

Sierra Club Miami Group Legislative Action Committee Dashboard Frequently Asked Questions

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1. What is a dashboard?
 - a. The dashboard is a tracking tool to visualize a summary of data that is simple, convenient, and accessible.
 - b. We are providing a distinct public dashboard that tracks information about the Ohio representatives and senators.
2. What is the purpose of the dashboard?
 - a. The purpose of the dashboard is to provide transparent information to the public and to support the efforts of other Sierra Club Miami Group committees.
 - b. Rather than relying on intuition or experience, data and analytics can be used to create actionable insights for effective decision-making in the voting process.
3. What is the Legislative Action Committee [LAC]?
 - a. The LAC is a SC MG team to ensure transparency in the legislative process and to review the decision-making of senators and representatives to determine if they are aligned with the strategic direction of the Sierra Club.
4. What is the purpose of the LAC?
 - a. The first objective of the committee is to provide our members with up-to-date information on the policy positions and political initiatives of the Sierra Club.
 - b. The second objective is motivating club members and the committees to increase their awareness in the Sierra Club national, Ohio, and Miami Group issues and engage with the community to achieve the mission,
 - c. The third objective is to create a lobbying resource center on the Sierra Club Miami Group website.
 - d. The fourth objective is to partner Ohio Sierra Club and with the Miami Group committees.
 - e. The fifth objective is to encourage participation in the democratic process by contacting senators and representatives, attending public hearings, and communicating the value of the Sierra Club.

5. What is the updating frequency of the underlying data?
 - a. The data in the system is updated every day. We prefer to use current data for simplicity. As time passes, we plan to retain the data for historical purposes.
6. Will the dashboard design appearance change?
 - a. Yes, as legislation changes, the design will be updated or if we have an explicit request.
 - b. We will include issues that are relevant to the Sierra Club Ohio legislation.
7. Are committee votes on the bills listed included in the scoring?
 - a. Yes, they are.
8. Can we add more votes on legislation to the system?
 - a. We can add more votes that were taken on other pieces as long as they were roll called.
9. Does “Thumbs Up or Thumbs Down” indicate how the legislator voted vs. the Sierra Club’s position?
 - a. The “Thumbs Up or Thumbs Down” indicates the vote with us or against us.
10. Does “percentage of vote in last election” indicate the legislator’s percentage of the vote in the last general election?
 - a. Correct.