

THE BOLINAS HEARSAY NEWS

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CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS
PRIOR TO THE
**BOLINAS COMMUNITY
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
ELECTION**

TO BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013

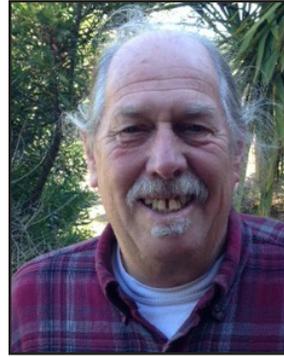
Candidates Night is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 2013
at the **Bolinas Firehouse** – 7:30 - 9:30 pm

VOTE FOR AS MANY AS THREE

- Grace Godino - *Therapist/School Employee*
- Jack Siedman - *Incumbent*
- Remick Hart - *Retired*
- Lyndon Comstock - *Retired*
- Bill Braasch - *Photographer/Business Owner*
- StuArt Chapman - *Sign Painter*



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A community is like a ship, everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm.

-- Henrik Ibsen

I came to Bolinas from a ship 22 years ago, a newly single mother with two young children. I had lived for 10 years in Galilee Harbor, one of the houseboat communities in Sausalito. That community was fighting for its existence and everyone, of necessity, was an active and vocal participant. We formed a non-profit housing co-op and I took my turn at the helm as a board member and treasurer. As the children grew, I again worked as a board member and treasurer for their co-op nursery schools.

This level of intense community participation changed as family, school and work took priority. I raised my children, finished graduate school and became a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. All along, I have worked at the Bolinas-Stinson School providing counseling, running the library and helping with reading and math instruction. Now I would like to give back to this town that has given me so much.

I don't have an "agenda" other than to offer my community my best. My training and experience in counseling have made me a good listener, a neutral observer and a calm decision maker. I work well with people whether or not I agree with them. I have plenty of experience with bookkeeping and budgets. I, of course, support the water moratorium. I know many of the people in this town and I like them. Finally,

I have an excellent sense of humor, which can serve well when all else fails.

If elected, I will be honored to take my turn at the helm.

My name is Jack Siedman and I am running for re-election to the BCPUD Board. I was first elected to the Board in 1993 and have served continuously since then, mostly as Board President. I feel that I have contributed leadership, experience, historical perspective, and an ability to be fair and impartial in dealing with the variety of issues that come before the Board.

I support preservation of the moratorium on new water meters and recognize the challenges presented by the town's limited water supply, and aging infrastructure.

I've been practicing law on the mesa since 1977, when I moved here with my daughter and son. I met Mary in 1979, and we had three boys, all of whom graduated from the Bolinas School. I served as a trustee on the School Board from 1981 to 1993. I also coached little league and soccer for about twenty years, and was active in the creation and development of Mesa Park. I enjoy playing Sunday soccer and fishing.

Bolinas is a unique treasure, and serving on the BCPUD is one way for me to help keep it that way. Thanks.



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I am running for BCPUD because I have the compassion, capability and required time to devote to the community now that I have been fortunate enough to retire and live full time in Bollinas. Following The Bollinas Community Plan and the Bollinas Gridded Mesa Plan as adopted by the community is important. Maintaining and improving the Bollinas water and sewer systems within a capital budget is also important. Keeping families safe in our community while working alongside the Bollinas Volunteer Fire Department and other agencies should be maintained. We need to continue to work with the County of Marin to assure Bollinas receives its fair share of the services we are due. As a member of the Board I would work to continue transparent dialogue on various community needs.

Bollinas has been and is a major inspiration in our family's life for several generations. I would welcome the opportunity to give back to Bollinas through serving as one of five members of the BCPUD Board.

In my late 40's I had a very AA+ driving boss who asked me "what is it that you see, do, or care about Bollinas?" I imagine I drove him crazy as I was constantly talking about Bollinas, my home away from home. My answer to my Boss was Bollinas is not the place for you but to answer your question - to me and my family today and past generations (1921) Bollinas has been a community of real friends, a place where I leaned work ethic, a place where families gather, a place where you park the car, walk and meet new friends downtown, the Mesas, the beach, the stores, the farm stand or/and Bollinas can be a refuge. It can be what one wants. Bollinas is a community of people who value a quality of life not found anywhere I have been.

I appreciate the opportunity to be a candidate for a seat on the BCPUD Board.



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I support the moratorium on water meters. It was a wise decision at the time and is still necessary.

My wife (Arline Mathieu) and I have lived in Bollinas since 1994.

If elected, I would like to help BCPUD focus on upgrades to its extensive infrastructure. Along with the ongoing issue of disinfectant byproducts in the water, I'm concerned about the aging system of distribution pipes. I'm also interested in emergency water reserves.

I spent most of my career helping to finance job creation and affordable housing in low and moderate income communities, particularly in Brooklyn and Oakland. I've served on a number of boards of nonprofits or social purpose organizations. In addition to the boards of half a dozen entities that I helped to start, these include a nonprofit that provides housing and services to homeless families in Yonkers and a national coalition of community development financial institutions.

Since retirement, I've focused on historical research, and recently published a biography of a woman who was an early labor activist. I also continue to serve as the Treasurer of Konchok Foundation, a small nonprofit that sponsors a school in Tibet.



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I'm running for BCPUD to support and uphold The water moratorium that's been in place for 42 years, to improve water quality and to help develop a plan that upgrades the aging infrastructure.

In Bolinas, we rely on winter rains to sustain us, protect us from fire, and feed our gardens. On the big Mesa we rely on drainage to keep our septic systems working and protect us from the west Nile virus. We rely on the mutual respect of neighbors to sustain our fragile balance with nature. The Plan for the Bolinas Gridded Mesa (adopted in 1985) and Ordinance 30 (passed in 1995) continue to guide us in doing so. As a Director I will work to protect and improve the drainage patterns on the Big Mesa.

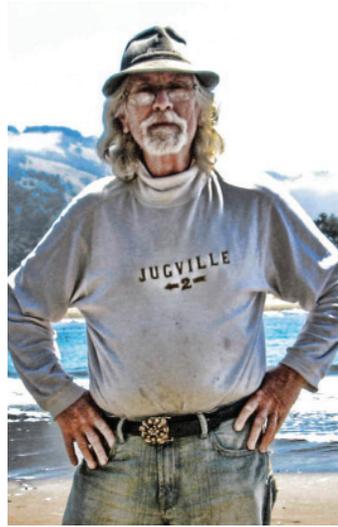
Vera Louie and I lived in San Francisco and Oakland before we bought our house in Bolinas. We raised 4 children in Oakland. We still have our house there and split our time between Oakland and Bolinas.

I have operated a software business for over 30 years. I'm also an owner of the WeLL (well.com), an online community spawned in 1985 by the Whole Earth catalog. In town, I'm best known as a photographer.

We live along Alder Creek. In the winter, the frogs tell us how they're doing. Every year we learn a little more about drainage. How we live along the creek affects our entire ecosystem. It's important to preserve the natural beauty of Bolinas, to resist the urge to change these natural elements. I'll do what I can to increase awareness of the community trust in this regard.

We stand on the shoulders of those who have come before us and put in place the community agreements we rely on to sustain our health and quality of life. We are stewards of the land we have the good fortune to live on.

I support Measure G. I agree that Bolinas should be a socially accepted nature loving town, and that airplanes should fly over the ocean. I ask for your vote for BCPUD director.



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When Vic Amoroso suggested I run for the BCPUD. I had to laugh. Who me?

But then after some thought I saw how Vic's suggestion made sense and I listed my qualifications:

- Long-time resident - I have lived a lot of the story of Bolinas and I support the moratorium. I'm interested in preserving and sustaining the culture and character of Bolinas.
- Artist & sign painter - I'm concerned about and connected to the visual scape of Bolinas. - No road sign.
- Community service - I enjoy serving my community. I'm President of the Community Center, Recording Secretary for the Bolinas Community Land Trust and on the Board for the Bo-Stin Whitecaps.
- Water mystic - I recognize the Consciousness of Water. I respect and honor the Bolinas watershed and habitat. This is sacred land and water is the life blood of community.
- Why am I running? - I'm running to serve the land, the watershed, the habitat, the people and the community. I'm running because I feel called to serve and protect this land, this watershed, this habitat, my community of beautiful people - Bolinas. I love my community and I feel honored to contribute to it and participate in it. Bolinas is a garden. I am a Steward as well as a StuArt.