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Longtime SoHum resident running for supervisor

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Longtime and well-known southern Humboldt County resident Estelle Fennell declared her candidacy to become 2nd District supervisor on Monday in Redway.

District residents will chose their next supervisor in the June 2008 primary election.

Until recently, Fennell worked as news director for KMUD, Redwood Community Radio, a position she held for more than 17 years. She has lived on the North Coast 24 years, 23 of those in the second district.

"I'm running because I believe I have what it takes to be an effective supervisor for the second district and, more importantly, so does a large section of my community. I have already received a tremendous amount of support from a broad cross section of our community across the political spectrum," Fennell said in a statement following her campaign announcement at the Redway Fire Station.

The second district supervisor walks a tenuous line between balancing the interests of the more politically conservative constituents in the Fortuna area with the more liberal politics of much of the southern Humboldt County population.

"I have a proven track record of both respecting and working with people of different backgrounds, politics, world views and belief systems; for hard

work, dependability, integrity and honesty and of supporting my community with every possible tool in my command," according to her statement. "I have strong leadership abilities and am a great believer in teamwork. I can represent the people of the district as well as work with other supervisors to get things done."

Fennell will go up against Cliff Clendenen of Fortuna for the seat currently held by Roger Rodoni. The incumbent has not yet stated publicly whether he plans to seek reelection.

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