

Some of the Reasons We are Running...

- * The current majority on the Sierra Club Board voted to eliminate the longstanding rights of elected chapter Executive Committees regarding hiring and overall employment decisions for chapter staff. This needs to be reversed.
- * Lately, the current Board majority has been conducting most of its meetings in closed sessions, where no records are kept, which undermines the transparency that we need in a volunteer-led Sierra Club.
- * The Sierra Club is raising tens of millions of dollars every year for wildlands protection, including **natural climate solutions** (protecting forests, wetlands, and other habitats so they can absorb more CO2 from the atmosphere), but is only spending a minor fraction of these funds on these issues. Solicitations regarding imperiled wildlife, such as wolves, mention hunting laws but often fail to address habitat destruction from logging and other resource extraction activities. We need to greatly increase our funding allocation for these issues so we can protect biodiversity and advance natural **climate solutions**, including our 30x30 goals (protecting at least 30% of US wildlands by 2030), while increasing access to nature for communities.
- * The current Sierra Club leadership has made some troubling compromises recently that undermine our stated goals and values and exacerbate **climate change** and pollution impacts to communities, including the promotion of the Infrastructure bill, which included numerous environmental rollbacks (e.g., elimination of environmental analysis for new oil/gas pipelines across most federal lands, and elimination of environmental analysis for many new commercial logging projects on federal lands) and enormous subsidies for the fossil fuel, forest biomass, and logging industries. The Sierra Club must advocate for our values, and promote protection for wild places and major funding for expansion of community and rooftop solar, not provide green cover for environmental rollbacks that undermine **climate solutions** and billions in subsidies for polluting industries that compete with solar and harm the environment and communities.
- * The current Board majority promoted inaccurate and misleading attacks on the Sierra Club's founder, John Muir. These attacks should be rescinded. Also, the behavior of Board members around this topic (particularly aimed at those Board members and volunteers seeking to set the record straight) has been very public and alarming to many of our Chapter and Group volunteers. This behavior must stop as well.
- * We need more support for outings, including Inspiring Connections Outdoors (ICO) and promoting/advocating outings for all people. In particular, we need to support volunteer-led chapter outings, without undue interference from national Sierra Club. Outings are central to the Sierra Club's mission but have not been properly supported in recent years.
- * The Sierra Club must "walk the talk". The current Board majority often talks about equity, inclusion, and diversity, and the importance of grassroots volunteer leaders. However, in practice, the current direction of the Board has too often undermined these important goals and values. This needs to change.