

## Higgins really gets it

I heartily endorse Patrick Higgins for Fifth District Supervisor because he has a depth of knowledge on issues that exceeds that of his challengers, an ability to work with people from across the political spectrum, and the strength of character to fight for what his constituents and the environment need.

I have worked with Pat for over 30 years, first in opposition to the reopening of the Humboldt Bay Nuclear Power Plant, and more recently on renewable energy issues. He also chaired the Humboldt County Energy Advisory Committee in the early 1980s and for years has been a proponent of making our community energy independent through energy efficiency and conservation, and the use of locally-produced renewable energy.

Pat knows how we can implement solar energy now and help re-employ people in the construction trades and timber industry. His understanding of watersheds leads to his support for responsible expansion of biomass energy that can create jobs and help restore forest health. Pat also “gets it” on the implications of the General Plan for climate change and will work hard to reduce our carbon footprint.

While Pat has vision, he is also a very practical business person with decades of experience. Please get out and vote on June 8<sup>th</sup> for Pat Higgins for Fifth District Supervisor.

**Sincerely,  
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