

Higgins has qualities money can't buy

Dear Editor,

I am dismayed, as are many of our fellow citizens, by the expected surge in local campaign spending in the coming Fifth District county supervisor's election. There is a pervasive distaste for the influence of money in politics. Let's hope that positions of substance in our local elections will not be drowned out by those who can buy the loudest megaphone.

I will support Pat Higgins in his bid for the Fifth District county supervisor's seat. It appears that he will be considerably outspent by all other contestants in this race.

I would like to remind my compatriots in the Fifth District that Pat has qualities that money can't buy. He is a known quantity, who takes clear stands (a rarity among elected officials), not someone searching for a message.

We have watched him at work as a Harbor Commissioner, bringing thoughtful solutions to issues affecting our livelihoods and our way of life on the North Coast. Pat has walked the neighborhoods with us and given freely of his time and support on matters as diverse as the Mad Rive bluffs stabilization, and the MUSD Schools renovations.

If we elect Pat Higgins to a county supervisors seat, we will have an advocate with solid plans for reducing traffic around here, for taking the thoughtless development pressure off McKinleyville, for enhancing our daily lives with more walking, hiking, and biking trails. We will have the ear and voice of a supervisor who is deeply committed to improving the quality of life for Fifth District citizens and all who reside in our region.

As campaign spending ratchets up, and the shiny high tech megaphones broadcast waves of rhetoric our way, let us not be distracted. Remember, my Fifth District compatriots, Pat Higgins has a record. You know where he stands.

Very Sincerely Yours,
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