



The Sierra Club, Loma Prieta Chapter

Job Announcement

Grassroots Organizer for our Building Climate Friendly Communities Project (full-time, temporary, exempt)

Loma Prieta Chapter

•Santa Clara , San Mateo and San Benito Counties

The Loma Prieta Chapter is a leader in responding to climate change through our Global Warming Campaign, and brings the slogan “think global, act local” to life in the Silicon Valley Region. Building on our highly successful Cool Cities campaign, Building Climate Friendly Communities focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions through smart land use planning. We are part of a national effort to create vibrant neighborhoods and great communities through transit-oriented-development (TOD). TOD’s are complete neighborhoods, or have plans to become a complete neighborhood. Focused on the half-mile area surrounding a transit station, TODs are integrated with shops and services as well as a highly quality walking environment that allows for healthier and more active lifestyles.

We are seeking an experienced community organizer to lead our Building Climate Friendly Communities campaign to the next level. The organizer will work closely with existing Cool City teams and Chapter conservation issue committees, build new teams in priority cities, and coordinate with community members and groups to create strong support for smart growth through transit oriented development projects. As part of a regional coalition of organizations focused on smart growth, housing, transit and open space policy the organizer will ensure the Sierra Club’s significant contribution to developing sustainable land use decision making at the local level.

The Sierra Club offers a friendly, fast-paced work environment with highly motivated volunteers focused on making positive change in the world. We plan for this to be a multi-year project, however at this time we only have guaranteed funding for one year. Funding for additional years is a top chapter priority.

To learn more about our global warming campaign visit <http://lomaprietaglobalwarming.sierraclub.org/index.php>

Key Responsibilities:

- Working with volunteer leaders and other interest groups to identify, recruit, and organize volunteers.
- Training volunteers and volunteer leaders to help promote smart growth initiatives.
- Making presentations to community, political, and governmental bodies regarding Chapter conservation efforts.
- Writing press releases, newsletters, flyers, etc. to keep the Club membership and the general public informed.
- Conducting surveys, investigations, and research needed to achieve the objectives of our conservation program.
- Working on task forces, committees, etc. representing the Club's objective or mission.
- Working closely with media representatives to ensure that the Club’s message is accurately presented by the media.

Qualifications

- BA/BS degree in Environmental Studies, Political Science or a closely related field.
- 1-2 years experience in the environmental field that includes research and organizing campaigns, press relations and public speaking.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Proficient computer skills
- Demonstrated ability and effectiveness working with volunteers
- A self-starter who will pay attention to the details

Compensation

Salary is commensurate with experience. Compensation includes health and dental insurance, plus generous vacation time.

How to Apply: Please send a resumè, cover letter and three references to Mindy.Hill@sierraclub.org