



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	John Strangio
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Election Date	November of 2026
Office Running For	Ukiah City Council
Campaign Name	
Website	www.johnstrangioforukiah.com
Campaign Number*	
Campaign Treasurer Name	John Strangio

* 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	John Strangio
Office Running For	Ukiah City Council

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'm a longtime Ukiah community member, retired Fire Captain, local business owner, husband, and father. I spent more than 20 years in the fire service, where I learned leadership, accountability, teamwork, and how to make difficult decisions when they matter. As the owner of multiple local businesses, I understand budgets, employees, regulations, and the real-world impacts of government decisions. I'm running for Ukiah City Council to bring a practical, independent voice to City Hall—focused on fiscal responsibility, transparency, public safety, responsible growth, and making decisions based on facts while working respectfully with people from all perspectives.

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 do support womens rights to repdoductive choice!

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

Child care is very important!

I have fought to keep childcare as a large part of the gyms I own. I provide free childcare (limited time) to members when the child is on the membership, it is very important for parents to be able to bring their children to a safe loving place while they get to do some self care at the gym.

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?

I completely agree that gender should not play a role in pay, As a business owner, my highest paid employees are predominantly female.

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?

I will never stand for discrimination! Again at my business, we serve many walks of life and discrimination on any level to anyone for any reason is quickly dealt with!

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

I believe we should all feel safe and secure and not harassed at anytime. I will continue to do my best to reduce and or eliminate any harassment including 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?

Ukiah is a diverse community made up of working families, seniors, young people, renters and homeowners, small-business owners, agricultural and service workers, and

residents from a wide range of cultural and economic backgrounds. As the regional center of Mendocino County, Ukiah also carries many responsibilities and challenges that extend beyond our city limits.

Some of the most pressing issues I hear about are the rising cost of living and housing, homelessness, public safety, aging infrastructure, utility costs, economic development, and ensuring that local government is spending taxpayer dollars responsibly. These challenges can disproportionately affect seniors on fixed incomes, lower-income families, renters, youth, and people who have difficulty navigating government programs or making their voices heard.

I believe addressing these issues starts with listening and making local government accessible. I want the City to engage residents before major decisions are made, not simply inform them afterward. I also believe we need to carefully prioritize spending, maintain essential infrastructure and public safety services, support housing opportunities at different income levels, encourage responsible economic development, and work collaboratively with the County, nonprofits, businesses, schools, and community organizations.

My background in public safety, local business, and community service has taught me that there is rarely a one-size-fits-all solution. I want to approach these issues based on facts, measurable results, fiscal responsibility, and the real-world impact our decisions have on the people who live and work in Ukiah.

4. Personal Information

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

I am a longtime member of the Ukiah community, a retired Fire Captain, local business owner, husband, and father of three boys.

I spent more than 20 years in the fire service, serving with the Ukiah Valley Fire District, City of Ukiah, and Ukiah Valley Fire Authority. During my career, I worked my way through the ranks and retired as a Fire Captain. The fire service taught me leadership, teamwork, accountability, fiscal responsibility, and the importance of remaining calm and making sound decisions during difficult situations.

Today, I own and operate Ukiah Valley Athletic Club and am involved with Mendocino Health & Wellness. As a local business owner with multiple locations, I have firsthand experience managing employees, budgets, facilities, regulations, and the everyday challenges facing both employers and working families in our community.

My wife, Lauren, and I are raising three boys who are very active in youth sports. I coach youth basketball and spend a great deal of my time supporting our kids and other young people in the community. My family and I also support numerous local organizations, events, schools, youth programs, and community causes.

Community service has been a major part of my entire adult life, first through the fire service and now through business, coaching, volunteering, and civic involvement. I enjoy bringing people together, listening to different perspectives, and helping find practical solutions. I don't believe every issue needs to be viewed through a political lens. I believe local government works best when we focus on people, facts, accountability, and what will make our community stronger for the next generation.

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	John Strangio
Today's Date	9/4/2026

Return completed questionnaire by SEPTEMBER 15, 2026.

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