

I moved here 33 years ago. When I found myself a single mom shortly after, I knew that the Mendocino Coast is where I would raise my son and spend the rest of my life. I raised my son here, taking advantage of everything the Coast had to offer our children...sports, theatre, choral, a Junior College that I credit with getting him to graduate high school on time, and, most importantly a health care system that I could depend and rely on as I aged. When we got to Fort Bragg, we had a fully functioning hospital, specialists with private practices that made themselves available 24/7 to the hospital, diverse private primary care providers. Sadly, all of that has changed and, we all have to agree, not for the better.

As senior citizens, with increasing medical needs, my husband and I are forced to rethink our commitment to remaining on the Coast. When you take into account that my husband was born and raised here, and his family was so entrenched in the community (reading specialist mom and deputy sheriff dad) that's heartbreaking. And, I think of the many seniors who sold their homes in the Bay area and relocated to the Coast who express the same sentiment.

I have one big flaw. I have a problem sitting by and allowing an injustice to go unchallenged. Hence, my application to the MCHCD Board for consideration for appointment to the current vacancy.

I have attached my resume in order for the committee to know more about my history and talents. I look forward to hearing from you.

*Rosemary Mangino*

*"That which does not kill us, make us stronger." Neitsche*