

**Dear Editor,**

Pat Higgins deserves your vote for 5<sup>th</sup> district supervisor. His depth of understanding of 5<sup>th</sup> district and Humboldt County issues and ideas for our future are unmatched by his competitors. He also is running a campaign largely supported by volunteers and funded by small donors – it is worth looking at the list of over 500 5<sup>th</sup> district citizen endorsers on his website.

His leadership of the Harbor Bay Economic Development Committee as Harbor Commissioner brought a diverse group of interests together and resulted in a new vision for economic development in and around the Bay. This vision includes expansion of aquaculture, sport fishing, eco-tourism, and recreation, development of short sea shipping and ship repair, and streamlining of permitting for small business incubation.

Pat is dedicated to building a trail between Eureka and Arcata and is already working on the transfer of the North Coast Railroad Authority rail right-of-way to a Humboldt County entity. As a fisheries biologist he will continue to fight to restore flows to the Eel River and the Klamath and advocate for Marine Life Protection Areas that provide for a sustainable harvest.

Pat has been actively engaged in business and civic life in Humboldt County for over 30 years. He has the ideas, skills, and determination to help us create our sustainable future.

**Sincerely,  
Jennifer Wood  
McKinleyville**

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