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Fasana, Gaston Endorsed for Duarte City Council Race

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DUARTE, Calif. – Duarte City Council candidates John Fasana and Lois Gaston have been endorsed by the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters (LALCV). LALCV President Andi Liebenbaum cited the important environmental issues at stake in the Duarte race in announcing the group's endorsement.

“The pressure to aggressively develop our hillsides is intensifying throughout the San Gabriel Valley,” said Liebenbaum. “Additionally, Duarte residents put up with some of the worst air quality in the region.”

Fasana, who was first elected to the Duarte City Council in 1987 and has twice served as mayor, has been a leader in promoting improved transit options to help address congestion both along the freeway and as commuters flee to surface streets in the city. He has vowed to continue to explore ways to improve transit service. Fasana also has proposed constructing a bike trail connecting Duarte Road to Santa Fe Dam, as well as building a new park in south Duarte and preserving open space in the foothills.

“Members of the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters Board have been pioneers in the effort to protect our quality of life and improve our environment,” said Fasana. “I am pleased they have recognized my accomplishments and endorsed my platform and candidacy in this November's Duarte City Council election.”

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Gaston is also concerned about the health impacts – especially on children and the elderly – of air pollution in the Fish Canyon and South Duarte areas associated with nearby rock quarries.

“I am very pleased to have LALCV's endorsement,” said Gaston, a civic leader and longtime Duarte resident. The organization will undoubtedly help find workable solutions to environmental issues of interest to me, namely, preserving Duarte's open space, updating our hillside ordinance, and learning more about how children who live near industrial zones are impacted, physically and socially.”

The Duarte City Council elections will take place on November 4.

In its 20-plus years, the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters has helped to elect more than 100 environmental leaders to local office in Los Angeles County.

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