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# Vote for Reform. Vote for a Better Clearlake.

For too long, Highlands Mutual Water Company has failed to meet the needs of residents in the City of Clearlake. Clearlake residents want faster growth and a better Clearlake. It's time for change.



**We are not the City of Clearlake. We are independent shareholders of Highlands Mutual Water who care deeply about the community.**



## Henry Bornstein

For the past 17 years, Henry Bornstein has been a resident of the Highlands Harbor neighborhood in the City of Clearlake, where he is a longtime customer and shareholder of Highlands Mutual Water. A retired attorney, Henry has transitioned into a life of community service and environmental stewardship.

After retiring, Henry became a certified California Naturalist and now volunteers as a docent for California State Parks, where he leads guided nature walks and educational tours. For the past 15 years, he has served on the Board of Directors of the Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association, a nonprofit organization that partners with California State Parks to provide interpretive and educational programs at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park. Henry is also an active member of the local arts community, performing with the Lake County Symphony as a percussionist.

Henry's interest in joining Highlands Water's Board stems from his belief that the City of Clearlake is on the verge of a new era of growth and development. He views Highlands Water as a crucial component of this progress and is committed to ensuring it supports the city's vitality rather than hindering it. He is also focused on the need for a unified water system to better serve Clearlake, advocating for an open-minded approach to potential improvements.

He is passionate about helping Clearlake prosper through expanded housing, medical services and recreation options, with a water system that fully meets the city's evolving needs.



## Denise Loustalot

Denise Loustalot, a long-time Clearlake resident and community leader, hopes to bring new leadership and vision to enhance water service for Highlands Water's shareholders. As successful owner of two local businesses and chair of the East Region Town Hall, Denise brings a wealth of leadership and problem-solving experience to her candidacy. She and her husband, Pete, employ 28 people in the community, giving her firsthand experience about local economic development and opportunities for Clearlake.

Denise is currently a board member for the Lake County Fire Protection District, the agency that provides fire protection for urban fires and wildfires for Clearlake. She previously served as Clearlake's mayor and as a councilwoman, where she worked on improving local infrastructure and community services. She has also served on the Lake County Area Planning Council Board and Public Education and Government TV Board. She has served as president of the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce, showing her commitment to fostering community growth and prosperity.

Denise is passionate about ensuring that Clearlake's water systems can meet the needs of a growing population, particularly as the city moves into a new era of development. She will ensure better transparency and accountability with shareholders while focusing on improvements that support economic growth and environmental sustainability and keeping rates as low as possible. She will make sure that every opportunity for grants and other outside funding is researched and applied for to offset shareholder costs.

As a Clearlake resident for more than 40 years, Denise is deeply invested in the community. She and her husband Pete are third-generation small business owners and are excited to see Clearlake reach its full potential. Denise's leadership experience and dedication to the Clearlake community make her a strong candidate for the Highlands Water Company Board.

While the election cutoff isn't until September 30 at 10 am, vote now to vote for a new and independent board of directors. A vote for a new Highlands Board is a vote for a growing Clearlake.

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## **Thomas DeWalt**

Thomas DeWalt has been a proud resident of Clearlake for nearly three decades, living in the community since 1995. He has been a shareholder of Highlands Mutual Water since 1998, bringing 26 years of firsthand experience with the water company and its impact on local residents.

Professionally, Thomas manages Lake County's Public Education Government Television Station (P.E.G. TV), where he oversees programming and ensures the community stays informed about important issues. His commitment to community service is further highlighted by his lifelong membership in the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge, where he served as Lodge Administrator from 2010 to 2014.

Thomas has been actively involved in youth sports, dedicating his time as a coach and board member for Southshore Little League from 2002-10. He also coached Konocti Basketball League from 2004-09 and served as an assistant coach for the Lower Lake Lil Trojans Pop Warner football team from 2007 to 2010.

As a resident, Thomas shares the hope of many in Clearlake for the city's growth and development.

Thomas believes strongly in transparency and feels its time for change on Highlands Mutual Water's Board. As a Board member, he plans to bring a fresh perspective, advocating for greater openness and community involvement. He envisions a future where homeowners can enjoy gardens and lawns without the burden of high water costs and is committed to ensuring Highlands supports the community's needs in the most cost effective and sustainable way.



## **Dennis Darling**

Dennis Darling has been a dedicated member of the Clearlake community for decades, known for his deep commitment to local service and philanthropy. Since purchasing Foods Etc in Clearlake in 1998, Dennis and his wife Ruth have made community involvement a cornerstone of their business philosophy. They have consistently supported local schools, youth and adult sports, law enforcement, service clubs, and community action agencies.

Dennis has also been involved with national organizations in Lake County, including the VFW, Habitat for Humanity, Red Cross, and 4-H. His community service has earned him numerous accolades, including Large Business of the Year by Congressman Mike Thompson in 2002 and receiving the Rotary Club of Clearlake's award for outstanding service in 2010. He was also honored by the Lions Club as Man of the Year in both 2006 and 2011 for his ongoing contributions to the region.

Dennis has served as a past president of the Clearlake Rotary Club, and his leadership extended beyond the local level where he served on the IGA National Board and the California Grocers Association Executive Board, including as Chair in 2023.

Though now retired, Dennis remains deeply connected to the community. His daughter Kori and her husband Andrew now manage Foods Etc, continuing the family's tradition of supporting local causes. Dennis hopes to bring his passion for service and leadership to the Highlands Mutual Water to help Clearlake grow, thrive and meet its full potential.



## **Raymond A. Silva (Ray)**

Ray Silva has been a proud resident of Clearlake for nearly 50 years. Alongside his wife Mary, Ray raised four adult children in the community and is a grandfather to seven grandchildren. The Silvas have lived in the home they built nearly 45 years ago, which is served by Highlands Mutual Water Co.

Professionally, Ray is a retired general engineering/building contractor with over four decades of experience. His background includes managing large and small construction projects including working on power generating facilities, residential and commercial developments, large and small paving projects, and all phases of underground construction. Ray's expertise spans overseeing crews, estimating jobs, acquiring materials, and handling financial management, including the oversight of investment portfolios.

Ray's interest in serving on the Highlands Water Board began years ago when a former board member encouraged him to get involved. After attending a recent board meeting, he recognized the need for fresh perspectives and a more collaborative relationship between the City of Clearlake and Highlands Water. Having served on the Measure V Oversight Committee for eight years, Ray has built a solid working relationship with city officials and is committed to finding solutions that benefit Highlands shareholders and the city overall.

Ray's background in construction management, expertise in financial management and collaborative approach will be valuable to the board. He understands what's needed to maintain high standards for water service and how reliable water service is key to a growing Clearlake. Ray is also dedicated to ensuring every rock is overturned to find outside grant funding to keep shareholder rates as low as possible.