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## **LA League of Conservation Voters endorses Bob Henderson for Whittier City Council**

L.A. COUNTY – The Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters (LALCV) – which has supported pro-environment candidates in Los Angeles County for more than three decades – today announced its endorsement of Bob Henderson for the Whittier City Council in the upcoming April 13<sup>th</sup> election.

“Whittier will face tough choices as it examines plans to resume oil and gas drilling, and the City Council needs environmental leaders who can rally the community to ensure short-term thinking does not trump long-term investments in public health and the economic and environmental benefits of protecting the Whittier Preserve,” said LALCV President Anthony Rendon. “Based on Bob Henderson’s record and expressed commitment to health, safety and protection of the valuable Whittier Hills wilderness corridor, we believe he should be an important ally for the environmental community on the City Council.”

Determining whether drilling can resume in the old “Whittier Main Oil Field” without jeopardizing the Wilderness Preserve is one of Henderson’s top priorities. Henderson led the effort to purchase and maintain the Wilderness Preserve and has personally negotiated every property acquired by the city and by the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority, which he chairs. The Authority manages 3,860 acres in the hills; Whittier owns 1,280 of that total, which it purchased in 1995 from Chevron Oil and Unocal. As part of the purchase, Henderson said, the city acquired the mineral rights to ensure that the companies could not resume drilling. Henderson told LALCV that drilling will only resume if it can be done without harming the public or the wilderness preserve.

For more information on LALCV’s endorsements - including links to endorsed candidates’ websites - please visit [www.LALCV.org](http://www.LALCV.org).

### About the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters

Founded in 1976, the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters (LALCV) is dedicated to electing municipal leadership in Los Angeles County to preserve, protect and enhance the environment. LALCV has helped elect more than 100 pro-environment officials throughout the county. LALCV endorsements are determined by its all-volunteer Board, which is composed of L.A. County residents committed to advancing environmental priorities. For more information on LALCV, its endorsements and its additional political activities, please visit [www.LALCV.org](http://www.LALCV.org).

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