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**Mendocino Women's Political Coalition**

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### **Here and There**

Wow! What an election cycle! We shared a Ukiah City Council Forum with the AAUW. We Watched the Mendocino Health Care debates on zoom. We helped with the Willits Candidate Forum. We showed up at the Fort Bragg City Council Forum. Now with many of these debates on zoom, our members can get the flavor of the candidates - knowing their strengths and weaknesses....We also trained candidates in Ukiah with 3 of our trainees running for Ukiah City Council....Nationwide it looks like our democracy is on the ropes. One can always hope....

*Val Muchowski*

#### **Ukiah Candidate Forum**

<https://youtu.be/21UQux-bZ-s>



#### **Willits Candidate Forum**

<https://youtu.be/cTs1c6tRpx8>



**ELECTION**  
**ENDORSEMENTS**  
from the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition

**On the State level:**  
Malia Cohen for California Controller  
Fiona Ma for California Treasurer

**County Level:**  
Measure O - YES  
Measure P - YES

**Ukiah City Council:**  
Susan Sher  
Mari Rodin  
Juan Orozco

**Fort Bragg City Council:**  
Mary Rose Kaczorowski  
Blanca Penna  
Tess Albin Smith (write in)

**Willits School Board:**  
Paula Nunez  
Jennifer Sookne

For 2 year term - Lindy Peters

**Mendocino Coast Health Care:**  
Susan Savage  
Lee Finney  
James Jade Tippett



**MENDOCINO WOMEN'S  
POLITICAL COALITION**  
*mendocinowomen.org*

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO MEET THE CANDIDATES  
FOR MENDOCINO COAST HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD:  
LEE FINNEY, JADE TIPPETT & SUSAN SAVAGE**

When: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 5:00 pm TO 7:00 pm

Where: Harbor Lite Lodge Meeting Room, 120 North Harbor Drive, Fort Bragg.

The next Mendocino Coast health Care District board will make decisions that affect the quality and sustainability of our hospital and healthcare resources for generations.

Come hear what these outstanding candidates have to say about the future of healthcare on the coast.

**Members**

**Welcome New Members:** Susan Sher, Kylie Felicich, Laura Bianchi Limbird

**Renewed Members Thank You:** Judy Campbell, Vergilia Dakin, Naomi Engstrom, Kate Gaston, Lois Lockart, Helen Menasian, Judy Popowski, Rebecca Sandridge, Robin Sunbeam

**"Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories"**



Throughout 2023, the National Women's History Alliance will encourage recognition of women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, and more. The timely theme honors women in every community who have devoted their lives and talents to producing art, pursuing truth, and reflecting the human condition decade after decade.

From the earliest storytellers to pioneering journalists, our experiences have been

captured by a wide variety of artists and teachers. These include authors, songwriters, scholars, playwrights, performers, and grandmothers throughout time. Women have long been instrumental in passing on our heritage in word and in print to communicate the lessons of those who came before us. Women's stories, and the larger human story, expand our understanding and strengthen our connections with each other.

### **Mendocino Women's History Celebration**

Hello Ladies;

Below is my version of organizing Women's History Gala. Please feel free to massage it according to your experience.

If each section point person has very focused responsibilities it shouldn't be too much work for anyone. There will be others who want to help with a part so each section point person should have some helpers.

### **Women's History Gala organizing**

#### **Administration**

- Reserve SAC; point on keys, interaction with Rosio.
- Secure insurance
- Point for expenses payments
- Oversee sound system
- Arrange set up and take down; additional chairs as needed
- Cash box & change
- Volunteers for door

#### **Publicity**

- Work with UDJ, other press on articles (event, honorees)
- Posters: produce & distribute
- Calendars & PSA's
- Radio/print media ads, if using

#### **Honorees**

- Oversee nomination process
- Liaison between press & honorees for articles (overlap with Publicity)
- Blurbs for print program
- Assure honorees & who introduces them have all they need and are aware of the time limits

#### **Refreshments**

- Contact organizations' members to solicit food donations (AAUW doing sweets, MWPC doing savory)
- Coordinate food drop off with prep/display at event
- Arrange for serving dishes, plates, cups, napkins
- Drinks: coffee, tea, etc.
- Set up before event, keep food trays orderly, clean up food & drink areas

### **Fundraising**

Solicit items for auction (silent? loud? both?) and/or new experiences and/or raffle  
Prepare displays & forms (photos/descriptions/  
Prepare "Who Won" board to fill in at event  
Process & volunteers for bidding, paying & pick up

### **Program**

Develop who will speak/perform and order  
Graphic design for program  
Print programs  
Name tags for program participants chairs  
Stage manager

Tell me how you would like to help us celebrate.

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***California Women Won the Right to Vote  
by an average of ONE vote per precinct.  
Your Vote Counts!***

### **Women's Suffrage National Monument Foundation**

Fewer than 5% of outdoor monuments in the United States tell women's stories. . The Women's Suffrage National Monument Foundation was designated by Congress to establish a monument in Washington, D.C. that shares the history of the early movement for women's equality.

The mission of the National Monument Foundation is to establish a national monument in Washington, D.C. to commemorate women's fight for the vote and honor the pioneers of the early American movement for women's equality. And we need your support. Please join us in making history. <https://www.womensmonument.org/>

### **Astronaut Nicole Mann**

#### **First Native American Woman in Space**

Following the NASA launch, a US astronaut has become the first Native American woman in space. Marine Colonel Nicole Mann, 45, is one of four astronauts who blasted off from Florida at midday bound for the International Space Station (ISS). The SpaceX Falcon rocket put them on a path to catch the orbiting outpost in about 29 hours' time.

Col Mann told the BBC that she hoped the mission would inspire future generations of Native Americans. *"[I hope it] will inspire young Native American children to follow their dreams and realize that some of those barriers that are there or used to be there are being broken down.*

*Anytime we are able to do something that is a first, or wasn't done in the past, it's so important," she added. "They have these opportunities." "I also have a special dream-catcher that my mother gave me which will be another little piece of my family to carry with me," she said, referring to a traditional Native American symbol*

## Candidates

### Mari Rodin

I response to your question, “Why are you running for City Council?”, Here is my reply: I am running for city council because I love the job and because I am making a difference for the residents of Ukiah. This year, 2022, is my 13 th year on the Ukiah city council (though not all are consecutive years) and I have never felt as empowered as I do currently.



The years of experience mean I have a deep familiarity with City staff (and County and many non-profit organization’s staffs as well) and understanding of the processes and procedures and politics that lead to positive change. With this experience comes confidence, a key ingredient to being successful in my role as a city council member.

A couple of examples of my recent accomplishments include: advocating successfully for street people-centered street designs that slow traffic and make our public spaces more inviting pedestrians and cyclists—important for reducing our carbon footprint and for the public’s health; assisting Climate Action Mendocino in getting the Ukiah city council to pass a resolution declaring a Climate Emergency, which is already affecting policy changes within the City; through my participation on an ad hoc committee regarding the Orr Creek Bridge, I am assisting the Wagenseller neighborhood in achieving their goal of a new bridge for the exclusive use of pedestrians and cyclists; and I am participating in the ad hoc committee to identify a new Police Chief.

Thank you for the opportunity to explain why I am running for city council.  
Kind regards,

*Mari Rodin*

### Susan Savage

After spending years helping other people get elected to public office, I have thrown my hat in the ring to run for the Mendocino Coast Healthcare District Board of Directors that administers our local hospital here in Fort Bragg. There are 5 of us running for 3 seats in a district with over 16,000 voters, so I need your help. Here's why-

For those of us living on the Mendocino coast, our local district hospital is a vital part of our community health and well-being. As our population ages, the demand for high quality care that doesn't require hours of transportation is higher than ever. We deserve world class health care in a state-of-the-art facility. To get there, we MUST work effectively together with our community to address serious issues with our aging facility, staffing shortages at all levels, and a housing shortage that makes attracting and retaining staff extremely difficult. Our local district hospital board needs to be an effective partner in this important work. And I'd like to be one of them.



I'll be giving as many of you as I can a call to ask for your support. With your help, I'm hoping to raise \$3000 so I can have an effective conversaion with voters who need to know why

this board election really matters. In the meantime, if you feel moved to contribute, please do! Venmo contributions can be made at @Susan-Savage-26 or drop me a check at the address below, made out to Susan Savage for MCHCD Board 2022. My FPPC number is 1452405 if you need it. I'll need your address, occupation, and employer for the required record keeping. Thanks in advance for your help & wish me luck! -Susan Savage, 31101 Thomas Lane, Fort Bragg, CA 95437, (707) 962-7026

**Tess Albin-Smith**  
**Write-In Candidate**

It's settled. Lindy is back on the 2-year. Here's the story.

I had an appointment to submit my nomination papers on the afternoon of Monday Aug 8. But we also had a 5 hour drive to Crescent City that day for camping and it would be dark. So I asked the city clerk if I could wait and she said no problem, and we made an appointment for the Monday 8/15, which is within the advertised "extended deadline".

The next day (8/16) after submitting the papers, the county registrar told her that I was too late, as the extension did not apply to incumbents. The clerk was misinformed, and I was misinformed. The city was distraught, but I asked about the 2 year slot, for which I am not an incumbent. We checked and the county registrar said that's fine. So I changed my nomination papers from 4 to 2 and initialed it with her blessing. [In retrospect I should have gone out and got 30 new signatures on 2 year form.] Lindy heard about my change and decided to make a switch as well to the 4 year, so we two would not face off.



The registrar blessed both, and even said "great solution". But after the announcement, Jacob Patterson and Jay Rosenquist were surprised at the change and came to the city to examine our papers. They threatened to sue. The city lawyer said it exposes the city too much and we could lose, as people sign nomination papers for either the 2 or 4 year papers.

So the city council met in closed session and decided to backtrack to avoid a suit. Lindy is back running for the 2 year and I'm out of the race, unless I decide to run as a "write in". Honestly this is almost humorous, as I believe J and J were aiming their target to eliminate Lindy not me, but who knows. J and J are both in favor of the Skunk Train, and if the ST would support them in a lawsuit against the city it would be nasty.

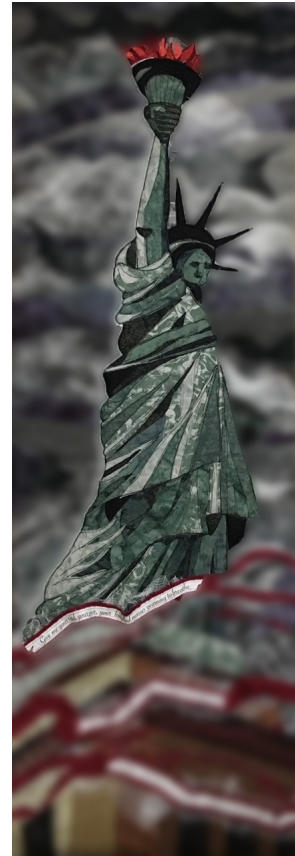
I've talked to Dan Gjerde about being a write-in. It will be an uphill battle and I'd need 1000 votes in a field of 9 candidates for 3 seats, as a simple blank line write in (no name, no candidate statement on the ballot). What I can do is multiple mailings to all registered voters in the city, I can do door-to-door, and I can add "write in 4 year" to my signs and plaster them everywhere people will let me. But I need A LOT of help!

I got a warm fuzzy feeling from interviewing with a group that calls itself the CCG (City Council Group), and I interviewed with some of the Dems (Susan Savage, Judy Popowski, and Lynne Atkins). I think I did okay. Based on the CCG's promise of help, I will go for the write in. I have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

*Tess Albin-Smith*

**VOTE... LIKE YOUR LIBERTY DEPENDS ON IT!**

Lady Liberty is a gift from the people of France, she has watched over New York Harbor since 1886, and on her base is a tablet inscribed with words penned by Emma Lazarus in 1883: Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.



*Membership in Mendocino Women's Political Coalition is a bargain and a statement. You will be saying that you are committed to reproductive choice, equity and equality. Dues will run from January 2023 to January 2024*

**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Annual MWPC Dues, \$25

Yes. I would like to donate \_\_\_\_\_ to the MWPC PAC to put more women at the tables where decisions are made that affect all of us.

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Hospitality/Food: \_\_\_ Mailings: \_\_\_ Fundraising: \_\_\_

Other Skills or Ways to Help:

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Issues I would like to see MWPC address:

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Are you interested in being a MWPC officer? Which position? \_\_\_\_\_

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