

Green Democratic Club of Sacramento County



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Green Democratic Club Endorses Angelique Ashby for Sacramento City Council District 1

Sacramento Green Democrats endorsed challenger Angelique Ashby for election to Sacramento City Council District 1 over incumbent Ray Tretheway on Tuesday April 27. Club members cited accountability and the need for change as key reasons behind the unanimous decision. The Green Democrats strongly believe that the city has been dragging its feet over the last nine years on important green issues such as land use, flood safety, water conservation, energy efficient building, solid waste management, and protection from air pollution. It is time for a dynamic community leader like Angelique Ashby to step forward and push for greener values and solutions.

The most important environmental issue in the district is future land use. Councilmember Ray Tretheway has consistently advocated annexing thousands of acres of farmland in Natomas for more sprawl development (called "Joint Vision"). He has said about this plan, "I helped write Joint Vision." Ashby has said "I support infill and finishing current projects first." [Sacramento Press, October 21, 2009.]

In 2007, the incumbent sponsored adoption of a 577 acre annexation for more sprawl development, called Greenbriar. The plan is being litigated by environmental groups for failure to protect air quality, endangered species, prime agricultural soils, and for other environmental concerns. In particular, environmental groups objected to locating new housing within 500 feet of a freeway, contrary to State guidance for protection of human health from concentrated vehicle emissions, and failure to assess the project's impact on greenhouse gas emissions. The incumbent failed to respond to these issues at hearing.

For more info on Angelique Ashby, see www.angeliqueashby.com

Who We Are: The Green Democratic Club of Sacramento County is dedicated to the development, promotion and implementation of pro-environmental, sustainable, and just works, policies and legislation. We seek out Democratic Party candidates with integrity for public office who share our common goals of a sustainable environment, healthy communities, and justice for all.