
MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

2011 BOARD MEMBER BIOGRAPHY

SUPERVISOR NAME: John Pinches

TITLE: Third District Supervisor - Board of Supervisors

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 Years

TERM(S): JANUARY 2010 PRESENT (term is through December 2014)
JANUARY 2007 – DECEMBER 2010
JANUARY 1995 – DECEMBER 1998



CURRENT TERM COMMENCED: January, 2011

OFFICE LOCATION: 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010, Ukiah, CA, 95482

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (By appointment)

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RESPONSIBILITY: Mendocino County is a General Law County governed by the Constitution of the State of California. The Mendocino Board of Supervisors is responsible for exercising its legislative and quasi-judicial authority, within budgetary constraints, to provide for the health, welfare and safety of the residents of Mendocino County. This is accomplished through regular and special Board meetings, by community outreach and interaction with their constituents, and by serving on a number of local, state, and national boards and commissions.

BACKGROUND: Supervisor Pinches is a native of Mendocino County and fourth generation Mendocino County rancher. He represents constituents in Mendocino County's Third Supervisorial District, which is located in the most northerly segment of rural Mendocino County.

Supervisor Pinches served his first term of office from 1995-1998, and was elected to serve a second term in 2007 and was re-elected for his third term which commenced in January of 2011.

Supervisor Pinches currently Chairs the Board's Criminal Justice Committee, is a member of the Health and Human Services Committee, and represents the Board through numerous other assignments including the Mendocino Council of Governments and the Solid Waste Hearing Panel.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Supervisor Pinches is known for his interest in and support for:

- His advocacy to protect the rights of private property owners;
- Fiscal accountability and a pragmatic approach to government financing;
- Securing and protecting water resources;
- Transportation, including the largest transportation project in the history of Mendocino County, the Willits Bypass; and
- the legalization, regulation, and taxation of marijuana.

DISTRICT INFORMATION: The Third Supervisorial District, located mainly in the north-eastern region of Mendocino County, represents approximately 17,000 constituents.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

- Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) - Member
- Mendocino Transit Authority (MTA) - Member
- Solid Waste Hearing Panel - Member
- Criminal Justice Standing Board Committee
- Mendocino Solid Waste Mgmt. Auth. (MSWMA) - Member
- Remote Area Network (RAN-MCSO) - Member
- Workforce Investment Board (WIB) - Member
- Health and Human Services Standing Board Committee

DISTRICT MAP:

