

VOTER'S PAMPHLET

STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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State Assembly, 2nd District - Democratic

Barbara Mc Iver

Age: 53

Occupation: County Supervisor/Businesswoman

The politicians in Sacramento have failed us. The state budget is higher this year than last year even after voters bailed the state out with a huge bond measure, putting us further into debt.

And yet, we in the north state are forced to continue to cut our local services to a point where we will eventually lose all control to Sacramento. I'm running against that Sacramento bureaucracy and gridlock. I will put this district first in every decision I make. If we don't turn things around soon, we will lose our way of life and our culture, as well as our freedom to choose the way we live.

The problem with Sacramento is that our representatives don't work for us; they work for their political parties and for the special interests that fund them.

I didn't just wake up one day and say, "I think I'll run for the Assembly." I have a record of 12 years on the Tehama County Board of Supervisors. I was elected countywide and with the support of people from every party. My job has been to meet the needs of all residents and to make sure county government is responsive to the people who live here.

Most of us support fiscal discipline. Most of us identify ourselves as moderates. My record proves I am fiscally responsible, moderate and effective. I will have the bi-partisan good sense to work with the Governor and legislators of both parties for the good of the district.

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State Assembly, 3rd District - Republican

RICK KEENE

Occupation: Assemblyman, Businessman

When I was elected in 2002, California was on the edge of bankruptcy and the state's economy was slumping.

With Governor Schwarzenegger's help, we're turning things around.

I supported the Governor's repeal of the car tax and voted to repeal the law that gave drivers licenses to illegal aliens.

As you know, California is still recovering from years of mismanagement, but we are finally taking the steps needed to get the state budget in order.

As the new lead Assembly Republican on the budget, I worked directly with the Governor to enact new laws to stop the state from spending more than it takes in, establish a rainy day fund, and to protect local police and fire from state raids, all without raising taxes.

This year, I also helped write legislation to improve the state's economic climate by reforming the workers compensation laws that were choking off Northern California jobs.

But it's also crucial that we keep working to improve the quality of our schools by increasing accountability, putting more education dollars into the classroom, increasing parental involvement, and ensuring that every student can read, write, and speak English before they graduate.

Finally, I'm working to get the North State its fair share of our State tax dollars.

It has been a great honor and privilege for me to serve as your Assemblyman. I deeply appreciate your past support, and I humbly ask that you continue to support me as your representative in Sacramento in November.

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER Chico Unified School District

JANN REED

AGE: 48

Occupation: Parent

My candidacy to serve on the CUSD Board of Trustees is based on these principles:

My commitment to improve the relationship between the Board and the public. I will respectfully listen to your concerns.

My belief that every child is entitled to a quality education in differing educational environments within the District. Teachers must be supported in their efforts to accomplish this.

My hope that by raising expectations we can make public education an enthusiastic choice for all, including families who have left CUSD.

My desire to provide a fresh perspective on the Board, creating a vision for effective policy and leadership with resolve to prevent needless controversy.

My intent to find positive and innovative solutions to: high school overcrowding, declining elementary enrollments and potential school closures, and the future structure of the junior highs.

With three children in CUSD, I have served the District in various capacities, including PTA president, Parent Advisory Board co-moderator, school site council and long-range planning committees, and Strategic Planning Action Team. Now I want to devote my energies to the future of CUSD and all of its students. Let's make CUSD one of the best districts in California.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER Chico Unified School District

DALE PENNE

My family and I have been deeply involved in the community, because we believe our actions can do far more than mere talk.

I know this community and its needs well. My three children are students within the CUSD system. My wife was a teacher's aid for Chapman's Elementary Special Education Program and the Lunchroom Yard Supervisor for Marigold. We were in the inaugural CUSD Home School program and have participated in the Spanish Immersion, GATE and Honors programs.

I have served the community as a Board Member for the Chico Chamber and Chico Rotary Club, and through sponsoring fundraisers for Big Brothers Big Sisters, CSUC, CARD, United Way, Jesus Center and numerous other non-profits, while managing Orchard Lanes from 1982 until 1998, when we sold the family business.

My experience with state and national boards of directors, multi-million dollar budgets, employee benefits, insurance, construction, financing, youth issues and promotions will enable me to bring new professionalism, vision, hope and enthusiasm to the CUSD.

Our families deserve better from the CUSD leadership. We are settling for mediocrity instead of striving for excellence. I want to work for you and would be honored to receive your support.

Dale Penne

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER Chico Unified School District

STEVE O'BRYAN

AGE: 49

Occupation: Parent, Businessman, Incumbent

My first term on the Chico Unified School Board has been very rewarding. Although we have faced some of the most difficult financial times our children continue to improve their education at wonderfully staffed, well maintained, safe and welcoming schools.

During my time on the school board I have worked to create an environment where teachers are supported to do what they do best-teach. I have worked to improve our partnership with parents and taxpayers by improving communication between the school board and the public I personally helped secure the purchase of our new high school site by meeting with federal regulators to overcome the issues delaying our progress. By carefully managing our funding and cooperation with our employees we have continued to offer quality education, without cutting educational programs, or ignoring our facilities.

My wife Katy and I are lifetime residents of Chico and we have four kids receiving a quality education in Chico schools. I have owned Pullins Cyclery for twenty years where I have gained valuable knowledge in financial management and customer service that serves me well on the school board. I respectfully ask for your vote on November 2.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER Chico Unified School District

RICK ANDERSON

AGE: 48

Occupation: School Board Member/Businessman

It's been an honor to serve you on our school board, and more recently as a member of the California School Boards Association's policymaking body, the Delegate Assembly.

Creating options for students and families -- as well as opening up the process so that our community can respond to issues affecting our schools -- have guided my actions as a board member.

As board president last year when the state's fiscal irresponsibility threatened our programs and personnel, I called for a series of town hall meetings to find creative solutions. We received more than 700 suggestions to deal with our dilemma without affecting students' educational experience.

This spring I presented a blueprint for addressing the possibility of elementary campus consolidation that would again open up the process to the community and create well-researched recommendations.

I have strongly supported innovative programs like Chico High's many smaller learning communities, Chico Country Day School in its transition to a new five-year charter, and the Open Structure Program's quest for a pilot K-8 school.

With your vote, I will continue to bring strong Chico values, leadership, experience and passion to the task of guiding our schools.

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA 2 Gridley Unified School District

PAT COGLAN

I have attended school board meetings for the past three years, and I believe that better progress is needed on several critical issues. Over 1100 new homes are planned for this community and there is no plan in place to add classrooms. Gridley teachers face low pay, low morale and crowded classrooms, while students continue to see electives such as driver's training, home economics and life skills eliminated. There are no incentives for teachers and administrators to reside in the community, and most now live out of town. The students in our community need the best teachers, adequate facilities and diverse course offerings to prepare them for employment or higher education.

I have been a resident of Gridley for 26 years. I have an engineering degree and I am retired from a career in the California food industry where I worked as an engineering manager, plant manager and director of operations. I believe that my private sector experience in facilities planning, personnel management and financial analysis will allow me to bring a new perspective to the board.

Growth and change are coming to Gridley. I ask for your vote so that the educational needs of our children are properly addressed.

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, FULL TERM Paradise Unified School District

DONNA L. NICHOLS

Occupation: Court Human Resources Manager

I have served on the PUSD School Board for 12 years and am active in my community, currently serving on the Paradise Building Department Appeals Board and Police Chief's Advisory Committee.

My past activities include president of the Ponderosa Parent Organization, School Site Council and community representative for the PUSD Strategic Planning Committee.

Achievements over the past 12 years on the Board are: Established Advanced Placement courses to increase the academic rigor of our High School; "Focus on the Future" workshop which solicited the community's help in setting the future vision and goals for PUSD; Establishment of a "values" curriculum, insuring that respect, responsibility and caring are taught, reinforced and rewarded in PUSD schools; Challenged administrators and teachers to raise student test scores resulting in scores that are consistently some of the highest in Butte County.

Under my stewardship, the administrators, teachers and classified staff of PUSD have risen to the challenge and forged an excellent education system for our children.

Safeguard the excellent education of our community's children by sending the driving force for improvement in PUSD schools back to the school board!

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, FULL TERM Paradise Unified School District

ROBERT DI PIETRO

Occupation: Optometrist

As a Paradise family for more than 28 years, my wife and I have seen all four of our children matriculate through the Paradise Unified School system. The education they received here in Paradise has served them well. The older three are UC graduates and the youngest has just finished his first year at U.C. Davis.

I am a candidate for a second term as trustee of the Paradise Unified School District. The last four years has seen our Board establish a vision for our schools and provide effective community dialogue and leadership. We are a dedicated and efficient entity that is accountable to the Paradise community.

Trustees of the Paradise Unified School District are the only locally elected officials that oversee and protect the rights of our children. Difficult issues face every school board in America. It is imperative that those whom you elect as trustees be dedicated and honorable. Your children's education future rests with your school board.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, FULL TERM Paradise Unified School District

ROBERT C. SORENSEN

AGE: 57

Occupation: Pastor

In running for the governing board of the PUSD, along with Glenn Stankis, Don Bean, and Dr. Clark, I see that it is our objective to improve the oversight of our schools, improve the curriculum that is offered and to improve the accountability of those employed by our school district.

My wife, Linda, and I have been active members of the Ridge community for over fourteen years and have experienced the challenges of raising and educating our three children through our public schools here.

I have tried to influence the educational system through curriculum reviews in past years and most recently by attending monthly school board meetings this year, but the board's inaction has been very frustrating.

My main goal for my first attempt in this elected position is to insure that our high schools are safer, more accountable and accommodating for all students, and that parents will feel more confident in their contact and communication with those who are entrusted to teach their children.

I have been a public school teacher, Christian school teacher, Christian school administrator and home school teacher. I am looking forward to help make a difference in our local school district.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, FULL TERM Paradise Unified School District

DR. EDGAR H. CLARK

AGE: 51

Occupation: Physician

I have chosen to run for the governing board of the PUSD as part of a slate including Robert Sorensen, Don Bean and Glenn Stankis.

I have been a practicing family physician in Paradise since 1981. My wife, Diane, and I have two children born and raised in Paradise. My son, Jonathan, is in medical school at Loma Linda University, and my daughter, Emily, is a senior Biochemistry major at Pacific Union College.

I was certified in addiction medicine in 1991. Currently I am Chief of Staff elect at Feather River Hospital and also medical director of Cypress Acres.

I desire to develop curriculum and choose textbooks which promote the traditional values and ideals that made America the greatest of nations. These ideals are; equality before the law, liberty for all and respect for the rights and opinions of the minority.

I desire to encourage and foster habits of study and discipline which are necessary for success.

I desire to guide the administration in our common purpose of excellence in education

I desire to increase the responsiveness of the school board and administration to legitimate interests of those we represent.

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, FULL TERM Paradise Unified School District

DONALD F. BEAN

Occupation: Law Enforcement Chaplain & Ordained Minister-Counselour

I am seeking a position of Board Member for the PUSD along with Pastor Sorenson, Dr. Clark and Glenn Stankis. My concern is for our students and how we can improve our awareness of the needs of students and parents. The problem of drug use and suicide of our teens need to be better addressed as serious problems by our Board, district staff and our entire community. As a chaplain with the Paradise Police and Fire Dept. and also Butte County Sheriff's Office, I am required to do death notifications for suicides and drug over-doses. It is devastating for all involved.

We need dedicated leadership in addressing these problems. As a Board Member, I want to be present at school functions. I want to be available to parents and students.

My education is a B.S. degree from the University of Southern California plus two years of graduate studies in psychology. My work experience was in the field of ergonomics as a research scientist-psychologist at N.A.S.A. I was also president of a Silicon Valley Corp. I am married with four children and eight grandchildren. The grandchildren range from middle school to graduate research school. Two grandchildren attended Paradise schools.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, SHORT TERM Paradise Unified School District

CURTISS LANDERS

I believe that public education is one of government's most important jobs, second only to national defense. As our country grew and expanded across the west, public education grew too. Farmers chipped in, hired a teacher, and sacrificed to help their children have a better life. We're still sacrificing, in the form of taxes for our public schools. We still want our children and grandchildren to have a better life. If elected, I'll work hard to do my share to help the children.

I'm a deeply religious person. I'm also a private religious person. I believe in the constitutional separation of church and state, particularly as it applies to public schools. If elected, you may expect me to support the constitution in any local issues which arise.

I believe that Paradise schools have developed an outstanding staff and has an effective school board. If elected, I'll try my best to contribute back to this fine community.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, SHORT TERM Paradise Unified School District

GLENN A. STANKIS

AGE: 74

Occupation: Retired Professional Chemical Engineer

I am seeking one of the positions on the governing board for the PUSD, as part of a slate of 4 new candidates whose main objective is to revitalize the school Board.

I am a Professional Engineer with a chemical engineering degree from UC Berkeley. Before retiring in 1996, I supervised Federal and Texas engineers and technicians for the determination of compliance with pollution control, medical waste disposal and OSHA safety regulations.

My wife, Helen, and I moved to Magalia in 1998, and live near Cedarwood Elementary. Since 1998, we have volunteered with the Salvation Army, Paradise Gleaners and the Butte County S.T.A.R.S. The latter organization monitors schools and residential areas for possible vandalism, break-ins, etc.

Besides attending school Board meetings for nearly 2 years, I organized a petition drive to have a new elective presented at Paradise High School, entitled "The Bible in History and Literature". The final results of that effort have yet to be determined.

Together, with candidates Pastor Sorensen, Don Bean and Dr. Clark, we will strive to improve oversight of the administrative staff and the Board's response to the special needs of the students and the expressed will of residents of the district.

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL City of Biggs

JOHN BUSCH

AGE: 62

Occupation: Businessman

I'm running for the Biggs City Council because I believe that my leadership skills, as well as my legislative, planning, business, and political experiences would bring an important balance to the City of Biggs

Responsible, capable leadership is necessary in order for us to have sustained economic growth and local prosperity. I am committed to providing that kind of leadership and will promote a City Government that focuses on doing the basics and doing them well, while avoiding extravagance.

I have been a small businessman for thirty-five years. I've worked for the California State Assembly, worked in agriculture, worked in mining, served as a city Planning Commissioner, been active in North State politics for 10 years, ran for County Supervisor, and I am a director for the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce. In short, I have the kind of experience that can guide us into a period of prosperity and harmony while never forgetting how important our small town atmosphere is to all of us.

I have the maturity, experience, and common sense to provide quality leadership, and ask for your support in November

Feel free to phone me @ (530) 868-1277 or (530-308-6125), visit me at www.johnbusch.org, or email me at john@johnbusch.org

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL City of Chico

JOHN B. MERZ

Since moving to Chico in 1974, I have been involved in a wide range of civic affairs, including serving on the CARD Board of Directors and the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission.

My wife Carole and I have raised three great kids - Amber, Monica and Lucas - and know they are as proud of calling Chico "home" as we are. But what has made Chico special didn't just happen and the need for committed citizens to help keep Chico unique has never been greater.

Here's a taste of the Chico I would like to see: Neighborhoods recognized and honored as such, with local elementary schools and adjoining parks serving as the focus for educational and recreational events; Developments that are creative and incorporate features that integrate rather than segregate; The elimination of county "pockets" within the city's boundaries, especially the Chapmantown/Mulberry area; Bidwell Ranch protected as permanent open space; Leadership in regional planning efforts - especially in the transportation arena.

I am running for City Council with an understanding of our town's past and a vision for her future. Your vote would be appreciated.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL City of Chico

SHARON L. NICHOLS**AGE: 65****Occupation:** Retired

I am running for City Council because Chico has been my home for over 45 years and I am committed to maintaining and enhancing the high quality of life that we all cherish. I graduated from California State University, Chico (CSUC) with a degree in English and a minor in Public Administration. My husband and one of my two daughters graduated from CSUC.

I retired from the City of Chico in 1988 (15 years of service). I retired as a Chief Yeoman (Office Administration) from the U. S. Naval Reserve in 1998 (22 years of service). I was Reserve Affairs Assistant at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island and Staff Administrative Chief aboard USS Blue Ridge for Vice Admiral Natter, Commander, US 7th Fleet.

As the child of a career service man, I lived in many places. Chico is a unique, wonderful town that I have watched grow to the city it is today. Two of my major concerns are long-term planning for land use and city services. Maintaining the "greenline" is an important issue. I promise to examine carefully all proposals brought before the City Council and make decisions that will be most beneficial to the citizens of Chico.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL City of Chico

ANDY HOLCOMBE**AGE: 51****Occupation:** Attorney

All of Chico deserves to be represented on its Council. My election will help ensure a fair and balanced Council that is responsive to the entire community.

My role as your City Councilor will be one of collective problem solving, and of problem avoidance through thoughtful planning and community consensus building.

Since coming to Chico in 1978 as a volunteer attorney I have been involved in many public service endeavors. I was awarded the State Bar of California President's Pro Bono Service Award in 1998, served on the Board of Catalyst Women's Advocates, was a PTA parent site representative, served as a mentor through both the Parent Education Network and Chico High School, and I am presently on the Board of the Chico Community Shelter Partnership, and on the Board of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District.

My campaign platform has four themes: development and protection of parks and open space; economic development through a jobs/housing balance; neighborhood investment strategies to protect existing neighborhoods and promote new ones; and, public art.

You can learn more about me and my campaign through my website: andyholcombe.com

Thank you for your support on November 2, 2004.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL City of Chico

FRED DAVIS**AGE: 80****Occupation:** Municipal Consultant

In 1953 I was appointed Director of Public Works for the City of Chico and served in that position until 1959. I was appointed City Manager of the City of Chico, serving in that position for 33 years until retirement in 1992.

I recently served as Chair for a Council appointed committee to make recommendations to the Council for City Charter Amendments to be included on the ballot in November.

Since my retirement, I have served in positions as City Manager or Executive Director for cities and other governmental agencies including the Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority, City of Shasta Lake, City of Anderson, City of Oroville, Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation, Thermalito Irrigation District, and the Butte County Development Services Department.

I have been active in local organizations including Chico State University Advisory Board, Chico Economic Planning Corporation, Butte County Association of Cities, Chico Chamber of Commerce, and the Community Foundation.

Because I have retained an active roll in city governments and community activities, I am in a position to assist the Council in resolving many of the problems and activities that the Council is involved in now and in the future.

I would appreciate your vote for me as a member of the City Council.

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<p style="text-align: center;">STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL City of Chico</p> <p>JOLENE FRANCIS AGE: 44 Occupation: Banking</p> <p>Our city faces significant challenges related to shrinking budgets, a growing population and protecting our quality of life. I can balance these issues with the right combination of leadership and experience.</p> <p>Chico truly is my hometown. I was born and raised here and my family has deep roots in the community. Throughout my 44 years I have always kept Chico's best interests close to my heart. I will work hard to protect the quality of life enjoyed by our parents and grandparents while doing my best to enhance it for our own children.</p> <p>I have served on the Planning Commission for eight years, four years as chair, where I've further enhanced my skills in leadership, problem solving and decision-making. As a senior regional manager in banking I have extensive experience preparing and managing sizable budgets.</p> <p>I am the recipient of several leadership awards including the 1998 Chico Chamber Athena Award and 2001 Soroptimist International Women Helping Women Award. My list of community service is extensive, including serving as Chair of Chico Economic Planning Corporation, Chico Rotary Secretary, on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and Butte Economic Development Corporation.</p> <p>I would appreciate your vote on November 2.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL City of Chico</p> <p>ANN SCHWAB AGE: 47 Occupation: Non Profit Manager/Businessperson</p> <p>I've called Chico my home for 30 years since graduating from Chico State. I strongly believe in community service and live by this ethic in my professional and personal life.</p> <p>As Assistant Director for Community Action Volunteers in Education (CAVE) at Chico State, every year I help over 1,500 university volunteers participate in community service. My husband and I own Campus Bicycles so I understand the importance of promoting our downtown as the heart of our community.</p> <p>I am experienced in city government as a current Bidwell Park and Playground Commissioner after having served two terms on the Parking Place Commission.</p> <p>My community service includes serving as co-chair for the Bidwell Park Centennial Committee, participating as a Bidwell Park Watch member, and volunteering for KCHO.</p> <p>I was elected University Staff Council Chair to serve as the staff voice in university shared-governance committees. I am a proud recipient of the Women's Center Maggie Award for my outstanding achievements.</p> <p>My priority on the City Council will be to build stronger bridges between the community and Chico State. I am in a unique position to provide the leadership necessary to make that relationship mutually beneficial.</p> <p>Vote for Ann Schwab on November 2.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL City of Chico</p> <p>LARRY WAHL AGE: 61 Occupation: Councilmember/Business Owner</p> <p>Thank you for the privilege of serving as your councilmember these past four years. Your trust and vote on November 2nd will allow me to continue serving you. Strong community leadership requires maintaining tough economic discipline and responsibility. That remains my top priority and includes voting to hold the line on tax and fee increases yet keeping safe reserves. While staying within our budget I proposed and council approved fourteen added police positions. I will continue that vision in the development of a twenty-year strategic plan for increased police and fire personnel, facilities and equipment.</p> <p>Chico is a well-rounded and balanced community with a variety of needs. Diligent planning has allowed many streets to be repaired and improved over the past four years; I will continue addressing Chico's transportation needs. I'm proud to have sponsored the expansion of our community library hours and support further enhancement. I also remain committed to the Butte Humane Society's five-year strategic plan for quality animal care. We face many challenges with limited resources but with thoughtful planning, careful budgeting and your input, we can accomplish a lot. Please visit www.larrywahl.com or call me at 342-1904.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL City of Chico</p> <p>BARBI BOEGER AGE: 49 Occupation: Small Business Counselor</p> <p>Chico has been my hometown for 31 years. I hope to serve on the City Council because I want to create a vibrant community for my daughter and all of Chico's youth to live in.</p> <p>I come from a working class background. My father, a carpenter, and my working mother, are my heroes because they instilled a "Can Do!" attitude about our hometown.</p> <p>I am a mother, former small business owner, homeowner, Parking Place Commission member, Butte County Toy Drive Board Member, Chico Jr. PTA Member, and former Butte College Student Body President.</p> <p>My philosophy is based on a deep sense of patriotism, honesty, hard work, and a desire to leave the world a little better for the next generation.</p> <p>As your Councilmember, I will remain humble enough to remember that my job is to serve as a voice for the community you want to build.</p> <p>With the financial problems between city and state, I expect to make hard decisions about the City's priorities while keeping Chico business-friendly. We need to support neighborhood parks, fund first-rate public safety services while encouraging a culturally diverse, artisan friendly, and recreationally enriched community.</p> <p>Please call 828-2139. I want to be your City Council voice!</p>

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL City of Chico

STEVE BERTAGNA

AGE: 39

Occupation: Business Owner/Councilmember

I have been honored to serve on the Chico City Council for the past eight years, with your help I look forward to serving again. I have served on all major city committees, serving as Chico's Mayor from 1999-2000. Prioritization of Chico's outstanding Police Department, Fire Department and Department of Public Works are my highest priority. I have worked long and hard to see that my experience, knowledge and leadership has strengthened the character and charm of Chico. My wife, Kari, and three children, ages 15, 13 and 11 have supplied me with the inspiration to keep my sense of humor, relentless schedule and vision of the future. I would greatly appreciate your support too see that Chico's future is the brightest it can be.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR Chico Area Recreation and Park District

SAMUEL READY

AGE: 70

Occupation: Independent Budget Preparer

I will be 70 in October 2004 and am semi-retired. I have a Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Southern California.

I have been providing budget services for homeowners associations in the Bay Area for the last 19 years. I have lived in the Chico area for the last four years and operate as an independent contractor to developers of new common interest subdivisions.

I believe CARD has been doing an excellent job (together with the city of Chico) of providing for the recreational needs of the greater Chico community. I believe I can contribute to the ongoing success and appropriate expansion of CARD services in the community.

I look forward to serving you as a director of CARD. Thank you for your vote.

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL City of Oroville

STEVEN D. JERNIGAN

My education and qualifications are an AA degree from Butte College in Management and Business Education, managing small businesses for over 22 years, and serving on the Oroville City Council for the past four years. I am currently the Oroville Redevelopment Chairperson, and other appointments include the Executive Committee, Public Facilities Committee, Butte County Air Quality Control Board and liaison representative to the Oroville Chamber of Commerce.

I have kept my past election promises to promote growth through bringing in new businesses, downtown revitalization projects, created an annexation budget fund and the City is in the process of finalizing the island annexation program. I have been involved in the Oroville dam relicensing project and have been actively involved in support of the Gateway Clean up, waterfront development, Veterans Memorial and Riverbend Park.

I have lived in Oroville my entire life. I believe I bring with me the trust of the people, accountability and team work to the Council. With the support of my lovely wife Pam and our children, and like my last promise four years ago, I pledge to serve the 13,000 people of the City of Oroville first, to the best of my ability.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL City of Oroville

JIM PROUTY

AGE: 59

Occupation: Manager

Our family moved to Oroville when I was seven. Oroville was a great town, people were proud of the community. We grew up swimming in the river; downtown we bought jeans at Ryan's, cokes at Gaskins, and haircuts at the Oroville Inn. My Little League team played for the State Championship and we took dates to Bidwell Bar and the China Wall.

After graduating from Oroville High School and Sacramento State, I was an officer in the Army in Vietnam, and returned to marry the girl next door, my high school sweetie Jill McKillop. I worked out of town for thirty years, starting as a CPA, climbing the corporate ladder to Chief Financial Officer.

We moved back to Oroville in 1993. Our town had changed. The Zephyr once stopped in town but it's gone, along with most of the railroad and lumber jobs that was Oroville. Personal and civic pride starts with individual accomplishment, which comes with good jobs. Oroville has industrial parks, water, and a railroad. We can market Oroville, produce jobs and restore pride in our community.

I am the candidate with proven business experience. Let's use that experience to bring industry, jobs and pride back to Oroville.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL City of Oroville

ARTHUR "BUD" HATLEY

I share the same desires and goals as the citizens of Oroville, a clean and safe community, streamlined government, fiscal accountability, strong economic base, job creation and retention, increased recreational development, and effective redevelopment.

In the 8 years that I have served as a Council Member and Vice-Mayor, I have taken a lead role in directing Oroville toward these goals through the following accomplishments, stronger code enforcement/blight removal; consolidating City departments to increase efficiency; maintaining a high level of services including public safety by adding a ladder truck and a fire engine without depleting cash reserves; pro-active recruitment and retention of diversified businesses that provide the "highest quality of life" in our community; economic development loans for job creation and retention, preserved and enhanced business friendly atmosphere; and leadership role in Oroville Dam re-licensing process to encourage recreational opportunities and enhance the quality of life; Gateway Project, Veterans Memorial, Skate and Riverbend Parks, and affordable housing.

The Council is a diverse group of individuals working together as a team, Together Everyone Achieves More.

Your vote for me will maintain this positive direction for our City.

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL City of Oroville

ROBERT "BOB" SHARKEY

My family and I have lived in downtown Oroville for 26 years. My primary reason for wanting to continue to serve on the Oroville City Council is to see economic development for the City. I pledge to work hard to see long delayed redevelopment projects moved ahead to reality and I want to work with the Council to continue a concerted proactive approach with goals and objectives that are tangible, quantitative and attainable for this community now and in the future. I will work hard to make sure the downtown revitalization, as well as the proposed waterfront development enhancements such as the Veteran's Memorial Park, Riverbend Park and Gateway Park become a reality. I will continue to be very involved in the Oroville Dam relicensing process as I believe it is extremely important to Oroville's recreation and socioeconomic future to have a fair and equitable negotiated settlement that favors Oroville, the area of origin of the State water project. I will stay focused and dedicated to removing drugs and blight from our community and most importantly, work with the Council to help businesses and create good paying jobs to improve our quality of life.

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, TOWN COUNCIL Town of Paradise

JACK W. JENNINGS

AGE: 48

I am running for Town Council because I feel I can bring a balanced approach to those matters the council deals with.

I owned and operated a business here in Paradise for several years. I am also on the Board of Trustees at my church, so I understand operating within a budget. As the state continues to absorb local monies, we need to aggressively continue pursuing outside funding.

We need to continue supporting our fire and police departments to afford them the tools and equipment they need to do their jobs effectively.

My wife of 23 years and I have raised our 2 daughters here for the past 11 years. I am active as a youth director at our church and a coach in sports for both of our kids.

I am looking forward to serving the citizens of Paradise as a member of the Town Council. Thank you for your vote.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, TOWN COUNCIL Town of Paradise

ED NEVES

Occupation: Operations Manager - Retired

I and my wife love Paradise, it's beauty and its friendly people, and I am running for town council because I believe I have a lot to offer in return.

I have no personal agenda. I am neither for or against growth and I strongly believe in individual property rights.

I have strong religious convictions, but I would never impose my beliefs on anyone else. I am a conservative, and strongly believe in being fiscally responsible with our tax dollars.

I attended San Jose City College, San Jose State, and Santa Clara University.

My employment experience includes positions from Junior Engineer to Operations Manager. I know what it's like to work in the trenches as well as management. I have been a carpenter, worked for Lockheed Aerospace, and BART.

I have held positions from union representative to executive board member. While as Manager, I assisted in producing and implementing a multimillion dollar budget.

Being retired, I can devote all my energy to being the best councilman and to serve you. I never make a decision until I've heard all the facts and I will represent you.

"Let my voice be your voice."

Contact me at 877-9477 or, edsrig2@aol.com. Thank you.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, TOWN COUNCIL Town of Paradise

ROBIN HUFFMAN

AGE: 44

Occupation: College Instructor

Throughout my life I've seen and lived in many places across the United States, none more pleasant than Paradise. Sixteen years ago we chose this town for its relaxed way of life, over the slim job opportunities. I've seen Paradise transforming, but into what? If we grow thoughtfully we can increase job opportunities while maintaining and improving our way of life here on the ridge. Paradise is special because of its unique location, history, and high level of citizen involvement in the shaping of our community. We can, however, do better. I most appreciate the access to the outdoors that we have in Butte County, the roads and trails in forests and to rivers that are pure outdoor fun. Paradise must do its share to work with local agencies to make sure that citizens continue to have access to outdoor recreation as growth occurs. Public funds should be spent on safety, schools, and transportation. The traffic is such that our children do not have safe bikeways and walkways to get to and from school. A net economic gain for the Town is an important component of growth, but growth must be smartly linked to quality of life.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, TOWN COUNCIL Town of Paradise

KIMBALL J. SHIREY

AGE: 37

Occupation: Insurance Agent

I am seeking election to the office of Town Council Member. I will utilize a common sense perspective and approach in this position. I am married to an amazing woman and we have two outstanding children aged 16 and 13. My family, mother and in-laws are all residents of Paradise. As a family, we are active in this wonderful town. I feel this gives me great perspective on the needs of our community.

I am employed as a licensed insurance agent for the California State Automobile Association (AAA). I am active in the Paradise Exchange Club, local youth sports and the Boys & Girls Club. I have served on the Paradise North Little League Board of Directors. I serve as an official for various sports at the youth, high school and collegiate levels. I am a member of the National Association of Sports Officials.

My officiating background has allowed me to sharpen my ability to treat situations with fairness and integrity. These abilities will prove valuable as a member of the Paradise Town Council.

I would personally like to "thank you" for the opportunity to be your next Town Council Member.

Please vote on Election Day!

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, TOWN COUNCIL Town of Paradise

STEVE CULLETON

AGE: 59

Occupation: Safety Director

This may sound corny but I love Paradise. This has been a community that's been good to me and my family. We've lived and worked here for over 24 years. I've come to that point in my life where I want to give something back to Paradise.

As a working man, I'm a strong believer in applying common sense solutions to the challenges a community faces these days. I've decided to run for Town Council because I feel that it makes perfect sense for us to do all that we can to preserve our small town quality, and at the same time to move forward with revitalization and redevelopment of our Downtown and local economy.

A stronger local economy helps get us the money we need -without additional taxation- for adequate police and fire protection. Adequate public safety not only helps maintain our small town quality of life, but better protects us against our vulnerability to fire.

Above all else, I'm a good listener. I like to hear all points of view on an issue before making a decision. I'll always be accessible to any citizen with a problem or concern. I won't let you down.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER, TOWN COUNCIL Town of Paradise

ALAN WHITE

AGE: 40

Occupation: Manager, Ace Rentals

Hi, I'm Alan White, Candidate for Town Council. I manage Ace Rentals in Paradise, my wife teaches elementary school and we have two children. I have served on the Council for eight years.

I am proud of the accomplishments in the past eight years, the direction in which the community is moving and the improvement in the demeanor of the Council and citizens in discussing the issues at Council meetings. Our new Redevelopment Agency is off and running and we have taken major steps with the Downtown Revitalization program. But there is still more to do.

I advocate a strong fire and police presence, along with a community infrastructure that provides for our local needs. I encourage support and development of local business. I desperately want to get new sports fields built in the near future, a few nice restaurants to take the family to dinner and, maybe, someday, somewhere to buy a new car. As property values skyrocket, we need to remember the need for decent, affordable housing.

I hope you will give me the opportunity to continue to serve our community and work to make Paradise "all that its name implies".

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR Chico Area Recreation and Park District

SAMUEL READY

AGE: 70

Occupation: Independent Budget Preparer

I will be 70 in October 2004 and am semi-retired. I have a Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Southern California.

I have been providing budget services for homeowners associations in the Bay Area for the last 19 years. I have lived in the Chico area for the last four years and operate as an independent contractor to developers of new common interest subdivisions.

I believe CARD has been doing an excellent job (together with the city of Chico) of providing for the recreational needs of the greater Chico community. I believe I can contribute to the ongoing success and appropriate expansion of CARD services in the community.

I look forward to serving you as a director of CARD. Thank you for your vote.