

Today, I announce that I will not seek reelection in 2020. It has been my honor, my privilege and my pleasure to serve you, the people of Tuolumne County. It is time, however, for me to move on and provide the opportunity for another to take the reins of the Fifth District and work with the remainder of the Board to lead Tuolumne County going forward.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful people who have supported me from 2011 when I ran for District 5 Supervisor the first time up to and including today. You cannot possibly know how much that support has meant to me and how it has continually energized me to do daily what I believe is best for our County of Tuolumne. I will continue to rely on that support as I finish out my term.

I promised to be your fulltime Supervisor back in the 2012 campaign and reaffirmed that pledge when I ran again in 2016. The election results confirmed that was what you wanted, and I have striven to be that Supervisor for the past 6 ½ years. I made the statement in a candidate's event in the 2012 race that I thought if I couldn't get done what I wanted to accomplish in 8 years that it should probably be someone else's turn in the barrel. I have accomplished much of what I set out to and I can foresee accomplishing much of what remains in the coming year and a half.

The one most inescapable conclusion that I have come to over my tenure as one of your Supervisors is the importance of local government to our community. No other level of government has the daily direct accountability to its constituency that local government has. No other level of government has the knowledge of local issues and as immediate an impact on the local way of life as your local government does.

I have both hope and confidence that the voters of District 5 will elect the best candidate to replace me on the Board. It is vital to our County's wellbeing that we do so. I thank you again for the honor, the privilege and the opportunity to serve you and to continue to serve you through the conclusion of my term. I am not done working for you and plan on continuing to do my very best every day until January 2021. May God bless you all and may God bless Tuolumne County.