

Editor,

I find it interesting that you “find Patrick Higgins to be too distracted by side issues to be a serious contender.” Are you talking about side issues like our local economy? Or issues like our local environment? Pat Higgins is thoughtful, intelligent and brings 30 years of hands on knowledge about our local issues to the table.

Pat’s solutions to our problems don’t sacrifice our environment for the sake of our economy and they don’t sacrifice our economy for the sake of our environment. He understands how to get the most bang for our buck and the most jobs for our efforts. He understands what a unique place we live in and he wants to help us keep it that way.

Pat is not an “East coast bigwig” he is a local guy that listens to the local people and comes up with truly local solutions to our local problems. We don’t need BIG MONEY politicians in Humboldt County. We need people like Pat Higgins who will help us keep what we have and help us improve what we have.

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