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## **SIERRA CLUB ENDORSES MICHAEL MCGINN FOR MAYOR** **Seattle Group Highlights McGinn's Ability to Protect Climate, Environment in Seattle**

[Seattle, WA] – The Sierra Club endorses Michael McGinn for Mayor as the candidate who can lead Seattle to protect the climate, rescue Puget Sound and solve the City's difficult and complicated transportation problems.

Mayor Nickels's work with Sierra Club has raised the issue of climate change nationally and highlighted the need for environmental progress in Seattle; we applaud him for his achievements. However, in this challenging multi-leader race, McGinn emerges as the exceptional candidate and Sierra Club's choice.

Michael McGinn's record of tough decisions and grassroots efforts has made a real environmental difference. His leadership of the campaign to defeat Prop 1 prevented the construction of 182 miles of new suburban highways. He successfully led on Seattle's Pro-Parks Levy, winning popular support for protecting and improving our parks and recreation. He has worked in Seattle to build broad and diverse coalitions for livable, sustainable urban environments through The Great City Initiative, an organization he founded. McGinn has worked with City Government as a leader of Sierra Club, as a member of Seattle's Green Ribbon Commission and as President of the Greenwood Community Council, helping our leaders make the right decisions for the people and ecology of Seattle.

Seattle voters value our environment and understand the serious challenges we all face: climate change; the critical state of Puget Sound; and fundamental problems with Seattle's transportation. Our next mayor must make bold decisions, address initial resistance, and build broad and effective coalitions to help Seattle protect and enhance our environment.

Sierra Club supports Michael McGinn as the respected candidate, the right choice and the effective leader for Seattle. McGinn and Sierra Club share our City's vision to be an affordable, livable and modern urban environment that enriches our lives, protects and educates our children and provides 21<sup>ST</sup> Century clean businesses the opportunity to grow.

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