



Save Our Sonoma Roads

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Save Our Sonoma Roads Endorses Lynda Hopkins for Sonoma County Supervisor

Save Our Sonoma Roads (SOSroads) announces today its endorsement of Lynda Hopkins for 5th District Sonoma County Supervisor. Lynda offers a fresh, new leadership approach for West County. As an organic farmer and small business owner she brings an understanding of how decisions made by supervisors affect ordinary people.

“Hopkins has a firsthand appreciation for the county’s crumbling road system because she lives and works on our failing county roads. She recognizes that roads will not be fixed unless the supervisors allocate substantial General Fund funds, including Transit Occupancy Tax revenue, for road maintenance and reconstruction,” said Craig S. Harrison, Co-Founder of SOSroads.

Lynda is strongly committed to fiscal responsibility and prioritizing county spending on roads because our economic viability and quality of life are directly impacted by our ability to move safely and effectively on our roads,” Co-Founder Michael Troy added.

The road issue is vital to residents of the 5th District because it has 540 miles (39%) of the county’s roads. While many of the primary roads are in relatively good shape, about two-thirds are residential and are in poor or failing condition.

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Ultimately our recommendation for supervisor focuses on President Kennedy's observation that "to govern is to choose." Refurbishing Sonoma County's road system will cost tens of millions of dollars annually. The current supervisors have acknowledged the roads crisis and have begun to address the issue with additional funding.

Our road system became one of the worst in California because of decades of neglect starting in the 1980s and it will not be in good condition without making road repair a high priority for decades. We believe that Hopkins is committed to taking bold action to control county spending, directing funding to roads and adopting creative solutions to refurbish and maintain our road infrastructure.

Hopkins puts a high priority on fiscal responsibility and on making the county budget transparent to all residents. She believes that the current county pension system is unsustainable. Voters increasingly demand that our supervisors be fiscally disciplined or they will not approve tax increases, even taxes for our road system.

SOSroads will work with Noreen Evans if she is elected and appreciate that fixing the roads is among her priorities. But Evans has so many priorities that little may be left for roads after her other promises are funded.

SOSroads thinks it is time for a new generation of leadership in West County, and is pleased to endorse Lynda Hopkins for county supervisor.

SOSroads.org is an all-volunteer Sonoma County-wide citizens' group formed to advocate for an improved allocation of public funds to roads. Learn more at SOSroads.org

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