Redistricting Comments  
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Historically Del Norte and Humboldt have been linked by commerce, transportation, and healthcare. The first known non-native to enter Del Norte (Jed Smith) came up the coast from the mouth of the Klamath River. Most of the early non-native settlers arrived using coastal routes. This pattern remains to this day.

Humboldt based Open Door Clinic operates the Del Norte Community Wellness Center. Up to 20% of PCP visits in Del Norte are provided there. We cannot do without this vital service.

United Indian Health Services provides services for tribal members who reside in Humboldt and Del Norte.

Medical specialists based in Humboldt are part of our health care system. Referrals come from private practices, Open Door Clinic, Sutter Coast Hospital, UIHS and others.

Behavioral Health services are costly and difficult to provide. The County of Del Norte is the main provider of services. Open Door offers some services as well. Without the “beds” available in Humboldt for some of our clients, services become even more difficult to provide. We simply cannot afford that.

College of the Redwoods, Del Norte, has been providing us with well trained nurses since the early 1970’s. Being a graduate of that program (1977), and a part of our local health care system since 1972, I can attest to the fact that the graduates are well trained, competent, and ready to take care of us should the need arise. Hospitals in Humboldt are sites for some of the training needed to complete the program. The main C/R campus is located in Humboldt.

Humboldt State University offers an LVN to RN program that allows local nurses to “bridge the gap” and graduate with a BS Nursing degree. This fits well with our “grow your own” strategy.

HSU has also been instrumental in developing local off-grid, and grid-tied energy systems. As energy production changes to more local, renewable, and non-damaging sources, our affiliation with HSU becomes more vital.

Redwood coast tourism is enhanced when promoted regionally. Our vacation rental, Lighthouse View, benefits from this cooperative relationship.

Thank you,
Clarke Moore
July 18, 2021

Local Behavioral Health Board; 1994-present
Sutter Coast Hospital Board of Directors; 2017-present
Alternative Energy Systems of Del Norte; 2000-present
Del Norte Healthcare District Board of Directors; 1996-2016
Del Norte Board of Supervisors representing District 3; 1990-1994
Owner/operator Breatheasy Inc.; 1985-1995 (sold to Apria)
Seaside/ Sutter Coast Hospital (nursing, respiratory therapy, Cardio-pulmonary Dept. manager); 1972-1987
Off-grid living since 1975