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Assemblymember Nancy Skinner Joins Center for Ecoliteracy Board

BERKELEY, CALIF., December 9, 2014 ...The Center for Ecoliteracy announced that Nancy Skinner, who has just completed her third term in the California State Assembly, has been elected to the Center for Ecoliteracy board of directors.

"I've admired the Center for Ecoliteracy's work with our schools for many years," says Skinner. "I welcome the opportunity to join the Center to expand ecological learning and nurturing the abilities and values of the next generation's leaders."

Assemblymember Skinner has a distinguished record as a legislator and nonprofit leader with groups working on climate change and the natural environment. She served on the Berkeley City Council from 1984 to 1992, having run on a platform of waterfront protection and waste reduction. She founded ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, a coalition of 800 global cities dedicated to helping cities become environmental leaders, and led ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection program. As the U.S. director of the London-based Climate Group, she worked with Fortune 500 companies and state, provincial, and national leaders to enact greenhouse gas reduction plans.

"Nancy is an experienced, wise, and skillful leader on behalf of systems change to create just, healthy, and sustainable communities," said Zenobia Barlow, Center for Ecoliteracy Executive Director. "We are honored by her joining the board, and look forward to learning from her and working with her."

After serving on the East Bay Regional Park board from 2006 to 2008, Assemblymember Skinner ran unopposed in the general election for the California State Assembly in 2008 and was reelected in 2010 and again in 2012 for her final term permitted under term limits. During her first term in the Assembly, she chaired the Natural Resources Committee, and was subsequently appointed to chair the Rules Committee and the Budget Committee. She spearheaded legislation for the first statewide program to achieve energy efficiency retrofits for all existing residential and commercial buildings and authored groundbreaking measures paving the way for California to meet its renewable energy goals. She serves on the board of directors of the David Brower Center, home to the Center for Ecoliteracy.

Assemblymember Skinner joins current Center for Ecoliteracy directors Peter Buckley, Fritjof Capra, David Orr, Wendy Williams, and Zenobia Barlow.

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