

Mendocino Women's Political Coalition

2024 ELECTION YEAR ENDORSEMENTS

Updated 12/9/2023

Thank you for expressing interest in seeking an endorsement from the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition. MWPC is committed to uniting women in Mendocino County, promoting diversity, fostering economic opportunities, and encouraging women's active political participation. Our goals include advocating for women's issues, supporting sustainable environmental practices, and endorsing qualified candidates who share our values.

MWPC seeks out qualified candidates who share our vision for a more inclusive, equitable, and environmentally conscious community. Endorsed candidates will receive our official support, and in some cases may receive a campaign donation. To request endorsement, please complete this candidate questionnaire.

We appreciate your dedication to public service and look forward to learning more about how your positions on key issues align with MWPC's mission.

Thank you for working with us to create positive change and improve our communities.

Completed questionnaires for the March 2024 primary election must be returned **by December 12, 2023**, to be considered for MWPC endorsement at the December 14 candidate forum.

Email to: kristana.arp@gmail.com or

Or mail to: MWPC, BOX 1140, Ukiah, CA 95482

Response Format

This questionnaire has been provided in both Microsoft Word and as a fillable PDF. Candidates may submit their written responses in any format they choose, as long as the responses are complete and legible.

Office-Specific Questions

Candidates have an opportunity to answer the questions on the next page, which are specific to each elected office.

Candidates previously endorsed for an office must submit a new response to be considered for endorsement again.

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OFFICE-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

Provide your responses to the following questions in **Part Three, Question I**. Candidates may attach additional pages as needed.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1. What skills or experience will you bring to understand and improve the County's finances?

I started my own business at 20 which is still in operation today. I was on the board of Ukiah Natural Foods for 11 years. Currently I am on Redwood Valley County Water District and helped turn it away from bankruptcy by securing water to sell to our domestic and ag customers. I can read financial statements. I know how to be a responsible fiduciary agent.

2. What actions would you take to restore the public's faith in the ability of the Board of Supervisors to govern?

I would work to make the County more transparent and accessible. I would push for all supervisors to put out monthly reports about the committees they are on and the work they're doing for the community as supervisor. I would reassert the supervisor's role in managing the County along with the executive office by switching to a CAO model where the board would lead by setting policy and managing department heads independent of the executive office by setting goals and expectations, then evaluating progress on mutually agreed upon goals on a consistent basis.

3. What steps would you take to improve morale and reduce turnover among County staff?

I would work with the union to develop a system that supports employees through training and a functioning HR department that rewards and promotes employees based on merit and not on cronyism. I would work to get county finances in order so we can pay competitive wages.

4. What do you see as the main drivers of homelessness in the County? What approaches do you believe should be implemented or enhanced to promote stable housing for County residents?

Homelessness is driven by economics, drug abuse exacerbated by mental illness, and a support system that isn't actively engaging the homeless population enough. We need more affordable housing, better paying jobs and we need to be more proactive in encouraging those on the streets to seek and accept services. We don't have a comprehensive enough system to close the gaps, people fall through the cracks and find themselves stuck struggling with their substance abuse and mental illness which reinforces their homelessness.

5. What steps can the County take to protect our environment, manage our resources, and mitigate the negative effects of climate change, including droughts and wildfires?

The primary way the County affects these issues is through land use policy. We need to create and implement policies that prioritize these issues. The County needs to require development and business to conserve resources and encourage more sustainable practices.

PART ONE - MWPC Core Principles

Reproductive Choice: In recent years there has been an orchestrated effort to chip away at women's right to reproductive choice by dividing the issue into sub-issues including parental consent and public funding of family planning and abortion.

Do you unequivocally support a woman's right to reproductive self-determination?

Do you support public funding of abortion?

Please state any reservations:

Child Care and Dependent Care: Do you support increased access to childcare and other dependent care programs funded from all available sources?

Comparable Worth: 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?

Support of Ending Discrimination: Will you make a commitment to ending discrimination based on race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, marital status, socioeconomic status and disability?

Do you support Marriage Equality?

Elimination of Sexual Harassment: Will you work to ensure that laws and educational programs are in place to eliminate sexual harassment?

PART TWO – Campaign Information

A. What are your qualifications for this office?

B. What campaign experience and training have you had?

C. List your major endorsements.

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

E. Describe your campaign organization (staff, consultants, volunteers)

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

G. List your opposition:

H. What are the demographics and political affiliation of your district?

PART THREE – Office-Specific Questions

Please answer the specific questions for each election office and year (see attached) in the box below. List the question number next to each response, and attach additional pages as needed.

I. Office-specific responses:

PART FOUR – Personal Information

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

PART FIVE – Financial Information (Confidential)

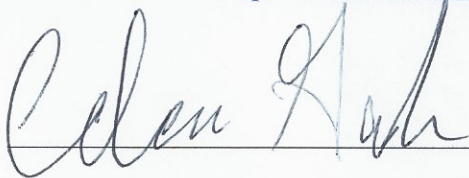
K. What is your projected budget? How much have you raised at present? How do you intend to raise the balance? *(This is for our information only, and will not be posted on the MWPC website.)*

My goal is \$10,000 by March 5th and if I go to a runoff, another \$\$15,000-20,000. I have raised \$3,000. I am currently soliciting donations and will do a fundraising dinner or two if I go to a runoff.

SUBMIT

By submitting this questionnaire, you give us permission to post your responses to Parts One through Four on the MWPC website at <https://mendocinowomen.org/endorsements/>.

Candidate's Signature:



Date:

12/20/23

An electronic copy of this questionnaire is at <https://mendocinowomen.org/endorsements/> if you prefer to download a fillable PDF version.

Return this completed questionnaire by the deadline to be considered for endorsement.

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