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**PAMELA TORLIATT ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY
FOR SONOMA COUNTY SUPERVISOR; VOWS TO
SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST**

*Rep. Lynn Woolsey and Other Prominent Leaders Announce Their
Endorsement of Torliatt*

PETALUMA—Petaluma Mayor Pamela Torliatt, a fourth generation Sonoma County resident, announced today her candidacy for the District 2 seat on the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

“Our county is being challenged with high unemployment, threatened services, and important land use decisions. I’m running for Supervisor to get things done and make a difference for the residents of Sonoma County,” Torliatt said. “My principles and passion are to serve the people’s interests, not the special interests; protect our communities; and build a sustainable future. I want to help build a Sonoma County worthy of its past and pointed toward the future.”

Torliatt (www.Vote4Pam.net) also announced a number of important endorsements, including that of Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey, who will also serve as Torliatt’s honorary campaign chair.

"Pamela Torliatt will be a strong advocate on the Board of Supervisors for the residents of District 2 and all of Sonoma County. She is hard-working, resourceful and progressive in her thinking," Woolsey said. "I look forward to continuing to work with her the on

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issues we all care about: the environment, jobs, transportation, health care and the diverse economy of Sonoma County."

In addition to Rep. Woolsey's endorsement, Mayor Torliatt announced endorsements by Assemblymember Noreen Evans, State Senator Pat Wiggins, and State Senator Mark Leno.

"I will run an aggressive grassroots campaign to win," Torliatt said. "I am thankful for all the encouragement I received from my supporters in Petaluma to seek a seat on the Board of Supervisors. I will bring the same ethic of hard work and collaboration to the Board of Supervisors that has served me so well on the Petaluma Council and as Mayor of Petaluma."

District 2 includes the cities of Petaluma, Rohnert Park and Cotati, and the unincorporated communities of Pengrove, Two Rock, Bloomfield and Valley Ford. The seat is currently held by Supervisor Mike Kerns, who is not running for another term. The election will be held in June 2010.

Torliatt brings extensive experience and success in local government. Her 17 years of public service include the Petaluma Planning Commission from 1992 to 1996, and the Petaluma City Council from 1996 to present. She was the youngest Planning Commissioner in Petaluma history and received the most votes in city history in her 2006 City Council race. Torliatt was elected Mayor of Petaluma in 2008.

Torliatt also brings considerable experience working on a wide range of issues at local, county and regional levels, including as:

- Council liaison to the Transit Advisory Committee, Petaluma Library Advisory Board, Animal Services Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee, Airport Commission, Recreation, Music, and Parks Commission, Water Advisory Committee (WAC), Sonoma County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Sonoma County Transportation Authority, Disaster Council, Marin/Sonoma Narrows Policy Advisory Group (PAG), Petaluma Library's Advisory Committee
- Executive Committee member, Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)
- Commissioner, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
- Director and Chairperson, Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)
- Member, Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association of Sonoma County

Torliatt was born and raised in Petaluma, attending the Liberty Elementary School District and Petaluma High School. Her parents operated an auto and truck parts store in Petaluma for over 29 years; her grandfather worked as a local postal carrier and her grandmother a local school teacher. Torliatt graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science.

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