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**Pat Eklund Announces Run for Marin County Supervisor**  
*Long-time Novato Public Servant Pledges To Fight for District 5 Residents*

Novato City Council Member and Former Mayor Pat Eklund became a candidate today for Marin County Supervisor, District 5.

“I am running for Supervisor to fight for common-sense solutions, smart priorities, and our fair share of resources when it comes to the issues that are confronting the residents of District 5,” said Eklund.

“What can we do to help our children get the education and skills they need to be prepared for an increasingly competitive workforce? What is the most effective use of our limited transportation dollars? What can the county do to improve access to health care? How much of our rural land should be preserved as open space?” continued Eklund.

“I believe I have the skills and experience to help ensure our county is making the very best decisions on the critical issues that will impact our quality of life for years to come — even generations.”

Eklund is a Novato City Council Member and a former Novato Mayor, Planning Commissioner, and neighborhood leader. A populist who entered politics by fighting City Hall over a stop sign in her neighborhood, Eklund has led important fights to protect local tax dollars, improve public safety and school safety, protect the environment, and improve access to health care.

Eklund serves as Novato’s representative on the Transportation Authority of Marin, where she has been working to develop and implement solutions to congestion on Highway 101 that are cost effective, environmentally sound, and compatible with surrounding neighborhoods. Eklund also serves as Novato’s representative on the board of the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART).

As a Council Member, Eklund fought successfully to pass Novato’s Urban Growth Boundary, and to improve bus service and expand commuter busses. She also supported Measure A, which is providing the funds to complete the carpool and bus lane on Highway 101 from Novato through San Rafael.

As the past president of the League of California Cities, Eklund was a leader in the fight to pass Proposition 1A, which stopped state government raids on our local tax dollars. Eklund is currently working to improve the quality of life for California’s families and children as president of the CCS Partnership — a joint effort of the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties and California School Boards Association.

Eklund has 29 years experience working for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where she is an Environmental Manager. She holds master’s degrees in public administration and environmental management. Eklund fought successfully to pass a Novato General Plan that established strong policies for protecting the environment, and a zoning code that increased safeguards for hillsides and ridgelines. She also pushed for the adoption of Novato’s “green building” ordinance and was instrumental in expanding of Novato’s recycling programs.

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