

Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee (HCDCC) Questionnaire

1. Name: Bonnie Neely
2. Elected Office Sought: Supervisor, 4th District
3. Residence Address: 3979 Glenwood Court, Eureka CA. 95501
4. Other elected or appointed offices:
 - a) Chairperson, California Coastal Commission -present
 - b) Vice Chair, California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (1993-97)
 - c) Member, Local Agency Formation Commission
 - d) Headwaters Fund Subcommittee
 - e) Humboldt County Mental Health Advisory Board
 - f) Former Board Member Redwood Region Economic Development Commission

5. Community organizations and level of involvement:
 - a) Founding Co-Chair Redwood Coast Jazz Festival and Blues by the Bay – contributing \$350,000 in proceeds to senior programs and youth activities in Eureka and Humboldt County
 - b) Committee to Pass Eureka School District Bond Measures S & T – provided \$34 million for school renovations in Eureka
 - c) Founding Chairperson, North Coast Repertory Theatre – celebrating 26 years in Eureka.
 - d) Founding co-chair First 5 commission - formerly named Humboldt County Children & Families Commission
 - e) Founding member Humboldt Library Foundation – provided over \$600,000 to keep libraries open more hours and enhance the book collection.
 - f) Former member Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board, working to improve services to seniors in Eureka and Humboldt County.
 - g) Chairperson, Dell’Arte International Company, Blue Lake
 - h) Former Board Member – Keep Eureka Beautiful

 - i) Redwood Community Action Agency Board of Directors – (20+ years); operates MAC Center and transitional housing facilities for

homeless, and 70 units of affordable housing; has rehabilitated 500 homes for low-income homeowners; administers the AmeriCorps and VISTA program, placing 130 workers in local schools and family resource centers; provides energy efficiency retrofits for over 20,000 homes and energy assistance payments for over 40,000 households; provides transitional living, outreach and drop-in services to over 31,000 runaway and homeless youth through Youth Services Bureau; restores wetlands, builds trails like Hammond Trail through National Resources Services Division.

6. Why are you running for office? What goals do you have should you be elected?

Eureka needs to create more jobs, expand health care for children and families, and focus on public safety. These will be my top priorities if re-elected. My goals include increasing employment opportunities in Humboldt County, improving access to health care through the Children's Health Initiative; and preventing development that shortchanges environmental cleanup and protection.

7. What have you done for your community?

Please see item 5 above. As Supervisor, I have built an outstanding reputation as a community leader. Of all my accomplishments, I am most proud of being co-founder of Redwood Coast Music Festival, sponsors of the Jazz Festival and Blues by the Bay. These annual events bring millions of dollars into the local economy, and have contributed some \$350,000 to local senior programs and youth activities.

In recognition of my tireless work in the community, I have earned numerous awards, including the Achievement Award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in recognition of my work on behalf of the elderly, and the Leadership Recognition Award from the California Assembly of Local Arts Agencies.

For almost two decades, I have had the honor of fighting for environmental protection of the North Coast as a member of both the California Coastal Commission and California Board of Forestry. I am currently serving in my second term as chair of the California Coastal Commission, where I believe we are providing a good balance between protecting our coastline and allowing our economy to grow.

The County helped revitalize Old Town and build a new Main Library, including a branch for Eureka, with free services for all.

Relevant platforms/issues you support:

I am pro-choice. I oppose offshore oil drilling. The balloon tract must be cleaned up properly before any development can be considered. I do not support cutbacks of county programs that help our most needy. And, I believe we can improve our economy by supporting locally owned independent businesses.

How do you plan to get your message to voters?

This will be a complete campaign. I plan on walking precincts and running phone banks. I also have the resources to effectively communicate with June voters through the mail, radio and television.

List of community supporters and endorsers:

I am endorsed by Congressman Mike Thompson, Assemblymember Wes Chesbro, Assemblymember Noreen Evans, former Assemblymember Patty Berg, former Assemblymember Sally Tanner, Senator Pat Wiggins, Supervisor Clif Clendenen, Supervisor Mark Lovelace, former Supervisor John Woolley, former Supervisor Julie Fulkerson, former Eureka Mayor Peter LaVallee, Eureka City Councilmember Linda Atkins, former Eureka City Councilmember Chris Kerrigan, Arcata Mayor Alex Stillman and Arcata Councilmember Michael Winkler.

List of members of your campaign committee: Alissa Johnson, Campaign Coordinator; committee members Patty Berg, Wes Chesbro, Chris Lehman. Mark Capitolo – Consultant

Type of financial support you have available: My campaign currently has \$70,000 and we plan on raising \$100,000.

Will you, the candidate, and your volunteers actively work to get elected by walking precincts, phoning to ID voters, doing data entry into the HCDCC database in order for us to be able to provide needed Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) information that you will then be able to use on election day?

Yes, we plan to have a full field effort. Personal contact is the most effective means of earning votes. Campaign volunteers will also be doing data entry that will help HCDCC database for GOTV.