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Dear Member:

It is a privilege to inform you that **the Sierra Club has endorsed Marti Speranza in her campaign for New York City Council in the 4th District. The Democratic Primary will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017.**

Of all the candidates in this race, **Marti Speranza** impressed us with her knowledge of the issues and her bold, yet practical solutions. When she discovered the outrageous number of privately owned public open spaces (POPS) in violation of city ordinances, **Marti risked arrest to organize a protest in Trump Tower Atrium to shine a spotlight on the web of bureaucracy that prevents New Yorkers from enjoying full access to public spaces. This courageous activism demonstrates her progressive values.**

Marti is also well aware of the specific environmental concerns this district faces, and she's proposed bold policies that will address those concerns. She is committed to advancing measures that will protect the community and will safeguard vulnerable neighborhoods from future storms and rising sea levels.

Marti will work **to implement single-stream recycling collection in order to reduce the 14 million tons of waste** created by New Yorkers each year. She will also work to bring hassle-free composting to our district by expanding the NYC Organics program to every resident and business on the East Side.

She will also expand and create more protected bike routes, encourage the use of bikes and public transit as a mode of transportation (while also exploring green alternatives for public transit), and push for paperless city agencies.

In the wake of severe cuts to the EPA and the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accords, Marti Speranza's unwavering commitment to environmental causes makes her an outstanding candidate. She has a progressive, comprehensive agenda to fight climate change and preserve our green spaces across the city.

Marti Speranza is a true friend of the environment, and the Sierra Club is proud to support her campaign for City Council. We urge you to vote for her on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. To volunteer for the campaign, please call 917-574-9400.

Irene Van Slyke, Political Committee Chair