

Sonoma County Conservation Action Report Card 2007-2008

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Official's Name	Envr. Voting	Listens to Citizens	Ratings for Summer 2006 – Summer 2007. Ratings based on citizen input and are opinions of SCCA, whom is responsible for contents of this report.
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS			
Valerie Brown	D	F	Seemingly less concerned about the environment each day. Was vocal for gravel mining this year. Not available to meet with people without persistent requests.
Mike Kerns	C+	B	Advocates for SMART, but doesn't seem to know or show leadership on environmental issues. He can be moved, but still has not helped open up Lafferty.
Tim Smith	C-	C-	Made a very disappointing recent appointment to the County Planning Commission. Has supported SMART and Open Space. Retiring in 2008 as well.
Paul Kelley	F	F	Predictable in his vote. Voted against the Forest Conversion Ordinance, which, watered down from Reilly's original proposal, still got four votes.
Mike Reilly	A	A	He supports protecting open spaces, natural habitat, timber lands, and has worked to get more parks. He does his homework and is always willing to talk and to listen. Retiring in 2008, he will be sorely missed as the environmental leader.
CLOVERDALE CITY COUNCIL			
Carol Russell	B+	A-	Leader on some important environmental issues. Always willing to listen.
Bob Jehn	B	A-	Leader on public transit, getting funding for open space. Listens and makes time to meet with constituents. People come to him, and he always responds.
Jessalee Raymond	C+	B	She is not very visible and does not draw public awareness on issues or her position. Willing to meet, but reluctant to do so.
Joe Palla	B	B	Takes the environment into account in decision making much of the time. Open to learning and meeting with residents.
Gus Wolter	C+	B+	Visible and accessible. UGB support will be the ultimate test through next year.
COTATI CITY COUNCIL			
Geoff Fox	B	C	Thinks of himself as a moderate, but tends to vote for the environment side more than not. Is concerned with outreach, but can be hard to get in touch with.
Pat Gilardi	B+	B+	Solid environmental vote and supporter of mixed-use, smart growth principles. Does an excellent job of following up on individual problems.
Patty Minnis	F	D	Blatant opposition to smart growth practices including traffic calming is disturbing. Doesn't respond directly to comments. Attacks pro-enviro majority.
John Guardino	B+	B+	A highly educated environmentalist who does his homework. Cares and respects the responsibility that comes with being an elected official.
Janet Orchard	B	C+	Is not afraid to make environmental stewardship a high priority in how she votes, Willing to meet, could be more open to suggestions from the public.
HEALDSBURG CITY COUNCIL			
Mike McGuire	A	A	Mike always puts the environment first. Consistently brings forward votes for environmental protection. Works hard to connect with the citizens of Healdsburg.
Gary Plass	D	C-	Developer supported and influenced. Listens and will respond only if a majority of the council gives him adequate cover.
Jim Wood	B	B	So far has been very favorable to the environment. Listens and takes everything into consideration. Needs to be more vocal during council debates.
Eric Zedrich	C-	C	Eric at times seems wishy-washy on certain issues. Has not had much contact with voters. Needs to work on his outreach. Helped on plastic bag ordinance.
Lisa Schaffner	C-	D-	Developers have more of a say with Lisa than any environmental issue. Seems to pick and choose who she wants input from. Didn't step up for SMART in 2006.
PETALUMA CITY COUNCIL			
Pamela Torliatt Mayor	A	A	Never fails to consider best environmental practice. She listens to the public. She studies the issues. She then acts on behalf of the public good.
Teresa Barrett	A	A	Environmental vote constantly over ridden by 4 vote majority, but prevails at times using persuasion and homework. Very accessible.
Mike Harris	C-	B	Mostly votes for developer interests, though supports UGB and infill development. Can be contacted. Has difficulty going beyond conservative views.
Samantha Freitas	C-	D+	Disappointing on a range of environmental policy. Not responsive.
Karen Nau	D+	C-	All new shopping opportunities are a "yes" vote despite negative community consequences. Shows no leadership, and needs to solicit more public input.
Mike O'Brien	F	F	A consistent bad vote. Refuses to talk to the environmental constituency.
David Rabbitt	C-	C+	He makes a good show and talks a good game, but generally will favor the developer interests. Door is wide open, but only yields verbiage but not results.

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ROHNERT PARK CITY COUNCIL			
Pam Stafford	B	B+	New to Council, record thus far is very good. Approachable and open to comments from the public.
Jake Mackenzie	A-	B+	Jake spends time researching, learning and working on environmental issues. Listens to community and takes comments of citizens seriously.
Tim Smith	B+	A-	Good voting record on environmental issues. Open to feedback.
Vicki Vidak-Martinez	C+	B	Has greatly improved her voting record on environmental issues. Open to comments from the community although can appear defensive at times.
Amie Breeze	F	F	Votes based on the input of the developers who have funded her defense from recall and recent reelection. Appears unprepared. Serves special interests.
SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL			
Bob Blanchard	D-	C-	“Business Environment” is the only green Bob understands. Talks big and does little. Has improved on bicycle issues. Open to input, but doesn’t incorporate.
Jane Bender	D+	C-	Has not shown that she understands GHG reductions and Green Building go hand in hand. A “wolf in sheep’s clothing.” Is not open to public persuasion.
Susan Gorin	A-	A-	Outstanding record on key issues, needs to find ways to persuade developer majority further. She’s very accessible, truly considers input from the public.
John Sawyer	D+	D	His vote against Wal Mart is the only redeeming factor in his voting record. Difficult to meet with, listens to developers and business interests.
Carol Dean	N/A	N/A	A new council appointment. Carol was endorsed by SCCA twice in the past.
Veronica Jacobi	A	A-	A constant force for climate change awareness, and consistently brings energy reductions and green building into the dialogue. Willing to listen.
Lee Pierce	C	B+	Lee could become a good environmental vote. Shows promise on Green Building and Station Area Plan related votes. Very accessible to public.
SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL			
Sarah Glade-Gurney	A-	B+	A reliable vote for environmental protection. Sarah plays close attention to the public’s point of view.
Linda Kelley	A-	B	Holds the protection of the environment at the highest standard. Does her homework, but has been less available over the past year.
Craig Litwin	A-	B+	Craig works to maintain balance on the council, and makes reasoned decisions that favor sustainability. A good listener.
Larry Robinson	B+	B-	Larry has sustainability in mind. He listens well and makes the tough decisions, while not always pleasing everyone. His time as Mayor was challenging.
Sam Pierce	A-	B+	A good vote for smart growth, and the environment. Generally a good listener, he responds to emails and letters and shows intelligence.
SONOMA CITY COUNCIL			
Joanne Sanders	D+	C-	Typically does not think or vote environmental. Responsive to her perceived core of voters, but does not understand that she represents all Sonomans.
Stanley Cohen	C+	B-	More committed to budget issues, not there on mandatory regulations to insure green policies. Willing to talk, but has not gone against core constituents yet.
August Sebastiani	D	C+	Some serious concerns exist about his inexperience and expressed views on issues. He is trying to be responsive to citizens. Doesn’t show promise.
Ken Brown	A	A	Consistent in support of the environment. Helping craft mandatory rules for Green Building. Most available Councilperson in Sonoma, a great listener.
Steve Barbose	A-	B+	Core commitment to environmental issues is strong. Listens and returns calls.
WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL			
Debora Fudge	A	A	The “Gold Standard” for the North County. There are only a handful of people in life that care so much and put that passion into action. A smart growth guru.
Sam Salmon	A	A	Always there for the environmental vote. Led the council in determining GHG emissions associated with stop signs- a real leader. Very open to others ideas.
Steve Allen	F	F	Works against everything the environmental movement stands for. Unapproachable and set on his positions. Very politically motivated.
Warin Parker	D+	C+	Influenced by developers and doesn’t understand much about the environment. He is spending more time traveling, but when around will listen.
Robin Goble	B-	B	Is likely to be a good vote, but has not yet shown leadership on the environment. Needs to stop relying on staff so much, and take the ball and run.