

Editor:

I am voting for Pat Higgins for District 5 County Supervisor. Careful research has shown me he is the most qualified candidate. He has devoted years to studying environmental sciences and supports organic farm expansion, sustainable fisheries, and optimal forest growth and management. Pat has a strong track record doing what he says he will do as an elected official. His Harbor District accomplishments demonstrate this. He has valuable experience not only as an elected official: he has worked with many at-risk county populations while at the Redwood Community Action Agency.

Very importantly, Pat shows up! I tried to keep up with him knocking on voters' doors to listen and exchange information and have never seen a more dedicated citizen trying to learn about his constituency in preparing to represent their needs. Pat does not make idle promises. He *does* have solutions for many district problems, such as using biomass for cheaper fuel using renewable resources, for a minimized carbon footprint, and for creation of much-needed jobs. He has helped develop trails throughout the district to promote eco-tourism and safe passage for our kids. An essential element of Pat's platform setting him apart from other candidates is his dedication to establishing an effective McKinleyville Advisory Committee to give our community a voice commensurate with our population in the county.

I very much appreciate that Pat is not part of the "old boy" network. He is an independent, open-minded thinker who works diplomatically with varied groups. He cares deeply about our community. We could not hope for a better representative.

**Sincerely,
Hilary Mosher
McKinleyville**

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