

**Editor:**

Pat Higgins is the best choice for 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor. Pat has lived here for 40 years and is deeply committed to the well being of this district and the county. He is by far the best informed of the candidates and has good, workable ideas about how to create new jobs. As a fisheries and watershed scientist, he understands the importance of keeping our forests healthy and has realistic plans for improving the health of our rivers.

Pat has been working hard to get the rail right of way transferred to us, and away from the bankrupt North Coast Rail Authority. This will allow us to increase our system of trails, reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, and increase the health of community members.

As our Harbor Commissioner, Pat has demonstrated that he practical, fiscally conservative and accessible to his constituents. The economic development committee that he convened came up with a whole array of new options for new business opportunities around that Bay that would create jobs but not spoil our environment.

While other candidates for this office have taken very large amounts of money from special interests, Pat has shown his independence and integrity by running a grassroots campaign. More than 500 voters in this district have endorsed him, and dozens are volunteering their time to get him elected.

Please cast your vote for Pat Higgins for 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor.

**Sincerely,  
Jennifer Rode  
McKinleyville**

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