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LOS ANGELES LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS ENDORSES GREIG SMITH

LOS ANGELES, California - The Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters, the countywide political action organization dedicated to supporting candidates and ballot measures that protect the environment, today announced their endorsement of Councilmember Greig Smith for the 12th District in Los Angeles.

Although running unopposed, Greig Smith has demonstrated his insight into the environmental problems faced in the district, including the methods for disposal of the 5500 tons of refuse, yard waste and recycling generated in the city every day. Smith has announced an innovative plan called RENEW where by various alternative technologies are used to turn trash into energy. Most of the technologies are safe and have little or no impact on air or water quality. Landfills are filling up rapidly and no new ones are expected to be permitted in the foreseeable future, making a new approach to trash vital to the health and welfare of the entire city. Smith has been a strong advocate of expanded recycling in multi-family residences and spearheaded a pilot food waste program whereby restaurant waste is collected for composting. He has also expanded the number of items that can be recycled in the blue bins, leading to a citywide goal of Zero Waste.

In addition, Mr. Smith has been sensitive to the need for more parks and open space in the 12th District. Aliso Park will return to its equestrian roots and Stony Park will be developed as a nature preserve.

“I feel honored to receive the endorsement of the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters. I consider the League to be the premiere environmental group in the city and I feel our objectives are similar,” Smith said upon hearing of his endorsement.

The Citywide election is March 6th with contests in each of the even numbered Council Districts.

The League endorses, supports, and helps elect candidates for local public office who will promote the conservation of natural resources and a healthy environment. In its 24-year history, the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters has helped to elect more than 100 environmental leaders to local offices in Los Angeles County.

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