

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS.

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR TRINITY PUBLIC UTILITIES DISTRICT

KELLI E. GANT

AGE:

Occupation: Incumbent

Education and Qualifications: I was first elected to the Trinity PUD Board of Directors in 2011. I bring to Trinity PUD 20 years of upper management experience in software companies as well as running my own professional writing business. Working with complex high-tech organizations relates strongly to the challenges that face Trinity PUD. My experience running large teams and managing million-dollar budgets continues to assist Trinity PUD as we navigate legislative, sustainability, and environmental issues.

Other credentials: BS in Managerial Economics and Labor Relations from UC Davis; continuing UCD education in water law, land use planning, and CEQA; homeowner; married.

I will continue my pledge to build upon the District's past successes, high level of respect in our industry and all levels of government, and our talented staff to ensure that our Trinity families and businesses receive reliable power at the lowest possible cost while strengthening the sustainability of the District for future generations.

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ALEX COUSINS

AGE: 45

Occupation:

Education and Qualifications: Born in Hyampon, having lived and worked in Hayfork, and now Weaverville, I developed strong Trinity County community and business relationships. I've worked for the County Planning Department, the Resource Conservation District, as an independent contractor, and currently Trinity River Lumber. These diverse roles have helped me participate and watch Trinity County grow, yet remain the same. I am proud to call this home, and a place to live with my wife and children.

The lowcost, reliable power provided by the Trinity PUD is an important resource for Trinity County. As a board member, I will continue to work with community members, local businesses, and prospective new customers to ensure renewable low cost power is available.

I will rely on my successful business experience, my relationships with state and federal elected officials to protect low rates for Trinity PUD customers, and grow opportunities for all of Trinity County.

Emerging businesses need a tie to the history, with an eye to the future, to ensure durable growth of our region. I'm excited about the future of Trinity County and how lowcost renewable power will help support community members and would be honored to have your vote.

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THOMAS L. WALZ

AGE: 66

Occupation: Retired District Manager Sierra Pacific Industries

Education and Qualifications: Trinity County became home to our family in 1983 when we moved to Hayfork where I began work at Sierra Pacific Industries sawmill as the timber Manager. In 1988 we moved to Weaverville where I took on the responsibility of managing the timberlands Sierra Pacific Industries had acquired from the Sante Fe/Southern Pacific Railroad. Managing the Weaverville District timberlands for over 30 years provided the blessing of seeing some of the grandest, wildest places in Trinity County but also the privilege of seeing local families employed in the forest products industry.

Having recently retired from Sierra Pacific Industries my wife and I discussed how we want to serve our community. I see Trinity County as rich in resources and people and my desire is to see both those enhanced and enriched. The Trinity PUD provides the perfect opportunity to serve our community, see our resources used wisely and provide people the benefits from our renewable energy resource. I would appreciate your support and vote as we work to achieve those goals.

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ANDREW (ANDY) JOHNSON

AGE: 38

Occupation: Engineering, Construction, and Technology

Education and Qualifications: As lead designer and project manager for a global engineering firm I put my clients as my number one priority. My projects are complex, require teamwork, critical problem solving, scrutiny of budgets and schedules and a trusted relationship to serve my client's best interests. I want to bring this experience to serve the ratepayers of Trinity Public Utility District.

My priorities: Keeping rates low, a safe and resilient power grid, preserving natural resources, and economic development while maintaining the rural flavor and way of life for our mountain communities, all with a new generation's perspective and transparency.

While TPUD is a major local asset, I believe that the district should explore and enhance beyond providing low cost, renewable energy to our residents and businesses, with additional service and revenue opportunities. Also, rebuilding strained and broken relationships with the County of Trinity is a must if we want to move forward together in a cohesive way. I look forward to working with EVERYONE to explore new opportunities and using our collective strengths to build a better future.

I am grateful for my life here in Trinity with my wife and children and ask for your support in the November election.