

## **A good candidate for the 5<sup>th</sup> District**

**Dear Editor:**

We are fortunate to have excellent candidates for Fifth District Supervisor.

Politics in the United States has become ever more ugly, and people in general often seem to feel that it's OK to say viciously rude things to or about people in public office.

Good people who would make excellent political leaders often do not run for elected office; who wants to take the abuse?

I think it's like a self-fulfilling prophecy: we say that all politicians are scoundrels, and the climate of politics becomes so poisonous that sometimes only scoundrels are willing to run for office. Still, it astonishes me that smart people with integrity and a genuine desire to serve still sometimes run for office. Their willingness to endure the abuse is a tribute to the human spirit.

I am delighted to have the opportunity to vote for Pat Higgins for 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor.

Pat has a deep knowledge of the issues facing our county. He has a long history of involvement in public service in Humboldt County, going back to the 1970's. Pat will work hard for the betterment of our huge and diverse 5<sup>th</sup> District, as well as for the county as a whole. Pat has my vote.

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