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Supervisor - District 5

## 2024 Campaign Platform

You know me. I have lived here and been part of this community my entire life. We have fought together to improve county government despite the efforts of Sacramento politicians to turn every county into another San Francisco or Los Angeles. I will not let that happen.

I am committed to preserving the values that make Sutter County great while implementing policies that ensure a prosperous and secure future for all residents. As your Supervisor, I have prioritized fiscal responsibility, individual liberties, and community empowerment. Together, we can build a county that thrives on conservative principles.

### Fiscal Responsibility

**Balanced Budgets:** I pledge to work tirelessly to maintain balanced budgets, preventing unnecessary tax burdens on hardworking families and fostering an environment conducive to economic growth.

We always have to balance our budget each year, unlike what happens in Washington DC where they simply spend today and hope that they will pay for it some other time in the future. I am not willing to pass on debt to future generations, which is why I will always make the hard decisions needed to balance the budget.

**Efficient Government:** I am an advocate for streamlining government processes, eliminating wasteful spending, and ensuring that taxpayer dollars are used responsibly and efficiently.

**Ag Business-Friendly Policies:** To stimulate economic growth, I will champion policies that attract and support businesses, creating jobs and expanding opportunities for Sutter County residents.

Rising pension costs are a serious issue that threaten the long term fiscal sustainability of our county. They are a growing part of every local government budget in the state and instead of solving the problem, CALPERS is attempting to force a liberal political agenda by investing based on political correctness instead of what will yield the best return. I will always stand up to that ridiculousness and advocate for our pension system seeking the highest return rate they can to keep the fund stable.

## **Public Safety**

**Support for Law Enforcement:** I stand unwaveringly behind our law enforcement agencies and have advocated for proper funding, training, and resources to keep our communities safe.

In Sutter County we have had to increase the wages for our public safety personnel because we were simply becoming a training ground for larger counties and departments. New police academy graduates were coming here for two years, getting trained and then moving on to bigger cities. We have taken steps to address this. That is why I supported increases in compensation for our officers and will continue to seek to attract the best and brightest in the region to Sutter County.

**Community Policing:** I will promote community policing initiatives, fostering stronger relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve to ensure mutual trust and understanding.

## **Education**

**Local Control:** As a long time school board member, I believe in empowering local school boards and parents to make decisions that best serve the educational needs of our children, rejecting one-size-fits-all approaches from distant bureaucracies. Sacramento and Washington are always trying to tell us what to do.

**Vocational Training:** I will work to expand vocational training programs, providing students with diverse educational pathways that prepare them for success in both higher education and the workforce.

## **Second Amendment Rights**

**Defending the Second Amendment:** I will staunchly defend the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, opposing any attempts to infringe upon these fundamental rights. I support the Sheriff in making sure all eligible citizens can receive Concealed Carry Permits.

## **Homelessness**

Homeless individuals do not have the right to live on the streets of Yuba City or along the roads in the unincorporated areas. Our laws should be enforced so that the homeless are immediately taken off the streets and moved into transitional housing. If necessary, they should be provided services to address addiction or mental illness issues.

Sutter County has an obligation to provide many of these services and we are attempting to provide services that really work for these people as opposed to just boxes to check on some form provided by people in Sacramento.

We know where the money is spent in Sutter County. After all the billions that have been spent by the state and federal government on homeless programs, I would like to see a performance audit of how these billions have been spent.

## **Agriculture and Rural Development**

**Protecting Agriculture:** I am committed to protecting our agricultural heritage by supporting policies that safeguard farmers' interests, including water rights, fair trade practices, and sustainable farming practices.

For the past two terms I have served as the voice for agriculture on the Board of Supervisors. This is not a theory for me. It is what I do every single day on the ground. Offering that perspective is part of the value I bring to the Board of Supervisors.

**Rural Infrastructure:** I will advocate for investment in rural infrastructure projects, such as roads, bridges, and broadband access, ensuring that all residents can participate fully in our modern economy. These things are expensive but we need to do them to compete in the world marketplace.

## **Environmental Stewardship**

**Common-Sense Environmental Policies:** I believe in a balanced approach to environmental stewardship, supporting policies that protect our natural resources without stifling economic growth. I will advocate for market-driven solutions and sensible regulations that preserve our environment for future generations. I believe that landowners are often the best stewards of the environment and we should work in partnership with them, not in opposition, to achieve our conservation goals.

We can't allow liberal environmentalists to dictate the conversation and tell farmers and landowners what to do with their property. Farmers have every incentive in the world to see clean air, water, and land to be able to continue to operate our businesses.

I am committed to representing the values we share in Sutter County. With your support, we can build a county that values individual freedoms, promotes economic prosperity, and ensures the well-being of all its citizens.