

Get more local control with Higgins

Dear Editor:

As an active 84-year-old community member, I have always treasured the beauty of the North Coast, as well as the slower pace of our lifestyle. I like my quiet neighborhood in McKinleyville, but I have been disappointed in the haphazard way development has been going.

We have a good blueprint for growth in the McKinleyville Community Plan: don't build on our best agricultural soils, create an attractive town center, get more trails, and maybe even establish a community forest. It is a real shame that we don't seem to be following the plan and haven't gotten the local advisory committee we were promised when it was adopted and made part of the General Plan in 2002.

We could get more local control of how our community grows if we elect Pat Higgins as our Fifth District supervisor. Higgins puts a high priority on forming our advisory committee and will see that it is made up of folks from various neighborhoods. He has been working hard in his position as our Harbor District representative to speed trail development. I also like his ideas on how we can get a community forest.

Pat's campaign plan becomes his work plan once we elect him, which is refreshing given the way most campaigns are run these days. The Fifth District needs a champion. Isn't it time we put Pat to work for us to help ensure that as McKinleyville grows, we maintain a livable community?

Please join me in voting for Pat Higgins for Fifth District supervisor on June 8.

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