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William “Bill” Thorington to join Clif Clendenen's Campaign

Humboldt County banker and consultant Bill Thorington has stepped down from his position as CEO of Mazzotti's Restaurants, Catering and Fine Foods to serve as campaign manager for Clif Clendenen's campaign for Humboldt County Second District supervisor.

Thorington, a 30-year resident of Fortuna, began his undergraduate work in Santa Barbara, graduating from CSU-Sacramento with degrees in biology and fisheries, later receiving a post-graduate degree in business and banking from University of Oklahoma. In 1977 he moved from Sacramento to Humboldt County for its quality of life.

Thorington was an executive with Bank of Loleta from 1977 until 1988, when he left and co-founded Six Rivers National Bank. In 1998, he retired from banking to start Thorington Consulting Group, specializing in court-appointed mediator, receiver or trusteeships in contested business and financial matters, and serving the private sector in business mergers, acquisitions and restructuring. Prior to Mazzotti's he completed major projects with KHUM/KSLG/KWPT and Carlson Wireless Technologies in Redway, where he served as VP and General Manager.

Thorington served on the Board of Trustees for Redwood Memorial Hospital for eight years and chaired that board and many committees. He was also was a founding board member of the Redwood Memorial Foundation and currently sits on the boards of Lost Coast Communications and Friends of the Eel River.

“About 10 years ago I decided to take a more active role in preserving our environment and developing a sustainable economy,” Thorington said. “Living in a solar home, recycling and driving a hybrid just aren’t enough. I wanted to make changes, so I began working with Friends of the Eel River, opened the RiverCenter in Fortuna and became more politically active, working with many group and campaigns.

“I feel privileged to work for someone like Clif. His moderate views are so welcome in our world of extremes and fringes. With family roots going back over 100 years in Fortuna, Clif can truly appreciate our state of affairs. And his logical and level-headed approach to issues is exactly what we need in the Second District.”

Clendenen, a native of Fortuna, grew up along the banks of the Eel River and has made its restoration one of the main themes of his campaign.

"We need active, responsible stewardship of our river. While rebuilding habitat for fish and restoring traditional water flows, we need to encourage clean industry, recreation, and tourism," Clendenen said. "I am honored that someone of Bill's experience, ability and depth of knowledge is applying himself in the service of the Second District."

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