

## **Ryan Sundberg**

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### **Biographical Sketch**

Ryan was born at Mad River Hospital on April 29, 1975 to Cheryl and Marshall Sundberg of McKinleyville, California, and has been fortunate to live in beautiful Humboldt County all his life.

Ryan attended Arcata Christian School from K - 8th and then McKinleyville High School where he took college prep classes and played baseball, football, and basketball. He chose to continue his higher education at College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State University where he graduated in 2002 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

As a 21-year-old and student at College of the Redwoods, Ryan decided to follow in the footsteps of many of his family members and pursue a life of public service. He was elected by the members of the Trinidad Rancheria to the Tribal Council and has been reelected five times since, proudly serving as a Tribal Council Member for 14 years.

In those years, the Rancheria and its casino have grown from 25 employees to more than two hundred. The casino has since been expanded and has developed a work force which enjoys a good wage, along with health and retirement benefits. The Rancheria has also been successful in securing State and Federal grant funding totaling more than \$50 million dollars to fund community projects. These projects helped to improve the environment of Trinidad Bay, create jobs, and bring in much needed dollars to the local economy.

After graduating from college, Ryan began working at Sundberg Insurance Agency in Arcata where he became an independent insurance broker. In this capacity, his goal was to help his clients by providing the highest level of service and the best and most affordable insurance protection available.

In July 2001, Ryan married Kimberly Watson, his high school friend and love of his life who was also born and raised in McKinleyville, California. Today, Kim and Ryan are the proud parents of daughter Sofie, who is the latest generation of his family to live in McKinleyville and the 5th District.

To give back to his community, Ryan also joined the Mad River Rotary in 2004 and is currently a member of the Board of Directors. During his tenure he helped to raise money to expand the McKinleyville Sheriff's Sub-Station, organize the Senior Thanksgiving Dinner and donated dictionaries to 3rd graders from McKinleyville to Orick. He is also a Board of Director for the Boys and Girls Club.

In 2005 Ryan returned to his alma mater to become a member of Humboldt State University's Business Advisory Council, a group that helps the Business School chart its future and keep connected and in tune with local businesses.

In 2010, Ryan decided to continue his public service by running for the 5<sup>th</sup> District seat on the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and was elected to his first four-year term. In 2014 Ryan ran again for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term and was re-elected to represent the citizens of the 5<sup>th</sup> District in Humboldt County.

When Ryan is not working or attending community meetings, he enjoys home life, traveling with his family, visiting friends, playing baseball, basketball or golf, and enjoys the beautiful mountains, rivers, and ocean in the amazing 5<sup>th</sup> District he represents. Ryan states "I've been extremely fortunate to live, raise a family, and work in the 5<sup>th</sup> District community, and I can't image living anywhere else".

## **BIOGRAPHICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Education:**

**1993- McKinleyville High School**

**2000- Graduated College of the Redwoods**

**2002-Graduated Humboldt State University BS in Business Administration**

### **Elected Office:**

**1996 - Elected to the Trinidad Rancheria Tribal Council – Served 14 years**

### **Humboldt County Board of Supervisors**

**Elected 2010 – 1<sup>st</sup> Term as 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor**

**(1<sup>st</sup> Native American to serve on the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors)**

**Voted Chair of the Board in 2013**

**Re-Elected in 2014 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Term as 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor (Over 65% of the vote)**

### **Boards, Commissions, and Committees:**

**Current Chair of the Humboldt County Association of Governments**

**Delegate to the National Association of Counties**

**Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) for the EPA**

**Chair of the North West RCD**

**Policy Review Committee member for the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (now the North Coast Resource Partnership)**

**Tribal Advisory to CSAC**

**Board Delegate to the KBRA and KHSA**

**Board Delegate to the Medical Marijuana Ad Hoc Committee**

**Board member of the Rural Community Action Agency**