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LOCAL DEMOCRATS TO HONOR BERESFORD AND GLASS

The Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee is proud to announce that it will be honoring environmental and community activists Chris Beresford and Larry Glass at the 32nd annual Democrat of the Year dinner on October 14, 2016 at the River Lodge in Fortuna. A no-host cocktail hour begins at 6:00 PM with dinner to follow. In addition to the honorees, Sally Tanner will receive a special Lifetime Achievement Recognition for her long career as a legislative leader. A highlight of the dinner will be the Keynote address by nationally known climate activist Tom Steyer.

Larry Glass and Chris Beresford have been chosen to be this year’s Democrats of the Year. Each has worked vigorously for a healthier environment during their involvement with the Northcoast Environmental Center (NEC). Larry Glass has participated as a longtime member of the NEC Board and currently serves as President. Chris Beresford’s involvement with the NEC began in the mid 1970’s and she has been the NEC Treasurer for the last 6 years. Larry previously owned “The Works”, a business selling recorded music with branches in Eureka and Arcata and has served on the Eureka City Council. Chris is a retired employee of California State Parks, an active member of the Northcoast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society and has served on the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee, among other activities.

Sally Tanner represented California’s 60th District in the Assembly from 1979 to 1992. During her long career as a legislative leader, she served as the Chair of the Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee. She authored a consumer protection act often called the California Lemon Law. Ms. Tanner was a founding member of the California Legislative Women’s Caucus in 1985. She was named as the Legislature’s “Woman of the Year” in 2009.

Brandon Sisk, a resident of Fortuna will receive the Young Democrat of the Year recognition.

Our Keynote speaker, Tom Steyer, is a business leader and philanthropist. Tom founded a successful California business, which he left to work full-time on non-profit and advocacy efforts. He now serves as President of NextGenClimate, an organization he founded in 2013 to prevent climate disaster and promote prosperity for all Americans. Tom also serves as co-chair of Save Lives California, the coalition to prevent teen smoking and fund cancer research.

For more information and to join us at this exciting event you can go on-line to humboldtdemocrats.org or call us at 445-3366 for further details and to reserve tickets.

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