

Higgins fits the list

Dear Editor:

To help me make my choice for Fifth District supervisor I listed the abilities and qualities I wanted my supervisor to have.

First of all I want him (there are no women running) to have knowledge about the geography and ecology of Humboldt County as well as experience with and demonstrated understanding of the diversity of the population of the county. I know I'm asking a lot but why shoot low?

Knowing about and understanding our environmental needs requires a knowledge of and involvement in the environmental changes of at least the last several decades. For example, over the last decades we have watched our rivers become sicker and fish disappearing. The education and background needed to deal with these increasingly serious problems would be a huge plus.

I want a supervisor who understands the importance of developing alternative energy sources and who understands the importance of making our district and our county self sufficient as producers of healthy foods, healthy energy and jobs that will be the product of healthy sustainability.

I want my supervisor to be honest, to say what he means and mean what he says, to be transparent and available to hear people's needs.

There's only one candidate who is all of the above and more: Pat Higgins, Harbor District Commissioner (he cut the Harbor District deficit in half), fisheries biologist, experienced businessman, long time resident, honest and hard working. My vote: Pat Higgins.

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