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SIERRA CLUB ENDORSES SANTA FE CANDIDATES

Santa Fe - The Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club today announced the endorsement of the following candidates in the upcoming Santa Fe municipal election:

Alan Webber, Mayor

Signe Lindell, City Council District 1

Carol Romero-Wirth, City Council District 2

Roman "Tiger" Abeyta, City Council District 3

Amanda Chavez, City Council District 4

"The Sierra Club recognizes the efforts of Mayor Webber to advance sustainable goals with concrete actions, including passage of a green bond to solarize fourteen city buildings and conversion of all city owned street lights to LEDs in a night sky friendly fashion," said John Buchser, Northern Group Executive Committee Chair. "Furthermore, Mayor Webber's aggressive support of water conservation, diversification of our water sources, and support of future technologies like aquifer storage and recovery have made Santa Fe a model for water policy and planning".

Environmental issues have also received solid support from three incumbents running for re-election this year. Councilor Lindell supports programs to cut vehicle air and noise pollution; recognizes the need to use limited land and infrastructure resources wisely for infill projects; redevelopment of the Midtown campus as a place for Santa Feans to live, work and play; and to extend the ethic of water conservation to the commercial sector.

Councilor Romero-Wirth championed city council support for converting the city's streetlights to energy efficient and dark sky compliant fixtures; supports programs to cut vehicle air and noise pollution; sponsored legislation (now law) to dedicate revenue from sale of land toward the affordable housing trust fund; and sponsored a resolution calling for 40- and 80- year water plans.

Councilor Abeyta supports programs to cut vehicle air and noise pollution; supports providing as part of the affordable housing trust fund rebates to allow families a way to afford more sustainable sources of energy; and seeks to pursue aquifer storage and recovery.

District Four candidate and school administrator Chavez aims to bring to the city council the knowledge, skills and passion she gives to public schools. She is a supporter of community solar, infill and a mix of land uses, as well as programs to cut vehicle air and noise pollution.

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About the Sierra Club:

The Sierra Club is America's largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization, with more than 3 million members and supporters, including more than 30,000 in New Mexico. In addition to helping people from all backgrounds explore nature and our outdoor heritage, the Sierra Club works to promote clean energy, safeguard the health of our communities, protect wildlife, and preserve our remaining wild places through grassroots activism, public education, lobbying, and legal action.