

QUALIFICATIONS

Bob Gragson for Ukiah City Council

Professional Background

- Over 17 years executive nonprofit management experience with four organizations administering budgets of up to \$1.2 million
- Currently Executive Director of the Solar Living Institute, Hopland, CA
- Served as chief executive of United Ways in Centralia, WA; Roswell, NM; and Ravenna, OH
- Small business owner for over six years
- Over seven years experience as volunteer community organizer
- Created a community volunteer center
- Oversaw development of a community needs and assets assessment
- Extensive web management experience including professional website development
- Served as intern in county budget office

Community Service

- Rotarian involved in community service for over 17 years
- *Streetsboro Area Chamber of Commerce* (President, 1998; Board of Directors, 1996-99)
- *Chaves County Emergency Food & Shelter Board*, Roswell, NM (Chairman, 1992-95)
- *Chaves County United Literacy Action Coalition*, Roswell, NM (1992-95; Convener, 1992; Chairman, Grant Development Committee, 1993-94)
- *REACH 2000*, Roswell, NM (Board of Directors, 1991-95; Executive Committee, 1993-95; Treasurer, 1994-95; Chairman, Administrative Committee, 1994-95; Planning Facilitator, 1994-95)
- *Job Service Employers Council*, Roswell, NM (1991-95; Treasurer, 1993-95; Chairman, Partners in Education Committee, 1994-95)
- *Community Mobilization Council of Lewis County, WA* (Member, 1989-91)
- *East Lewis County Community Care Foundation*, Morton, WA (Member, 1989-91)
- *Lewis County DARE*, Chehalis, WA (Member, 1990-91)
- Job Service Employers Committee of Lewis County, WA (Chairman, 1988-91)
- *Thurston County Literacy Council*, Olympia, WA (President, 1983-84)
- Candidate, *Kent (OH) City School Board* (2001)
- *Leadership Portage County (OH)*, Class of 1997
- *New Mexico First* (Participant, 9th NM Town Hall: "Financing NM Government," 1992)
- County coordinator of two presidential campaigns
- Treasurer of two city council campaigns
- *Friends United for Safe Energy*, Greenville, SC (Coordinator and Spokesperson, 1978-79)

Education

- Graduate Studies, Public Administration (52 credits) *The Evergreen State College*, Olympia, WA, 1984-88
- B.A., Business Administration and Philosophy, *Furman University*, Greenville, SC, 1976

Personal Perspective

- Active parent to a fourth-grader and seventh-grader in the Ukiah public schools
- Married to Holly G. Riggs, Assistant Manager, Real Goods Store, Hopland
- Resident of Ukiah for 1-1/2 years – "the best place I've ever lived, and I want to give back to and be actively involved in this wonderful community"