
MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2016 BOARD MEMBER BIOGRAPHY

SUPERVISOR NAME: Dan Gjerde

TITLE: Fourth District Supervisor - Board of Supervisors

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 Years

TERM(S): JANUARY 2013 - DECEMBER 2017

CURRENT TERM COMMENCED: January, 2013



OFFICE LOCATION: 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010, Ukiah, CA, 95482
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HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (By appointment)

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RESPONSIBILITY:

Mendocino County is a General Law County governed by the Constitution of the State of California. The Mendocino Board of Supervisors is responsible for exercising its legislative and quasi-judicial authority, within budgetary constraints, to provide for the health, welfare and safety of the residents of Mendocino County. This is accomplished through regular and special Board meetings, by community outreach and interaction with their constituents, and by serving on a number of local, regional and state boards and commissions.

BACKGROUND:

Prior to joining the board of supervisors in January 2013, Gjerde served 14 years as a member of the Fort Bragg City Council. While on the city council, Gjerde helped secure millions of dollars to repave streets, repair parks and restore pride in the community. Gjerde points to the City of Fort Bragg as an example of a resourceful, dynamic organization. During his tenure on the city council, the city went from a general fund deficit to general fund reserves equal to six months operating budget, while successfully fulfilling many of the community's goals. Gjerde credits Fort Bragg's success to the city council's thoughtful teamwork and the city staff's creative and nimble pursuit of practical solutions.

Supervisor Gjerde sees his work on the Board of Supervisors as an opportunity to help people realize their aspirations, for themselves and their community.

"Why do I care so much? Simple. This is my home." Dan's family has lived on the Mendocino Coast for six generations.

DISTRICT INFORMATION::

The Fourth Supervisorial District boundaries include the coastal communities from Russian Gulch (south of Caspar and Fort Bragg) to Whale Gulch (near the Humboldt County border) and inland communities of Piercy, Leggett and Branscomb, representing approximately 17,000 Mendocino County residents.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Supervisor Gjerde is known for support for creating healthy and connected communities:

- Making the healthy choice the easy choice as part of our every day lives. To advance these goals, Dan supports creating streets and public spaces that encourage walking and biking, as well as increasing our access to nutritious, locally-sourced food.
- Seeing residents obtain greater access to high-speed internet. Gjerde supports the work of the Mendocino Broadband Alliance, which is seeking funds to expand access to much of the county. Gjerde also sees co-working, a fun and low-cost type of office space, as a possible option to help self-employed residents to grow their businesses, by providing them greater connectivity to a rapidly changing world.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

For a list of all Board of Supervisors special assignments, please click on the following link <http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/bos/calendar.htm>

DISTRICT MAP:

