

Hello, this is Tom Cookman with a Community Comment.

Although both candidates running for the Fourth District Supervisors seat are Democrats, there is a clear distinction between incumbent Virginia Bass and Chris Kerrigan. Virginia has a solid resume where she has worked in both the private and public sector of Humboldt County. As their campaigns move forward, I find it interesting to see what is being said online about this race. It seems that the followers of Chris Kerrigan are proud that he stood up against The Pacific Lumber Company, helped slam the door on Calpine's proposal to build a LNG facility on Humboldt Bay, supported Paul Gallegos and defeated Rex Bohn for the Eureka City Council seat. It seems this is the resume that his supporters want to stand on during this election. One blog states that Humboldt County defeated the recall of Paul Gallegos by a vote of 62% to 38% and this is reason enough to support Chris Kerrigan. I agree that this is what we need to focus on during this campaign. In the attempt to recall gallegos, Humboldt County clearly let it be known that we were in favor of letting people grow 99 marijuana plants if they had a 215 card, Humboldt County clearly let it be known that we were closed for port development and we also clearly stated that we didn't like The Pacific Lumber Company conducting timber operations in our community. We were going to move forward with new industries and new government programs that would revitalize our economy. The people voted and politicians like Chris Kerrigan and Paul Gallegos were embraced by the voters of Humboldt County. I was very public in my disapproval of these politicians and labeled them the Anti-Crowd. I commented numerous times on what I thought would happen to our crime rates and about the people we were going to attract with these new policies. The question everyone needs to ask themselves is; How are we

doing as a society in Humboldt County? Answer this question and then step into the voting booth and cast your vote. Personally, I really miss The Pacific Lumber Company and their 1,600 jobs. I miss Eel River Sawmill and the hundreds of jobs they created. I miss being able to walk the streets of Eureka without being panhandled. I hate reading about all the murders that are now just an everyday occurrence. I hate it that Humboldt County has one of the highest murder rates per capita in the entire country. Our streets are no longer safe. I hate it that our young people are leaving Humboldt County to find good jobs because there is so little opportunity to make a living here. The number of street people in our community is worse than any place I have ever visited. I drove from the Red Lion to K-Mart and counted FORTY THREE druggy looking people wandering our streets. I could go on and on about how Humboldt County has changed in the last ten to twenty years, but it is too depressing. We created this environment by the people we elected. The people endorsing Chris Kerrigan seem to think we are in a better place today than we were before what I call the Paul Gallegos Era. We have a clear choice between two Democrats running for the Fourth District Supervisors seat. Virginia Bass has been instrumental in trying to move Humboldt County forward by attracting new businesses to our area. She has been helpful in streamlining the ease of getting building permits. Virginia is working hard to tell the rest of the world that Humboldt County is open for business. We are moving forward in a positive direction. It would be a huge mistake to let the ANTI-CROWD get back in power. We need Humboldt County to be a safe place to work and raise a family once again. Please vote for Virginia Bass.

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