



Mendocino Women's Political Coalition 2026 Election Year Endorsements

Thank you for your interest in seeking an endorsement from the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition. MWPC advocates for women's issues, economic equity, environmental sustainability, and the active participation of women in public life. Endorsed candidates will receive our official support and may receive a campaign donation. Please complete this questionnaire to be considered.

Response Format

This questionnaire consists of two parts: this Candidate Information and Contact Form (Part One) and a Question List (Part Two). Please submit both together.

For Part 2, you may respond in any format you choose, as long as your responses are complete and legible. You may type your responses directly into this Word document if you want. Your responses to Part Two will be posted as-is to the MWPC website at mendocinowomen.org/endorsements/ to share with our members.

Deadline: Completed questionnaires must be received by **SEPTEMBER 15, 2026**.

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PART ONE: CANDIDATE INFORMATION & CONTACT FORM

Name	Marilyn Puget
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Election Date	November 3, 2026
Office Running For	Mendocino County Board of Education, Trustee Area 1
Campaign Name	
Website	
Campaign Number*	
Campaign Treasurer Name	

* California campaign committees may obtain a committee ID number by filing Form 410, Statement of Organization, with the California Fair Political Practices Commission. Form 410 must be filed within 10 days of raising \$2,000 or more. For more information, go to <https://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn.html>.



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PART TWO: CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

Candidate Name	Marilyn Puget
Office Running For	Mendocino County Board of Education, Trustee Area 1

Please answer each question below. You may type your responses directly into this document, or submit a separate Word document, PDF, or email — as long as all questions are addressed. Whatever you submit will be posted as-is to the MWPC website. Please type your name and the date at the end of your responses before submitting.

1. Elevator Pitch

Why are you the best candidate for this office? Please provide a concise introduction that can be communicated in 30 seconds or less. (One short paragraph)

I bring eight years of experience on the Mendocino County Board of Education, including serving as Board President, and a strong record of advocating for students, families, and safe schools. As a mother, grandmother, dental hygienist, and school safety advocate, I understand the importance of keeping students safe, supporting educators, and making responsible decisions with taxpayer dollars. I'm running for re-election to continue providing experienced, practical leadership that puts Mendocino County's students first.

2. MWPC Core Principles

Please respond to all of the following Core Principles questions in a short statement, noting which you support and explaining any reservations. If you support all of them without reservation, a single clear statement to that effect is also sufficient.

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 support a woman's right to reproductive self-determination and public funding of abortion? If your answer is no, please describe why.

I support all of the MWPC's core principles. Our reproductive choices, access to child and dependent care, equal pay (comparable worth), ending discrimination, and the elimination of sexual harassment are basic principles that my grandmothers fought for.

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

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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?

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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?

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

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3. Campaign Information

Describe the demographics of your district. What are the most pressing issues facing your constituents – particularly any communities or populations that are underserved – and how do you plan to address them?

My district includes Potter Valley, Redwood Valley, Calpella, Talmage, and Hopland – rural communities with working families and students who can face challenges accessing the same services and opportunities available in larger communities. Some of the most pressing issues are the rising cost of living, access to affordable childcare and preschool, school safety, and ensuring rural students have access to strong educational programs and support services.

As a member of the Mendocino County Board of Education, I have worked to make sure these smaller communities and their needs are represented. I have raised concerns about cuts to preschool subsidies and programs that many working families rely on, supported efforts to address the fentanyl crisis through education and community partnerships, and continued advocating for safe schools. I will keep working to ensure that a student's ZIP code does not determine the quality of the opportunities and support available to them.

4. Personal Information

Please tell us about yourself (occupation, education, family, community involvement, etc.).

I have spent most of my professional career as a Registered Dental Hygienist after completing four years of college and earning two science degrees, graduating with President's Honors. I have always believed in giving back to the community that has given so much to me. Over the years, I have volunteered with Give Kids a Smile Day at the Law Avenue clinic, participated in community activities supporting the Humane Society, and served on the board of the Redwood Riders in Redwood Valley. I continue to attend educational conferences and trainings to better serve our students and schools. Most importantly, I am a proud mother and grandmother, and I care deeply about making Mendocino County a place where our children and grandchildren can learn, grow, and succeed.

SUBMISSION

By submitting this questionnaire, you confirm that the responses are your own and that you give MWPC permission to post them on the MWPC website at mendocinowomen.org/endorsements/.

In lieu of a signature, type your name and date below, or at the end of your document, to confirm that these responses are your own and that you authorize MWPC to publish them.

Your Name	Marilyn Puget
Today's Date	9/12/2026

Return completed questionnaire by SEPTEMBER 15, 2026.

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