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**ECOS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
6:00pm Monday, March 28th, 2016  
SEIU Local 1000, 1325 S Street, Sacramento, CA  
(large training room)**

President Brandon Rose called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present:

Board Members: Brandon Rose, Rick Guerrero, Michael O’Sullivan, John Deeter, Ralph Propper, Earl Withycombe, Jon Ellison, Ron Maertz, Robert Coplin, Alex Kelter, Michael Viscuso, Guy Hall, Charissa Morningstar, Barry Wasserman, Annie Huang, Laurie Litman, Charles Elliott, Veronica Beaty, Jack Sales, Tina Suarez-Murias, Mark Dempsey, Betsy Weiland, Michelle Pariset, Chris Lewis, Sandy Wagner, Dan Bacher.

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan, Matt Baker

Guests: Suzanne Seivright, Jennifer Michelowski, Tony Jones, Dale Steele, Ken Wilcox, Glenn Destatte, Karen Jacques, Sandy Wright, Barbara Leary, Beverly Sales, Lynn Goldsmith, Eileen Heinrich, Thomas Hall, Jenni Ferwood, Dyane Osorio, Darrell Steinberg, Angelique Ashby

I. Presentation by Mayoral Candidates

Darrell Steinberg spoke about his environmental policies and priorities, including smart growth and funding for transit. He also voiced his support for funding for the bikeway master plan.

Angelique Ashby spoke about her background and experience. She emphasized support for the tree canopy and affordable transit, and standing up to developers.

II. Agenda and Minutes

Motion (Maertz, seconded by Ellison): that the agenda for the March 28, 2016, board meeting and the minutes of the January 25, 2016, board meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

III. Reports

A. Earth Day

Michael O’Sullivan reported that the Earth Day event will be Sunday April 24. We still need volunteers.

B. Treasurer—2016 Budget

Earl Withycombe distributed the ECOS 2016 Proposed Budget. Motion: (Sawyer, seconded by Ellison) that the ECOS board approve the 2016 budget as proposed. Approved unanimously. Board members emphasized the need for a greater effort on fundraising, including sponsorship of the Earth Day and Environmentalist of the Year events.

C. Land Use



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Alex Kelter reported on the Natomas North Precinct workshop. ECOS representative spoke in opposition to planning for urbanization of the area, but the Board of Supervisors decided to move ahead.

Ron Maertz reported that the Land Use Committee is working on preparing comments on the Elk Grove Kammerer Road sphere of influence proposal.

The next meeting of the Land Use Committee will be April 11. At its May meeting, the committee will hear an update on the Railyards.

Ron Maertz requested help in representing ECOS at a March 30 workshop by the Cordova/Vineyard Community Planning Advisory Council on the pending master plans located along the Jackson Highway corridor.

#### D. Habitat 2020

Matt Baker reported that Habitat 2020 has been active in opposing the Natomas North Precinct and Elk Grove sphere of influence expansion projects.

#### E. Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change

John Deeter reported that at its March meeting the Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change Committee discussed the ECOS transportation vision and issues concerning Regional Transit funding. At its April 7 meeting, the committee will discuss the Sacramento Transportation Authority sales tax proposal, which is skewed toward road funding.

#### F. Organizational Development

Jon Ellison reported that the Organizational Development Committee is reviewing potential bylaw changes.

Alexandra Reagan reported that the Grant Committee could use more help.

#### G. President

Brandon Rose reported that ECOS helped support the successful effort to get Sacramento County to support a plastic bag ban.

Branden also reported that we have an open at large board position. It is important to recruit for more diversity on the board.

#### IV. Roundtable



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Laurie Litman reported the 350 Sacramento is sending a bus of supporters to the Benecia City Counsel to oppose an oil train terminal.

The Sacramento Green Democrats April meeting will be on April 12 at 6:00 p.m. at SEIU

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m