

**VOTER'S PAMPHLET**

**CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS**

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
COUNTY SUPERVISOR, 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT**

**Jane Dolan**  
**Occupation: County Supervisor/Small Business Owner**

I was born in Butte County and grew up here attending local schools. As a homeowner, business owner, and a County Supervisor, I have a wide range of experience.

I am the author and staunch defender of Chico's Greenline, which protects agriculture and preserves our local economy. I will continue to fight to protect it.

I strongly support our local schools and am an active school volunteer as well as a member of the Sports Boosters.

The safety and future of our children is of primary importance to me, and better schools and safer neighborhoods are one of my top concerns.

Preserving and protecting our neighborhoods through proactive neighborhood planning and traffic calming design continues to be one of my highest priorities.

I am proud to have received support over the years from the agricultural community, law enforcement, public employees, and neighborhood leaders.

I hope I can count on your support on June 6, 2006 as we continue to work together for a better Chico. See [www.janedolan.com](http://www.janedolan.com)

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER  
County of Butte**

**CANDACE "CANDY" J. GRUBBS**  
**Occupation: County Clerk-Recorder**

It's an honor and privilege to serve as your County Clerk-Recorder and Chief Election Official.

Protection of your voting rights, property records and the personal integrity to take a stand when necessary is of utmost importance to me. It is vitally important that official records are open, accessible and preserved for future generations.

Under my direction, the department's website was expanded to increase public access to election information, candidate filing information, on-line searching of public records and fictitious business names. All recorded maps images are available on CD and on-line to county departments. The public research area has computer access to documents pertaining to real property, vital records and FBN's. Nearly 300 volumes of historic Butte County records were restored and 10,000 historic records returned by CSU-Chico were cataloged and are now accessible.

As Butte County's Chief Election Official, I conduct all federal, state, county, city, school and special district elections. Enactment of federal and state legislation mandated sweeping changes in elections. I am committed to ensure voters have equal access to voting, confidence in the system and vote with the knowledge that every vote will be counted accurately.

I will be honored to have your trust and vote on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
SHERIFF-CORONER  
County of Butte**

**PERRY L. RENIFF** **Age: 55**  
**Occupation: Sheriff-Coroner**

The citizens of Butte County elected me to lead the Sheriff's Office through a period of financial difficulty, while at the same time attempting to expand our much needed crime fighting efforts. Working together, we are meeting these challenges, while living within our yearly budget.

Partnerships have been created to assist with this struggle. Gains have been made, but not all of the goals have been met. I am committed to the protection and safety of the citizens of Butte County.

I have sought funding to expand our rural patrol presence. We have enjoyed some success, and the future looks brighter. We are involved in sharing technology that will further unite the efforts of all of the crime fighting agencies of Butte County.

I have stressed to all members of this office, that we will treat all individuals with dignity and respect. This is not just a goal, but a "living statement", which governs our everyday conduct.

I have been honored by your faith in me and the staff of this office. I ask for your continued support and prayers, as there remain needs to resolve. Please re-join me in this effort for the next four years.

Please visit: [reniffsheriff.net](http://reniffsheriff.net)

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
SHERIFF-CORONER  
County of Butte**

**DON "HUTCH" HUTCHESON** **Age: 57**  
**Occupation: Retired Chico P.D., Academy Instructor**

As a 1967 Las Plumas graduate, I joined the Navy with the Top Gun squadron holding a Top Secret Clearance and earned a Commendation for Bravery.

I joined Orland P.D. and four years later, Chico P.D. My 19+ year career ended from injuries received during an arrest.

I obtained an A.A. in Administration of Justice, B.S. in Business Administration and a Juris Doctorate.

With my lifetime law enforcement teaching credential, I teach at the Butte College Police Academy. For 19 years I've trained cadets and veteran officers who want to update their skills and knowledge.

As owner of A Top Driver School, teaching teens about the dangers of drugs and alcohol is a priority.

As a founding member of B.I.N.T.F. targeting "meth" labs and dealers is a top priority.

As your Sheriff, I'll place computers in patrol cars, get officers involved in school drug programs, and expand the S.T.A.R.S. program.

Staffing of patrol deputies is unacceptably low. I'll change that with innovative plans to put more deputies on the street and an increased presence in the outlying areas.

With Butte County's population explosion, we need an innovative, ethical, progressive sheriff who'll implement needed improvements in your sheriff's department.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
COUNTY SUPERVISOR, 3<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT**

**CHUCK KUTZ**  
**Occupation: Business Owner/Contractor**

**Age: 48**

I am a fifth generation resident of Butte County. I have attended Chico Public Schools, Butte College and CSU Chico. I was a consultant for the Butte County Resource Conservation District and am on the Butte Creek Watershed Conservancy Board. I helped create floodplain management and mitigation plans for Butte County.

The Third District is where I grew up and where I raised my daughter. My home is in Forest Ranch. I was a Butte County MICU-Paramedic but now I own Sensible Spas. I am not a career politician but I am familiar with Butte County's Government. I am a Lifetime NRA member and support private property rights.

I will focus on promoting Butte County, the General Plan update, disaster management, improving roads and water storage.

I will ensure that our growth is planned carefully or we will lose Butte County's quality of life. I need to ensure that our water supply is more than adequate for growth and agriculture. I need to ensure that we have successful businesses, excellent schools, homes and the highest standards for Medical, Fire and Law Enforcement.

A vote for Chuck Kutz is a vote for a better quality of life for the Third District and all of Butte County.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
COUNTY SUPERVISOR, 3<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT**

**MAUREEN A. KIRK**  
**Occupation: Vice-Mayor/Dental Hygienist**

**Age: 58**

Unplanned growth affects our quality of life negatively: increased crime, worsening traffic, and threats to our valuable agricultural land, water, and natural resources.

Your vote determines how Butte County grows. As your Supervisor, I will only support responsible growth which enhances rather than diminishes our quality of life.

During my seven years on the Chico City Council, (two as Mayor), I have consistently supported balanced budgets, responsible land use planning, and strong public safety services.

As a member of the County Water Advisory Committee, the Chico State Advisory Board, and a founding member of the Boys and Girls Club of Chico, I have worked on common issues affecting the City, County, and University.

My priorities as Supervisor will be improved sheriff and fire services, a strong business climate, improved library services, responsible growth, and preservation of our water supply.

I will stand firm against development encroachment onto our valuable agricultural land and foothills, while supporting responsible and well planned development.

My husband and I raised our son here because we believe Butte County is a special place to live and work. As your full-time Supervisor, I will preserve this legacy.

Visit [www.maureenkirk.com](http://www.maureenkirk.com) or call 345-9055.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
COUNTY SUPERVISOR, 3<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT**

**STEVE BERTAGNA**

**Age: 40**

I am running for Butte County Board of Supervisor because Butte County needs experienced leadership! For many generations, Chico has been my families home. I want to maintain its quality of life and affordability for my three children Brittney, Josh and Raeanne. I have been married to my wife, Kari, for 20 years and I am committed to our community.

Currently, I am serving as a Chico City Councilmember. I have lead the charge on many important issues relating to, jobs, infrastructure and long range planning. I served as Chico's Mayor in 1999-2000. For 20 years I have owned and operated my own business.

I am committed to the highest level of Sheriff and fire protection. We must prioritize and spend our money wisely, while organizing the County to utilize its resources as efficiently as possible. Working as a team with our cities, I believe Butte County can maintain its charm, and plan for its future.

Please help me in moving forward, and vote to bring my leadership to the Butte County Board of Supervisors. Thank you for your support and I truly look forward to serving you.