



Mendocino Women's Political Coalition 2026 Election Year Endorsements

PART TWO: CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

Candidate Name	MARILYN PUGET
Office Running For	Mendocino County Office of Education Board Member 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)

As the incumbent, I have served as Board President and Vice President. I possess the experience and expertise necessary to communicate with the public while keeping our meetings running smoothly. I possess excellent networking skills which enable me to communicate with the public and other community leaders, a skill that is necessary for this position.

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 without reservations. 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 grandmother's fought for.



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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**.

Email to: jmjmj3@comcast.net | Or mail to: MWPC, BOX 1140, Ukiah, CA 95482

PART ONE: CANDIDATE INFORMATION & CONTACT FORM

Name	MARILYN PUGET
Phone	707-272-7083
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Election Date	November 3, 2026
Office Running For	Area 1 Board Member MCOE
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>.

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?

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?

The most pressing issues facing my Potter Valley constituents involve water rights and dams, however MCOE has no jurisdiction over these issues. All of my constituents are faced with the steep rise in housing costs, and I have attended Workforce housing seminars and classes to explore options for Mendocino County teachers! The budget cuts for programs like North Coast Opportunities pre-school subsidy will adversely affect several families' ability to attend the pre school of their choice. I brought this issue up at our last board meeting. The Fentanyl crisis impacts the entire community, and MCOE and Public Health hosted showings of the movie "Fentanyl High" for the public.

I personally carry Narcan in my vehicle because every minute counts when medical emergencies arise.

4. Personal Information

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

I have worked as a Registered Dental Hygienist for most of my professional life, four years of college with 2 Science degrees. I graduated with President's honors. I feel it is important to give back to our community, and have donated my time to "Give kids a smile" day at Law's Avenue Clinic in the past, Christmas wreath making at Redwood Valley Humane Society, served on the board of the Redwood Riders of Redwood Valley, and continue to attend school board conferences. I am a mother and proud grandmother.

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	Mawlyn Puget
Today's Date	9/8/26

Return completed questionnaire by **SEPTEMBER 15, 2026**.

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