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FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2nd District Supervisor Candidate Forum
February 24, 2020

The February 24, 2020, meeting of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Chair Seth McGrath with 68 persons present.

Seth McGrath thanked Ridgetop Cafe for lunch. Seth then introduced Guest Moderator, Nazy Javid.

The Candidate Forum featuring Estelle Fennell, Michelle Bushnell, Sean DeVries, Rick French, and Michael McKaskle commenced at 12:15 p.m.

Four pre-selected questions were asked of all of the candidates. The questions asked were: (1) What do you think is the most important policy or action we need to do to stimulate the local economy? Why should small business owners support your campaign? (2) What are your thoughts on health care in the Eel River Valley? What changes do you suggest to ensure that our local hospital continues to offer inpatient and pediatrics care long into the future? (3) What are your plans to address the shortage of skilled trade in the area? What can you do as a public official to stimulate interest in potential students and employers in trade schools? (4) Governor Newsom recently passed an executive order tasking state agencies with evaluating excess land for use as possible emergency homeless shelters. What plan of action does the County have to address the homeless and mental health crisis in the County?

Two audience questions were asked pertaining to the needle exchange program and the Coronavirus.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lindsay
Recording Secretary