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Office Sought: State Assembly, District 2

Campaign Name: Chris Rogers for Assembly 2024
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Elevator Pitch (30 Seconds or Less, One Paragraph):

I am a progressive member of the Democratic Party and a local elected official with deep ties to my community. I was elected to the Santa Rosa City Council in 2016, served as Mayor during the pandemic, and helped my community rebuild after the devastating 2017 wildfires. I am strongly supporting single-payer healthcare, efforts to address climate change, preventing poverty, increasing green jobs, and fighting for working families.

Do you support a women's right to reproductive self-determination? **Yes**

Do you support public funding of abortion? **Yes**

Do you support increased access to childcare and other dependent care programs funded from all available sources? **Yes, I am part of a campaign committee to pass a local sales tax measure in Sonoma County to fund early childcare education and infant and toddler care as well as mental health support for young children and their families.**

Comparable Worth is the effort to bring wages in female-dominated occupations to a level of pay equal to other jobs (often male dominated) that require comparable skills, responsibilities and education. Do you support the concept of Comparable Worth? **Yes**

Will you make a commitment to ending discrimination based on race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, marital status, socioeconomic status and disability? **Yes**

Do you support Marriage Equality? **Yes, as a college student I organized with my fellow students and Democratic Party activists to defeat Prop. 8 in 2008.**

Will you work to ensure that laws and educational programs are in place to eliminate sexual harassment? **Yes**

PART TWO

What are your qualifications for this office?

I was born and raised in Sonoma County, and have spent most of my life working hard for the community that raised me. I have a BA in Political Science from UC Santa Barbara and a Masters in Public Administration from Sonoma State University.

Prior to my service on the Santa Rosa City Council, I worked for nearly a decade as legislative and district staff for: Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey, Assemblymembers Michael Allen and Mariko Yamada, and Senators Pat Wiggins and Mike McGuire. I recently finished a stint as the Executive Director for Sonoma County Conservation Action.

During my tenure as Mayor (December 2020 to December 2022), I accomplished what hadn't been achieved in nearly a decade: balancing the budget. I prioritized people by expanding access to affordable childcare and launching a groundbreaking first-time home-buyers program for low-income workers. I championed initiatives like free public transit for veterans, seniors, and youth while safeguarding the rights of seniors in mobile home parks.

In my role as a Councilmember and Mayor, I have served on regional, statewide and national associations with Cal Cities and National League of Cities. Also, I serve as the Chair of the Sonoma County Transportation Authority, Regional Climate Protection Authority, and as a Director on Sonoma Clean Power.

What campaign experience and training have you had?

I have been an elected member of the Santa Rosa City Council in 2016 - this was an at-large race where I faced immense opposition from a well funded Super PAC that spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to defeat my candidacy. At the time, this was the most expensive council race in my City's history. In 2018 we switched to district elections so when I ran for re-election in 2020 I was elected this time from District 5.

As a former legislative staffer I volunteered on numerous legislative campaigns to elect Democrats to the Legislature.

In 2013, I was hired to manage the campaign of one of my mentors Mike McGuire when he was running for the state Senate.

List your major endorsements.

**Sierra Club
California Nurses Association
Press Democrat
Humboldt Progressive Democrats
Heathcare for All - California
Wine Country Young Voters**

I have over 100 local elected officials and community leaders supporting my campaign.

Some of them are:

**Congressman Mike Thompson
State Senate President Pro Tem Mike McGuire**

Former Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey

Mendocino County Supervisor Glenn McGourty

Mendocino County Supervisor John Haschak

Mendocino County Supervisor Dan Gjerde

Mendocino County Superintendent of Schools Nicole Glentzer

Ukiah City Councilmember Mari Rodin

A full list is available on my website:

<https://chrisrogersforassembly.com/endorsements/>

Where do you expect to get your main political, financial and volunteer support?

I have a truly grassroots campaign with local donations and volunteers. We are walking and talking every day with voters across all the counties in the district.

Describe your campaign organization (staff, consultants, volunteers)

I have a campaign manager and my campaign consultant is Leo Buc. I also have a dedicated team of volunteers helping with my campaign. My wonderful wife is also a huge help to my campaign!

Describe your campaign strategy (mailers, forums, walking, phone banks, etc.)

I am attending forums regularly and visiting every part of the district. My team and I are walking and talking with voters every day. I am holding regular events with voters. I am also engaging in a paid media campaign to educate voters about our campaign.

List your opposition:

There are six other candidates on the ballot for March 5 for this race.

What are the demographics and political affiliation of your district?

This district is a very Democratic district and is currently represented by Jim Wood of Healdsburg. The district is very unique as it goes from Santa Rosa to the Oregon border and contains the following counties: Trinity, Del Norte, Mendocino, Humboldt and parts of Sonoma County.

PART THREE

PART FOUR

Please tell us something about yourself, (occupation, education, family, community involvement, etc.) You may attach your resume if you wish.

I live near downtown Santa Rosa with my amazing wife Sarah. We have one puppy, three chickens and Sarah regularly fosters dogs with Compassion Without Borders. We are expecting our first child later this spring.

My wife is a local nurse with Kaiser. My career spans green energy policy to statewide legislative policies. Most recently, I worked on environmental policy as the Executive Director for Sonoma County Conservation Action.

PART FIVE

K. What is your projected budget? How much have you raised at present? How do you intend to raise the balance? (This is for our information only, and will not be posted on the MWPC website.)

My projected budget is \$250,000 and we have raised more than that so far. I have a strong network of supporters throughout AD 2 and will continue to seek funds to compete with some of my well funded opponents. I am not taking money from oil interests, insurance interests, tobacco companies or any fossil fuel related entity.