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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2011**





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# Friends,

**Thank you so much for being here tonight to help celebrate the contributions of four of California's best environmental leaders. Our state needs champions for the environment in government, business, and entertainment sectors, and of course in our own advocacy organizations, and we need supporters like you, who make our work possible.**

We are fortunate to have all of these sectors represented tonight, with California Attorney General Kamala Harris; Long Beach Mayor and former president of Southern California Edison, Bob Foster; founder and president of The Better World Group, Wendy James; and actress and founding board member of Earth Communications Office, Daphne Zuniga.

It's fitting that you've joined us for this event in December, which is a time both for reflection on the current year and planning for the next. CLCV recently wrapped up our work advocating for the environment during the 2011 legislative session, where we faced now-familiar challenges. California's budget deficit and a lingering national recession emboldened those opposed to California's bedrock environmental and public safety laws to introduce a record number of bills to weaken those protections.

The good news is that together with environmental advocates like you, we won most of the important battles where our environment was at stake and delivered dozens of good proposals to Governor Jerry Brown. He signed the vast majority of them into law, including a landmark bill committing California to obtain one-third of our energy from renewable sources by 2020. But the hard truth is that many of our community's high-priority bills to protect our air, water, and wild spaces failed to reach the governor's desk—sometimes falling short by just a handful of votes.

That's why the real lesson is that elections have consequences. **And California's 2012 elections will be the most significant in a decade.**

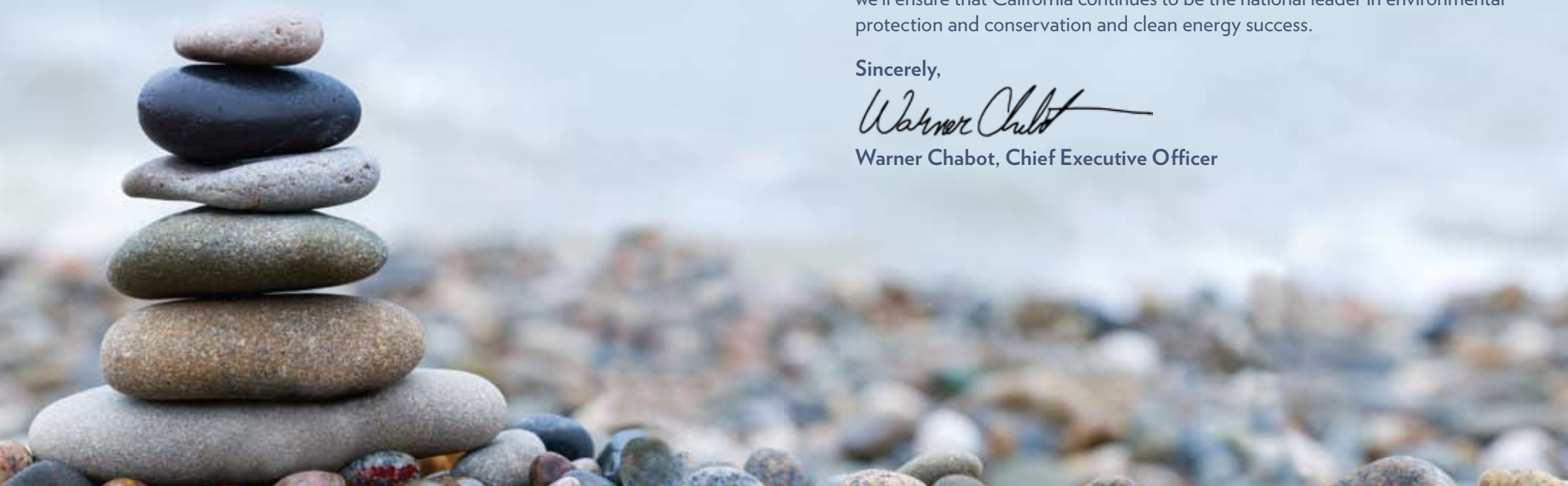
The combination of redistricting and open primaries means more contested races in the Assembly and Senate next election. These will become major opportunities if we have the capacity to influence the outcome of these contests. In other words, the Golden State has a golden opportunity to elect an environmental majority to the state legislature in 2012. Tonight we celebrate our champions and successes, but we must gather our forces to brace for the upcoming elections.

As we honor these four outstanding champions for California's environment, we ask you to join them and all of us in the fight for California's future. Together, we'll ensure that California continues to be the national leader in environmental protection and conservation and clean energy success.

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# The California League of Conservation Voters is the political action arm of California's environmental movement.

For 39 years, CLCV's mission has been to defend and strengthen the laws that safeguard the health of our neighborhoods and the beauty of our great state. We work to elect environmentally responsible candidates to state and federal office who will join us in our mission. And, once they're elected, we hold them accountable to a strong environmental agenda.

## WE ELECT ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPIONS

The single most important contribution you make through CLCV is to enhance the lives of Californians by electing candidates into office who are committed to protecting the environment. CLCV conducts rigorous research on candidates and concentrates on the races in which our resources can make a difference. We back our endorsements with expertise, assisting candidates with the media, fundraising, and grassroots organizing strategies they need to win. We educate voters and then get out the vote on Election Day.

## WE FIGHT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS

Each year, we aggressively lobby on the most important environmental bills in Sacramento and work to make sure lawmakers hear from environmental voters. Our targeted Member Action Campaigns, in which we call our members and pass them directly through to their legislators, help swing key votes at crucial moments.

## WE HOLD LAWMAKERS ACCOUNTABLE

At the end of the legislative year, we publish the *California Environmental Scorecard*, which cuts through political rhetoric and records the most important environmental votes. The *Scorecard* — distributed to CLCV members, friends, partner organizations, and the news media — is the authoritative source on the state's environmental politics.

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# KAMALA HARRIS

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As Attorney General of California, Kamala Harris enforces the landmark environmental laws that make California a national leader in smart environmental policy. As San Francisco District Attorney, Harris created the office's first Environmental Justice unit which prosecuted environmental crimes. She actively supported the Environmental Circuit Prosecutor Project by the California District Attorneys Association that provided environmental education for state and local prosecutors and local governments. A graduate of the University of California Hastings College of the Law, Ms. Harris has worked with environmental leaders and legislators throughout the state to support environmental protection laws.

# BOB FOSTER

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Mayor of California's seventh largest city, Bob Foster is being honored for an entire career as an environmental champion. The former President of Southern California Edison, Mayor Foster led the company in implementing the largest renewable energy portfolio in the United States. As Mayor, he spearheaded an aggressive cleanup of the Port of Long Beach, initiated the conservation of the Los Cerritos wetlands by acquiring key portions of one of the last intact wetland ecosystems in Southern California, and led the efforts to decommission the outdated, polluting South Bay Power Plant in San Diego. Mayor Foster worked closely with CLCV to advance the implementation of landmark global warming and land use laws AB 32 and SB 375.

# DAPHNE ZUNIGA

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Actress Daphne Zuniga is a devoted conservationist and a founding board member of Earth Communications Office (ECO), an organization that harnesses the power of the environmental movement and the entertainment community. She joined the Board of the Los Angeles River Conservatory following her illness from mercury poisoning. She has collaborated with Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and Robert Kennedy, Jr.'s Waterkeeper Alliance. Recently, Zuniga has focused her efforts on public education campaigns about the hazards of toxic chemical and environmental problems in Hispanic communities, where childhood asthma is an epidemic. Zuniga became familiar to millions for her roles in feature films such as *The Sure Thing* and *Spaceballs*, and as Jo Beth Reynolds on the hit series *Melrose Place*. Zuniga can currently be seen on the series *One Tree Hill*.

# WENDY JAMES

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Wendy James, founder and president of The Better World Group, Inc., brings 30 years of exceptional environmental strategy, communications, and policy expertise to the clients and organizations with which she works. She provides trusted advice to policy makers at all levels of government, works with progressive businesses to frame their political strategies, and coordinates environmental organizations in implementing advocacy campaigns. James has worked as the head of the Environmental Media Association, led the Electric Transportation Division of Southern California Edison, and served as a press secretary for a former member of Congress, garnering numerous awards and recognitions. For over a decade, she served on the CLCV Board of Directors; she currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the California State Parks Foundation.

# RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## LEGISLATIVE

**2011**

### **Raising the Renewable Energy Bar**

After prior governors and legislatures dealt setbacks to similar bills, SB 2X (Simitian) increases the share of renewable energy supplied by the state's retail sellers of electricity and publicly owned utilities to 33 percent by 2020.

**2011**

### **Banning Shark Fins**

AB 376 (Fong & Huffman) bans the sale and possession of shark fins. The practice of cutting the fins off of living sharks and dumping them back in the ocean is cruel and harmful to ocean health.

**2010**

### **Reducing Copper Levels in Water**

SB 346 (Kehoe) phases out the use of vehicle brake pads containing toxic heavy metals such as cadmium, lead, and mercury. Fragments of worn brake pads are the worst sources of these pollutants in our urban waterways.

**2008**

### **Planning for Sustainable Communities**

SB 375 (Steinberg) is a comprehensive global warming law that focuses on improving housing and transportation planning decisions to reduce fossil fuel consumption and conserve farmlands and habitat.

**2007**

### **Protecting Endangered Birds**

AB 821 (Nava) bans the use of poisonous lead ammunition in the range of the endangered California condor, our state bird, to prevent its extinction.

**2007**

### **Banning Phthalates in Products for Young Children**

AB 1108 (Ma) provides the first major step toward protecting children from toxics in baby products. It bans the use of phthalates—a type of toxic chemical used in plastics—in toddler and baby items such as toys, teething rings, and sippy cups.

**2006**

### **Capping Global Warming Emissions**

AB 32 (Pavley/Núñez) sets a statewide cap on greenhouse gas emissions from major stationary sources such as power plants and factories.

**2002**

### **Setting Tailpipe Carbon Standards**

AB 1493 (Pavley) laid the groundwork for future climate change policy, passing by a one-vote margin to become the first global warming law in the country. It mandates the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from mobile sources such as cars and light-duty trucks.

## ELECTORAL

**2010**

### **Governor Jerry Brown**

Governor Jerry Brown has proven his commitment to environmental protection and progress throughout his lifetime of government service. He campaigned on a bold platform of environmental protection and creating clean energy jobs, earning CLCV's endorsement. He has earned a lifetime CLCV Scorecard rating of 86%, the highest of any governor in California history.

**2010**

### **Defeat of Proposition 23**

CLCV helped bring together a broad coalition which included public health, business, and environmental justice groups to activate voters to defeat Prop 23, the Dirty Energy Proposition. The result: Voters soundly defeated Big Oil's attempt to meddle with CA's landmark clean energy law, AB 32. In fact, Prop 23 received more "no" votes than any other campaign or candidate received in 2010.

**2008**

### **John A. Pérez, Assembly Speaker**

John A. Pérez served on the CLCV Board of Directors for ten years before stepping down to run for the Assembly. As both a longtime labor leader and a longtime environmental leader, Pérez

represents the good that can happen when the two movements seek out common ground and work together for the good of all Californians.

**2006**

### **Defeat of U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo**

CLCV's investment in and activist recruitment for clean energy businessman Jerry McNerney's campaign played a large role in defeating Congressman Richard Pombo. Pombo, a 7-term incumbent and chairman of the House Resources Committee, consistently attacked our nation's coastline, parks, wildlife, and air quality. As the icing on top of this victory, Pombo publicly blamed the environmental community for his defeat.

### **Hilda Solis, U.S. Secretary of Labor**

Hilda Solis, a longtime champion of environmental protection, authored the first environmental justice law in the nation as a California legislator. CLCV first backed Solis in her 1992 run for the Assembly; we gave her a full-time campaign organizer and dedicated staff time to field organizing. We backed her again in her successful run for the California Senate in 1994, and again when she unseated incumbent Congressman Marty Martinez in a major upset in 2000.



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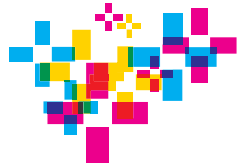


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