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NAPA NATIVE RYAN GREGORY ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR SECOND DISTRICT NAPA COUNTY SUPERVISOR

Napa, CA – Napa native Ryan Gregory today announced his candidacy for the office of 2nd District Napa County Supervisor.

Gregory, a Civil Engineer and Vice President of RSA+, has been deeply involved in serving our community for decades, a passion that started during his college years when he volunteered at a San Luis Obispo homeless shelter, and, as a result of his dedication and commitment to serving the community's shelterless, worked his way up to become the Program Manager at the shelter, becoming a salaried employee and finishing college with a small savings account, debt-free. Today, his professional work continues to focus on providing people homes of all types and affordability, primarily through non-profit and for-profit residential housing projects.

Currently, Gregory serves on the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Club of Napa Valley and the Downtown Napa Property & Business Improvement District, is the Chair of the Napa Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Action Committee, is an appointed member of the City of Napa's Civil Service Commission, is the current President of the Brother Can You Spare a Dime Community Baseball Outings, is the Friday Beverage Chair for the Napa Valley Wine Auction and is on the Vine Trail Engineering Committee, something he's been involved with since its inception.

Gregory previously served as the Board Chair for the Napa Chamber of Commerce and Community Action Napa Valley, is a Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Napa, Leadership Napa Valley and the Napa Engineers Society, and was actively involved as a member of the Airport Industrial Area Blue Ribbon Committee, Joint City-County Affordable Housing Taskforce, City of Napa Housing Element Update Committee, Downtown Napa Specific Plan Steering Committee and Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency's (NCTPA) Highway 29 Citizens Advisory Committee.

"Ryan Gregory will work to improve the County's relationship with the cities, particularly the City of Napa in which the majority of District 2 lies. Ryan has been a leader in building infill projects within the City so he is keenly aware of the policies in place protecting the City's rural-urban limit line," said Napa Mayor Jill Techel, who endorsed Gregory ahead of the campaign announcement.

Gregory expressed excitement after receiving this key early endorsement, stating, "I am honored and grateful to Mayor Techel for her early support of my campaign. Her leadership in our community is exceptional, and I will work tirelessly to build upon this momentum and collaborate with each of Napa County's cities and stakeholder groups towards positive change in our County."

Gregory's business, RSA+, was last year's recipient of the Napa Chamber of Commerce's Small Business of the Year Award. Travis Stanley, the CEO for the Napa Chamber of Commerce, states, "Ryan's history of giving back to our community and serving the efforts of the Napa Chamber of Commerce have been pretty well documented. Ryan served as the organization's President in 2011, and remains committed to the mission and direction of the Chamber by leading our community advocacy efforts," Stanley said. "Ryan has been a valuable and instrumental voice as Chair of the NCC Legislative Action Committee for the past six years. He also takes the time to listen carefully before thoughtfully navigating the group toward consensus on the many complex issues consistently coming before us. It was our pleasure to name Ryan and his partners at RSA+ as the 2014 NCC Small Business of the Year, a recognition bestowed by his peers in the Napa business and charitable communities," Stanley added.

Gregory went on to say:

"I was blessed to be born and raised here in Napa, in a place we all know as one of the most scenic communities anywhere, and a place where I'm proud to be raising my children, the fourth generation of our family here in Napa County. I want to use my experience as a civil engineer to look at how we can grow sustainably, balance growth given the ongoing drought, invest in our infrastructure, provide quality housing for our residents, protect our agricultural and open space areas, and most importantly, make prudent decisions so that our next generation: our children and our grandchildren, can afford to live in Napa in the future."

"My engineering background, coupled with my broad community service experience and collaboration with our businesses, youth groups and non-profit organizations, will lay a solid framework for us to work together, with a breadth of diversity and backgrounds, to provide new ideas and forge common-sense solutions to our most pressing issues," Gregory added.

Ryan Gregory holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. He lives in Napa, where he and his wife Laura are raising their two teenage daughters: Sage (15) and Sophia (13).

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