

Susan Gorin

As your Supervisor, I'll bring experienced leadership to revitalize our local economy, prioritize funding for essential services, champion our environment, and move our County's budget into sustainability.

To represent you on the Board of Supervisors during these challenging times, it will take someone who shares your values, is open and responsive to your concerns and has the experience to start taking action on day one of the job.

I join with people across this district who want maintaining our roads and reforming pensions as our top priorities. Our road system is one of the County's largest assets, and transportation revenues are woefully inadequate. The challenge of maintaining the 1,382 miles of County roads is enormous, and there are no easy solutions.

To bring our roads up to acceptable standards, we need to evaluate the condition of our roads, estimate the cost of repair or rebuilding, and review all revenue options to develop a multi-year strategy.

In the short term, new revenue options must be considered – extension of Measure M, TOT funding and road maintenance districts are options, along with redirection of existing County funding wherever possible. I am the only candidate with close working relationships with state and national legislators and the experience of bringing diverse stakeholders together to work toward solutions to complex challenges.

With one of the largest unfunded pension liabilities in California, Sonoma County's pension costs are crowding out roads and other services in the general fund. In the long term, this needs to be reversed; as Councilmember and Mayor of Santa Rosa, I have the experience in employee negotiations to be able to demand the necessary information and make the tough decisions to slash our unfunded pension liabilities and roll back our unsustainable pension benefits.

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