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**CULVER CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES  
ANDREW WEISSMAN, CHRIS ARMENTA, AND MEHAUL O'LEARY  
RECEIVE IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL ENDORSEMENT FROM  
LOS ANGELES LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS**

Los Angeles – The Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters (LALCV) has endorsed Chris Armenta, Mehaul O'Leary, and Andrew Weissman for the City of Culver City Council race.

O'Leary, Weissman, and Armenta are running for three of five council seats in the upcoming April 8 election in the City of Culver City. No incumbent is running in this race.

“All three candidates will bring positive change to the Culver City Council,” said Mitchell Schwartz, LALCV president. “Each candidate has shown a commitment to solving critical environmental issues facing Culver City and they have the understanding and qualifications to affect real change.”

With a population of nearly 40,000 people, Culver City sits at the crossroads of Interstates 405, 10, and the 90 Freeway. Given its location, residents are struggling to create alternative and public transportation options in the city. Watershed issues also have a big impact on the city; the Ballona Creek channel cuts through the area taking the surrounding water runoff to the Santa Monica Bay. A revitalized Ballona Creek would provide recreational activities along its banks and help connect the parklands within the Baldwin Hills Conservancy area.

Andrew Weissman is a life-long resident and local attorney. As chair of the Culver City Charter Review Committee and head of the Planning Commission, Weissman has been able to balance development with environmental concerns and proven he can build consensus around positive change. Weissman also served as president of the Downtown Business Association, helping to create a pedestrian-friendly downtown area.

Christopher Armenta has gained leadership experience over the past six years as Culver City's elected Clerk. The most important environmental issues to Armenta are creating green building standards, reducing the City's carbon emissions, and developing an overall policy framework for sustainability.

Mehaul O'Leary first ran in the 2006 Council race, coming in third for two available positions that year. Mehaul has been using green living principles at his Joxer Daly's Irish Pub and Restaurant by recycling cooking oil and charging customers extra if they want plastic bags. Mehaul hopes to use his business experience to find creative solutions to protect Culver City's historic character,

invest in more recreational and green space for residents, and turn Ballona Creek into a five-mile environmental and economic green belt for Culver City residents and businesses.

“Our endorsement team was very impressed with all three candidates and their understanding that local government plays a crucial role in finding environmental solutions local problems,” said Schwartz. “Good environmental policy starts with local residents voting green.”

LALCV is dedicated to endorsing and supporting candidates who are committed to preserve, protect and enhance the environment throughout Los Angeles County. Throughout its 20 year history LALCV has helped elect more than 100 environmental leaders to local offices throughout Los Angeles County.

For more information on LALCV activities and endorsements in the upcoming election, please go to [www.lalcv.org](http://www.lalcv.org).

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