

County Supervisor, District 5: Terri Colton

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1. How should the homeless crisis be addressed? Should Del Norte County buy more motels to convert to homeless shelters?

All services should be a hand up not a hand out. We do need homeless shelters, but not in residential areas, nor on our main corridor. They need to be located in any area where there are also other services available.

2. What can be done to improve morale within the Sheriff's department? How can the Sheriff's department more effectively recruit, hire and retain experienced deputies?

We need a Sheriff Department task force not another oversight committee. The department needs to be taken apart from top to bottom and the put back together. The lack of officers isn't just because of money. The morale has been down for years with no one listening.

3. What can be done to avoid the "catch and release" back into the community of criminal defendants before their matters are resolved by the courts? Should the 48-bed Juvenile Hall – with only one or two persons in custody – be repurposed as an adult facility?

The "catch and release" issue was compounded by the pandemic. I propose we work with the Probation Department, the District Attorney, the Courts and the Sheriff to develop a no-nonsense policy which will keep offenders in custody until they can be seen by the Court, for the Court to make that decision.

4. What is the most pressing problem in your supervisorial district? What do you propose as a solution?

District 5 needs better internet and broadband. We must improve the safety in District 4, and I am proposing we utilize the Yurok Tribal police for Klamath. We have a substation for the Sheriff for the rest of the district, and we implore neighborhood watch groups.

5. How can Del Norte County become a place where young people want to remain, to raise a family, to start a career, and become a vital part of this community? What will you do to bring about these changes?

We take pride in what we have. We provide opportunities for the youth so that when they get to a time when they are having children, they realize the opportunities available for their children. We encourage the younger generation to take on community pride projects, such as I have done for the past 39 years with the Jaycee Tournament.

6. Should Del Norte County impose additional controls and fees on short-term rentals? Should short-term rentals be confined to commercial or multi-family zones, or to owner-occupied properties?

The only controls that vacation rentals should have extra beyond what a normal business should have is if they are located in a residential area. There needs to be guidelines for making sure the guests are not disruptive to the community. All vacation rentals should be registered with the county also.

7. Should Del Norte County turn down state and federal grants with strings attached that dictate how local government must solve local problems? Under what circumstances should Del Norte County confront problems without outside funding?

No. You should never leave money on the table. We should be selective with the grants we apply for and make sure the requirements of them fit within our vision as a county. We should confront problems with outside funding when it helps improve the overall growth of our residents.

8. Should the Measure R sales tax increase be repealed? Why or why not?

Measure R was voted in by a majority of my constituents. My job would be making sure that all funds were spent within the guidelines.

9. Briefly explain, Why are you the best candidate for a seat on the Board of Supervisors representing your district?

I have proven to have a variety of experience in all aspects of the unique population of District 5, including the working families, the business owners, the Tribal members, and all those in between. I have not been sitting on the sidelines, I am directly involved in the solutions that make this county great. I have been advocating for the betterment of this county as a resident, and I will continue to advocate as your supervisor.