

# DENNIS RODONI

4TH DISTRICT

MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Dear 4th District Residents and Friends:

Welcome to the first of many newsletters!

It has been an exciting transition to the Board of Supervisors, and as your representative it is a priority of mine to provide you with current information regarding County issues. This newsletter serves to give you specific information regarding the 4th District and my work as your supervisor.

I encourage you to contact my office with any questions or concerns (see contact information provided at the end of the newsletter). Additionally, I invite you to visit my page by clicking [here](#) for information regarding our district. For more information on my community engagements, please follow me on my Facebook page [here](#).

I hope to hear from you and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Dennis Rodoni

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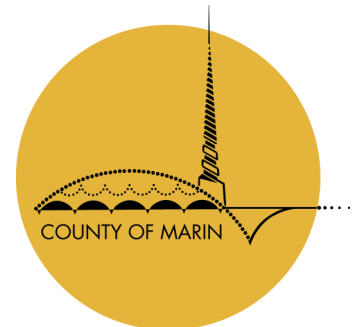


Photo of the January 3rd, 2017 swearing in ceremony, officiated by Judge Faye D'Opal (ret.)



Dennis at his first board meeting

## 4th District Aides: Rhonda Kutter and Lorenzo Cordova

My aides, Rhonda Kutter and Lorenzo Cordova, support me in my role as your supervisor. They are often your first contact with my office and work with you to get the information that you need. Please feel free to contact either of them with any inquiries.

**Rhonda Kutter** and her family have been residents of Point Reyes Station for over 15 years. Rhonda brings with her many years of diverse experience that will provide us with thoughtful insight into how we can make Marin County better.

After graduating from UC Berkeley with a degree in Linguistics, Rhonda worked in restaurant management. She then transitioned to a long career in the health industry. Some of her civic achievements include the revision of the “Canal Resource Guide” and the creation of “Toby’s Community Playground” at the Point Reyes Park.

Rhonda will be managing my calendar and any budget inquiries. As an invaluable team member, she will be at the forefront of any issues in the areas of health, environment, agriculture, gender, and special projects.

**Lorenzo Cordova** was born and raised in Marin County. He is a long-time 4th District resident and he is proud to be the first in his family to graduate college. Lorenzo received degrees in both Psychology and Creative Writing and is a Fulbright Scholarship recipient.

Previously, Lorenzo was aide to Assemblymember Marc Levine and the Assistant Director of Admissions to the Branson School in Ross, California. Lorenzo was one of the editors of “Viva! Marin” a data, policy, and action guide of Latino Health in Marin County. He currently serves on the 10,000 Degrees Board of Directors.

Lorenzo will be helping me with any issues regarding Land/Use Development, Housing, Education, Immigration, the LGBTQ Community, and special projects.



Celebrating Liza Crosse’s retirement



Rhonda and Dennis at the Pt. Reyes Farmers Market



Lorenzo and Dennis in the State of California Assembly Chambers

## 4th District Updates:

Since the election, I have had the privilege of meeting with well over 200 community leaders, organizations, key figures, and residents. It has been a rewarding learning experience for me.

Part of my role involves being out in the greater community and advocating on the behalf of our residents. Below I provide you a sample of recent activities in and out of the 4th District:

- ◆ This past Spring, I visited the California State Capital to discuss concerns in our community that could benefit from legislative action. I set up meetings with Senator Mike McGuire, Assemblymember Marc Levine, and Senator Pro Tem Kevin De Leon's Legislative Director Lisa Chin. I believe partnering with other leaders will benefit Marin overall.
- ◆ The Marin Childcare Commission invited me to visit one of their preschool facilities in the Canal Area of my district. I was impressed with the dedication of the staff to foster a nurturing classroom environment.
- ◆ I was honored to join the Point Reyes community in celebrating Cinco De Mayo at West Marin School. I continue to be proud of how welcoming the Point Reyes community is with all of its residents and I am honored to be from such an accepting community.
- ◆ I had the pleasure of showing Coastal Commissioner Aaron Peskin the beauty of West Marin. At a small reception for him at the Marconi Conference Center, he remarked that he was impressed by our community's knowledge and overall dedication to coastal issues.
- ◆ I hosted a round table discussion with members of the agricultural community and discussed a variety of topics such as upcoming changes to the Local Coastal Plan, farmworker housing, and mobile slaughter facilities. Our agricultural community is integral to the history and success of West Marin and by continually working together we can maintain the County's strong agricultural roots.



Presenting Sen. McGuire a gift



Dennis introducing himself to a classroom of students



Commissioner Peskin and Dennis at Stinson Beach



Speaking to attendees of our AG Roundtable



Marin County's Anti-pesticide  
Campaign: **Think! before you  
spray**



The warmer months are upon us which means more time in our gardens. The County of Marin has recently launched an anti-pesticide campaign designed to educate our community about the harmful effects of pesticide use. We encourage you to “Think Before Your Spray”.

For more information please visit  
[www.yardsmartmarin.org](http://www.yardsmartmarin.org).

Community Nonprofit Highlight:  
**Extrafood.org**

Extra Food is one of the nonprofits in our community that is making a significant difference with its goal to end hunger in Marin County.

Extra Food collaborates with various third-parties to collect extra food which it re-distributes to nonprofit organizations and individuals in our community.

Since its inception 3 years ago, Extra Food has delivered over 1 million pounds of food across 87 sites in the county. It helps more than 5,000 people every month with deliveries of healthy and fresh food.

Jane, a West Marin recipient remarked, “The food pantry—that Extra Food supplies—has allowed me to maintain a steady diet of healthy eating. I am slowly getting back on my feet and I am very grateful to all of the businesses who contribute.”

Donations in the form of funds, food, and time are always appreciated. Please contact Marv Zauderer at (415) 997-9830 and [Marv@ExtraFood.org](mailto:Marv@ExtraFood.org).



Photo of an Extra Food delivery to the nonprofit, Next Generation Scholars



Helping to end hunger in Marin

## Community Outreach:

My office has been holding informal meetings throughout the 4th District since March. These gatherings are an opportunity to drop in and have a conversation regarding any concerns. The meetings are very important to me and I believe they are essential to our success.

We are on a summer hiatus and will resume our informal meetings in the fall. As soon as we have set the schedule my staff will send out reminders via email, fliers, and social media.

### Some Topics and Concerns Discussed:

- ◆ Corte Madera residents' concerns about fire risk in conjunction with Marin County Open Space
- ◆ Emergency preparedness in general
- ◆ Revitalization of the pool at the Homestead Valley Community Center
- ◆ Parking concerns as a result of people living in their vehicles
- ◆ Septic and building permit concerns
- ◆ High rents and lack of affordable housing
- ◆ Open space management and trails
- ◆ Concerns about local roads and bicycle use
- ◆ Pesticide use and its harmful effects on the environment and health

### A special thank you to the following for the use of their facilities:

- ◆ Point Reyes Library
- ◆ Albert J. Boro Community Center
- ◆ Café Verdi (in Corte Madera)
- ◆ The Novato Youth Center
- ◆ The Bolinas Community Center
- ◆ The Shoreline Unified School District
- ◆ The Stinson Beach Library
- ◆ The Homestead Valley Community Center
- ◆ The San Geronimo Valley Community Center



### **Alert Marin**

Get alerts about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for our Emergency Alert Program. This system enables the county to provide you with critical information in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, flooding, wildfire, earthquakes, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

For more information visit **[www.alertmarin.org](http://www.alertmarin.org)**



Meeting with constituents in Tomales

## Update: Wood Smoke Rebate Program

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) launched its wood smoke abatement grant program last year. 222 projects in Marin applied. Of those, 48 projects have already been awarded funding (the average grant was for \$3,421). 104 are in the process of being reviewed.

Examples of eligible projects include decommissioning your wood-burning stove/ fireplace or replacing your wood-burning device with a gas insert or electric heat pump.

Grant funding for applicants that are considered “High Impact Residents” (HIR) is still available for a removal or a replacement project. An HIR designation includes homes that are registered with BAAQMD with any of the following conditions: (1) homes that use wood-burning as their sole source of heat, (2) homes that are low-income, (3) and/or homes with the following zip codes: 94940, 94937, 94956, 94924, 94938, 94946, 94970, and 94965. HIRs are considered a priority and will be at the top of the waitlist until funding for this program is exhausted.

To apply, visit [www.grantapps.baaqmd.gov](http://www.grantapps.baaqmd.gov) or [www.maringreenbuilding.org](http://www.maringreenbuilding.org). Our staff can help you through this process. Please contact, **Kellen Dammann** at **(415) 473-2698** or [kdammann@marincounty.org](mailto:kdammann@marincounty.org) for further information.



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## Highlights of the 2017-2018 Budget:

- ♦ County administrators have identified future budget shortages and have begun to adjust our hiring needs including attrition due to retirement and other workflow issues.
- ♦ I am a strong supporter of Laura’s Law, a California state law that provides community-based assistance to individuals that due to mental health illnesses are unable to voluntarily access mental health services. This new budget will enable our Health and Human Services Department to work on a more robust mental health program in conjunction with the County’s adoption of Laura’s Law earlier this year.
- ♦ As an advocate for the environment, it pleases me that the County fully adopted the “Deep Green Initiative” through MCE Clean Energy. This initiative furthers our commitment to clean energy and the environment.
- ♦ The County has prioritized two capital improvement projects—the Tomales Fire Station replacement and the remodel and expansion of the West Marin Health & Human Services building in Pt. Reyes Station.
- ♦ The budget includes plans to improve our roads and infrastructure, but we do realize that we have a long way to go. Stay tuned for more updates on this very important issue.
- ♦ The County has recognized and begun addressing complicated laws and social issues regarding medical and recreational cannabis, which includes managing programs, determining costs, and possible taxing opportunities.
- ♦ The County recognizes the limitations and difficulties in working within strict budgetary parameters. My goal will always be to have a financially stable and fiscally responsible County.

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