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### **Poochigian's Voting Record Makes Him Unfit for AG Job, Sierra Club Charges**

Sacramento – Senator Chuck Poochigian's record of opposing virtually every significant environmental bill makes him unfit to hold the office of Attorney General, as shown by a Sierra Club California analysis. The environmental group has endorsed Jerry Brown for Attorney General.

"Californians count on our Attorney General to enforce important laws safeguarding our air, water and wild places," said Bill Magavern, senior representative for Sierra Club California. "How could we rely on Chuck Poochigian to protect our environment when his voting record shows that he sides with the polluters rather than the people?"

During the years 2003-2005, Poochigian voted against the pro-environment position on every single one of the 25 most important votes on the Senate floor. Poochigian opposed taking experimental pesticides out of schools, recycling electronic wastes, cleaning up our water, and reducing air pollution. While Poochigian recently claimed that the list was skewed to make certain candidates look bad, the truth is that all legislators were rated on the exact same votes, those votes that showed most clearly who is willing to side with the interests of public health and the environment. The report cards are posted at [www.sierraclubcalifornia.org](http://www.sierraclubcalifornia.org).

"Poochigian's extreme opposition to sensible safeguards for our air, water and resources is demonstrated by the fact that he opposed all six of the most important environmental bills that were signed into law in 2004 and 2005 by the man who heads the Republican ticket, Governor Schwarzenegger," Magavern observed. Those bills included AB 2683 (smog), SB 391 (pesticides) and SB 1334 (oak preservation) in 2004, and AB 405 (school pesticides), AB 1328 (Cache Creek preservation), and AB 1415 (mercury reduction) in 2005. Poochigian continued his "just say no" approach to environmental protection in 2006, when he opposed the Global Warming Solutions Act, AB 32, which the Governor has promised to sign, along with other key measures.

"With one out of every six children in his own district suffering from asthma, Poochigian opposed Senator Dean Florez' measures to clean up the air in the Central Valley," Magavern added, referring to SB 700 and SB 705, both enacted in 2003.

"Chuck Poochigian's environmental record might place him in the mainstream at the Bush White House, but he is way out of touch with the people of California, who want a cop on the beat to protect us from polluters," Magavern concluded. "Jerry Brown, on the other hand, has shown a commitment to clean energy, coastal preservation, and conserving our resources – that's why he is the environmental choice for Attorney General."

