

Guest Column: GOP misfires with endorsements

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No, folks, this is not an April Fool's day joke. I'm excited to report each week, our Eye on Del Norte commentary will appear.

No subject will be off-limits. Subjects often will not be tame but sometimes they will be sedate. One thing I will absolutely guarantee is our commentary will be interesting and provocative.

Our commentary will focus on all matters Del Norte and regional associations impacting our county. Politicians are absolutely fair game and open to scrutiny. Subjects included, but not limited to opinion, are:

- Return of our Economy post Covid;
- Establish Del Norte County independence;
- Local Inflation and taxes;
- Last Chance Grade;
- 2022 Election Cycle;

- Crescent City Harbor;
- Del Norte County Board of Supervisors; and
- Crescent City Council.

Our Eye on Del Norte will also focus on community events and activities and the heroes who toil everyday to help make Crescent City and Del Norte a better community.

Thank you Triplicate for this great opportunity. And special recognition and thanks to my dear friend, recently passed away TAB principal Tony Barnes who inspired me to explore my journalism major and write.

Write I shall do: Inform, report, educate, enlighten, entertain, lament, disclose and perhaps even persuade; that will be our mission. No fooling, either. Eye on Del Norte.

Let's get to it...

As a registered Republican, I continue to wonder aloud what must go through the composite minds of the Del Norte Republican Central Committee. This local Republican in Name Only Party is absolutely cut off from any political reality.

Earlier this week, the RINO Party released its official endorsements for the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors. Rather than dwell on the state and national Republican candidates, here are the local endorsed Republicans:

District 3: Chris Howard

District: Patty Adams

District 5: David Jones

Though I can understand and embrace the endorsement process, making official announcements in a primary election is not often very prudent. The risk of selecting one candidate over a party colleague is problematic. What if the other candidate prevails in the primary? The Del Norte County Central Committee will then sit on the basketball baseline with an omelet on its face heading into a general election in November.

The scrambled egg has already been splattered over the local Central Committee mask with its selection of RINO Chris Howard as its preferred nominee. I can think of no other candidate for the Board of Supervisors less qualified and less appropriate than Mr. Howard. Simply stated, he's a political set of pliers of the Left's destructive Sacramento Agenda, answers to the Tolowa-Dee-Ni Tribe, and his employer Alexandre Dairy.

Far down the list of priorities are you citizens in Hiouchi, Gasquet and Smith River. Howard has embraced every tax increase possible, including the recent 13% increase in the county sales tax, raising it to 8.5%.

His support for the purchase of the Coastal Inn and Suites as a homeless shelter, located between the north and south lanes of Highway 101, is hardly "Republican." And the state/county purchase was done without a Crescent City buy-in.

Howard and fellow RINO Supervisor Darrin Short unsuccessfully attempted to pin a \$75,000 long-term annual General Fund budget allocation to satisfy the malfeasance of the defunct Tri-Agency debacle. These actions speak poorly of this endorsee. The Howard-Short goal was to gather more grant funding from the Department of Commerce using more inflation-creating public funds.

Are you kidding me?

The DNRCC acts like a sorority in bestowing this faux crown endorsement and speaks poorly of the local Republican Party. The Howard endorsement defines the local Republican Party as irrelevant in an ocean of long-term Democrat dominance in the Golden State.

Conversely, I mean no disrespect to candidates Patty Adams and David Jones., also endorsed by the local Central Committee. Both are fine and worthy candidates.

Final thought: Endorsements don't vote. People do.