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With the 2016 primary election quickly approaching, the residents of Trinity County will be asked to make some critical decisions. One of those decisions will be choosing who to elect as Judge of the Trinity County Superior Court.

The public should know that approximately 80% of the workload of a Trinity County Superior Court Judge is criminal law in one form or another. Over the years I have witnessed the community elect Judges that have virtually no experience in the field of criminal law resulting in unacceptable delays with court proceedings and cases moving forward. These delays require inmates awaiting trial, or some other type of court proceeding, to remain in the County Jail for extended periods of time creating severe overcrowding problems for our small antiquated jail. The impact to the tax paying public is the needless spending of thousands of extra dollars every year to house, feed, and provide medical and dental care for inmates waiting to have their cases adjudicated.

It is critical that the people of Trinity County elect a Judge that is well grounded and experienced in criminal law and criminal court proceedings. I believe Judge Mike Harper is the best and obvious choice.

Judge Harper was appointed to the Trinity County Superior Court by Governor Brown approximately two years ago. As the former Trinity County District Attorney Judge Harper took on his new assignment and quickly showed that he possessed the knowledge and experience needed to eliminate the learning curve required by someone with lesser experience. During his time on the bench Judge Harper has done an outstanding job. Trinity County Sheriffs' Office Detectives and Deputies seek out Judge Harper for his knowledge and experience when dealing with search warrants and other criminal issues.

I fully support and endorse Judge Mike Harper to remain on the bench of the Trinity County Superior Court. I ask the public to check the box next to his name and vote for Judge Mike Harper on June 7, 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce Haney", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bruce Haney, Sheriff