



Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee

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CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT INFORMATION

Basic Information:

District Attorney Paul V. Gallegos; 5620 Christine Dr. Eureka, CA 95503 (707) 845-1062

What I have done for the community:

As Humboldt County's District Attorney, despite budget cuts and the resulting decrease in staff, crime has dropped significantly countywide and the community is safer now under my leadership.

Since I took office, prison commitments and asset forfeitures from drug crimes have gone up and we have increased the use of non-custodial alternatives such as drug and mental health treatment use of the Homeless Court to assist homeless people to get easier access to justice, expanded victim services and cooperation with all our communities by establishing the tribal roundtable and working to develop outreach into the Hispanic and other minority communities.

We established our Criminal Investigations Unit, the Environmental Crimes and Consumer Protection Unit, the Sex Crimes Unit, the Worker's Compensation Fraud Unit, the Domestic Violence Unit and the Bad Check Program. We have solved cold cases, make a practice of prosecuting difficult ones and improved our courtroom effectiveness by utilizing the latest technology to identify and investigate crime, track cases and individuals, communicate with witnesses, victims and law enforcement officers, share information and present courtroom visuals to assist the court and the jury in arriving at just decisions

We have promoted confidence and reliability in the justice system by purchasing and promoting the usage of digital recorders to record all witness, victim and defendant statements by law

enforcement countywide and by displaying a willingness to prosecute difficult and controversial cases.

Why I am running for office:

I am running for re-election because I am proud of the work that the District Attorney's office and I have done to improve public safety, promote and protect liberties and protections of the United States Constitution and to further the general welfare of all people in Humboldt County and the State of California. We have worked to make Humboldt County a leader in the North Coast by providing both support and training to law enforcement throughout the North Coast. I am asking for your support and your endorsement for my 3d term as your District Attorney.

My goals:

My goal is to continue our work of reducing crime through both prevention and punishment, expanding victim services, modernizing our systems and expanding our use of the latest technology to maximize our effectiveness and outreach in both detecting and prosecuting crime and promoting justice and fairness in both our courtrooms and our community.

I have and want to continue to improve the effectiveness and the efficiency of the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office and promoted justice and fairness in both our courtrooms and our community through what has been described as the worst economic crisis that California has experienced since the Great Depression.

My qualifications/ and issues:

Before being your District Attorney I started, and was a partner in, a very successful law practice where I worked to protect the rights of all people and worked to both protect and provide access to our courts for those that are often unable to afford adequate representation. During that time period I practiced in both the state and federal courts in both criminal and civil matters that ranged from civil rights cases to cases involving access to a free and public education.

I have coached in our local youth sports for over 9 years and always been available to our youth both as a speaker and participant in various school projects from Challenge Day to Teen Courts. I have both been a professor at Humboldt State University and a guest speaker before many of the University classes on a wide variety of topics dealing with the law and American politics. I have also been and continue to be both a financial supporter and volunteer for a myriad of social causes and organizations throughout Humboldt County.

I have worked both individually and as a community leader, to promote reason and dialogue instead of an atmosphere of ignorance and outrage, and to promote inclusiveness and justice for all people instead of promoting and encouraging an atmosphere of fear, bitter accusations and divisiveness. In short, I have worked to promote the underlying principles of our system of government and good citizenship by working to protect the freedoms enshrined in the United States Constitution while encouraging recognition of the responsibilities that naturally flow from those freedoms.

How do you plan to get your message out to voters?

Grassroots efforts: phone banking, door-to-door walking, earned media (press releases and events), advertising (print ads, television, radio, and direct mail).

List of community supporters and endorsers:

I am honored to have received the endorsements of former Assemblywoman Patty Berg, former California Attorney General Bill Lockyer, District Attorneys Mike Harper (Trinity), Michael Riese (Del Norte), George Booth (Mono), Tony Rackauckas (Orange), Todd Riebe, (Amador), and Michael Ramsey (Butte). Deputy District Attorney Gale Filter of Butte County and Former California District Attorneys Association Deputy Director of Consumer, Environmental and Legal Services; as well as seven other Deputy District Attorneys; and President and CEO of Association of Prosecuting Attorneys and Former Executive Director of the CA District Attorneys Association David LaBahn; Former Arcata Mayors: Connie Stewart and Bob Ornelas; Former Eureka City Councilman Chris Kerrigan; California State University Employees Union Mark Greenleaf.

List of the members of your campaign committee:

- Paul Gallegos
- Natalynne DeLapp, campaign manager

- Chuck Powell
- Patty Berg
- Connie Stewart

Type of financial support you have available:

During my past election campaigns I have been able to raise nearly a quarter million dollars from the local and statewide community. I will continue raising funds from our local businesses, and from individual donations.

An active campaign:

This is a very active re-election campaign. We are operating out of our headquarters in Old Town Eureka at 321 Third Street and have phone banks up and running most nights of the week; are beginning to precinct walk; doing event planning; and database building. We will provide data to the HCDCC database to help Get-Out-The-Vote information on election day.

Closing Statement:

Since being elected in 2002, I have kept my promise to provide for public safety by being tough on violent crime while preserving the limitations on governmental power and to apply the law equally to all regardless to wealth or popularity.

I look forward to the continued opportunity to act as a public servant to the People of the State of California. I have received your support in the past and I ask for your support again. Thank you.



Paul V. Gallegos

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