breaking \$500 million agreement guaranteeing state-of-the-art environmental protection and job creation to the communities most negatively impacted by LAX operations.

"A great advocate for the environment and for environmental justice issues, Danny Tabor would have made a tremendous mayor," said Andi Liebenbaum, President of the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters. "We are anxious to see the residents and business people of Inglewood get the champion they need and deserve. We hope Danny will continue his great work in that city."

# The Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters

## Failed Measures Shows L.A. Still has Some Learning to do About Environmental Issues

The November 7th ballot was filled with a wide range of initiatives ranging from housing to clean money campaigns. LALCV took positions on two very important ballot measures.

### Proposition 87

LALCV endorsed Proposition 87, also known as The Clean Energy Initiative. The measure would have funded a \$4 billion dollar effort to reduce California's dependence on oil by creating incentives for alternative fuel vehicles and by making alternative fuels more widely available to consumers. Funds also would have been spent on research on renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. The per-barrel fee of oil extracted from California was rejected by California's voters. "No on 87" ads portrayed the measure as an effort to raise gas prices without any accountability as to how the funds would be spent.

### Proposition H

People do not often think of housing as an environmental issue, but the LALCV Board determined that Proposition H, the City of Los Angeles' Affordable Housing Bond, had the right links, the right message and the right plan for encouraging low-income housing stock, reducing traffic and encouraging in-fill development. The measure, which was defeated, also would have encouraged the development of affordable housing for moderate-income families as well as transitional shelter and housing for homeless families.

## Four Score – LALCV Scores Four New Board Members



**MOLLY BOSTED** joined LALCV in August 2006. She comes to the environmental movement as a grassroots volunteer. She credits her long-term commitment to years of family weekends spent in the San Bernardino Mountains on many hiking adventures. She has volunteered for dozens of political campaigns in the Los Angeles area, and has demonstrated her commitment to issues through contributions of time and money. Molly's professional life has been spent in the entertainment advertising industry; she is currently a senior artist for the WB Television network in the print division. Molly earned her BA in Studio Arts in 1998 from CSULA and is a Master's Candidate at Cal Poly Pomona's School of Environmental Design.



**STEPHANIE MOLEN** joined LALCV in October 2006. She is an activist whose passions include envisioning a world without violence, protecting and preserving the earth, and fighting for civil rights. Stephanie's involvement in environmental politics includes two years co-directing the field canvass outreach program for the California League of Conservation Voters. Stephanie now represents Assemblymember Ted Lieu in the 53rd District as his Senior Field Representative. Stephanie graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a BA in Music.



**SAUL JANSON** joined LALCV in October 2006. Saul is a lawyer and writer in Venice. His legal practice focuses on transactional work with an emphasis in entertainment, advertising and communications. He is a member of the Writers Guild of America and has written for DreamWorks, HBO and independent film companies. He has a long-standing interest in the environment. While in law school at UCLA, he started the recycling program there, sat on the campus committee focused on recycling and waste reduction, and chaired the UCLA Earth Day 20 celebration. Saul enjoys political activism. He served as a Delegate from the 36th Congressional District to the Democratic Convention in Boston in 2004.



**SANDRA HAMLAT** joined LALCV in November 2006. She is an environmental planner whose interests include the provision of and access to urban open space in the metropolitan Los Angeles area. She currently works with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy. Prior to Sandra's current position, she worked for several years in the private sector as a California Environmental Quality Act consultant. Sandra has worked for other private and public environmental organizations throughout California on various projects dealing with planning, composting, recycling, and land conservation. Her educational background includes a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from UC Irvine and a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Economics and Policy from UC Berkeley.

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We are thrilled to invite you to

### JUST DESSERTS

A CELEBRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP (AND GOOD TASTE)

*Please join the Board members of the  
Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters  
for a toast to environmental leadership*

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

at the Hancock Park home of  
Abby Wolfe-Weiss and Daniel Weiss  
404 S. Irving Blvd., LA 90020

Tickets are only \$25—a token price for a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon that supports our valuable work of identifying, endorsing and otherwise supporting the best environmental candidates for local office.

How to reserve your Golden Tickets...

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The times, they are a-changin'. For the first time in over a decade, Democrats will make and pass laws in this country, California elected a Republican governor to a full term, and Californians were all over the map with votes on ballot measures, local initiatives and candidates. I guess it's not business as usual.

The same is true with LALCV. After serving on the Board for 12 years and being elected president of LALCV for the past 10, I will be stepping down at the end of 2006. In the decade-plus that I have served on the LACV Board, we have grown 10-fold in budget, we have become an important force and voice in local environmental politics, we have attracted some of the best thinkers and activists to serve on our Board, and we have endorsed the most environmentally savvy and supportive candidates for mayors and city council posts. It's been a busy and fruitful time for us.

LALCV's success is due to the efforts of a team of incredibly committed members who served as my mentors for all these years, many of whom have become my closest friends. The team effort is what makes us great, and we consider you a significant part of that team. Your financial investments in our events and candidates, your confidence in our endorsement processes, and your support of our efforts to make local government more accountable and more transparent encourage us to do more and work harder.

Please continue to invest in, have confidence in and support the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters. With your efforts and our great work, the next ten years will be better than the last.

*Andi Liebenbaum*

Andi Liebenbaum, President

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