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**EL SEGUNDO COUNCIL CANDIDATE CINDEE TOPAR RECIEVES
ENVIRONMENTAL ENDORSEMENT FROM
LOS ANGELES LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS**

Los Angeles –The Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters (LALCV) has endorsed Cindee Topar for El Segundo’s City Council. Topar is a first time candidate and is running for one of three council seats in the April 8 election.

Mitchell Schwartz, LALCV president, said that Topar demonstrated a full understanding of the environmental issues facing El Segundo and is a highly qualified candidate for the position. Major environment issues in the small, 10 square mile city of El Segundo, include the impact of LAX on the city, which is directly beneath the flight path; water conservation; air quality; and the impact of the nearby Hyperion treatment plant.

This year, three of the five City Council seats are up for election and incumbents are running for two of those seats. Council members are elected at-large.

Topar is currently a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission and has worked on many environmental issues over the past 24 years, including the Tree Musketeers’ “Trees to the Sea” program, which has planted 396 trees in the Imperial Highway median between El Segundo and LAX. “This year, thanks to the leadership of our City Council, the final 120 trees will be planted,” said Topar. “I am very proud to be a part of this important project that has helped beautify a previously dismal stretch of highway and increased the number of trees in our community.” As part of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Topar also fought to use artificial turf on a new five acre athletic field in the city that will save approximately two million gallons of water per year.

“Our endorsement team was very impressed with Topar’s grasp of the environmental issues facing El Segundo,” said Schwartz. “Cindee brings both years of experience as well as a fresh voice and new energy to the Council as it continues to tackle difficult environmental challenges.”

Topar’s campaign is focusing on bringing El Segundo’s successful recycling program to multi-family housing and opposing current plans to expand LAX. She also wants to work to increase the amount of recycled water for use in various facilities in the city.

The Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters is dedicated to endorsing and supporting candidates who are committed to preserve, protect and enhance the environment throughout Los Angeles County. Throughout its 20 year history LALCV has helped elect more than 100 environmental leaders to local offices throughout Los Angeles County. For more information on LALCV activities and our endorsements in the upcoming election, please go to www.lalcv.org.

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