

Candidates forums planned April 30, 2014

At least three upcoming candidates forums will feature races of interest to St. Helena voters.

First, the Napa Valley Vintners will host a candidates forum for two local races — Napa County Supervisor, District 3, and California Assembly, District 4 — at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 5, at the Rutherford Grange Hall, 8550 St. Helena Highway (Highway 29) in Rutherford.

Assembly candidates Bill Dodd, Joe Krovoza, Charlie Schaupp and Dan Wolk will join supervisorial candidates Lewis Chilton and Diane Dillon (incumbent) for a conversation about the most pressing issues facing Napa County residents.

Napa Valley Register Editor Sean Scully will moderate, and light refreshments will be served after the forum. Attendance is free, and no RSVP is necessary.

Napa Valley CanDo is sponsoring two forums in May for candidates running for district attorney, sheriff-coroner, assessor-recorder-registrar of voters and state Assembly.

The May 14 forum, which will be held from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. at the Napa County Library, 580 Coombs St. in Napa, will feature candidates for district attorney and assessor-recorder-registrar of voters.

Incumbent Gary Lieberstein is being opposed by Thomas Kensok, a chief deputy district attorney in Contra Costa County, and Doug Pharr, a former gang prosecutor who is now a criminal defense attorney.

The incumbent assessor-recorder-registrar of voters, John Tuteur, is opposed by Brian Kelly, a former banker and independent businessman.

On May 19, CanDo will sponsor a forum for state Assembly and sheriff-coroner from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the North Bay, 1625 Salvador Ave., Napa.

The Assembly candidates are Democrats Bill Dodd, a Napa County supervisor; Joe Krovoza, Davis mayor; and Dan Wolk, a Davis council member. The Republican candidates are Dustin Call, a legislative aide, and Charlie Schaupp, a retired Marine officer.

Sheriff John Robertson is opposed by Brian Banducci, a former undersheriff.

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