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## Carol Holden running for re-election as county commissioner

To the Editor:

My name is Carol Holden and I am running for re-election for District 3 County Commissioner in Hillsborough County. The town of Merrimack is in District 3.

The job of county commissioner calls for hands-on service delivery as well as policy-making budget decisions.

I have diligently served Hillsborough County as a full time elected commissioner for five terms. Currently I am vice chairman of the board. My proven record of leadership and experience demonstrates my dedication to service. As an experienced and committed conservative leader, I possess the skills needed to effectively represent you at the County level.

In 1997, I resigned my post of Assistant Majority Leader in the NH House of Representatives to become commissioner. During my 13 years in the NH House, I chaired the Children, Youth and Juvenile Justice Committee; and co-chaired the Constitutional and Statutory Revision Committee. At the state and county level, I am a member of the County/State Finance Committee and the Right-to-Know Commission.

During my time as Commissioner, there have been positive changes in the county. After periods of unstable budgets and double-digit tax increases, the budgets and the tax rates have been stable. Technology has been used for better service delivery. The Web site is being updated and a new telephone system is currently being installed. Union contracts are settled. In addition, a new county prescription drug plan has been implemented and a master planning process has begun.

With the relocation of county offices to Goffstown in 2004, this consolidation of departments has reduced costs and improved productivity while preserving a historic building dedicated in 1897. This fall the Goffstown District Court will move to the second floor of the Bouchard Building. Construction meetings have commenced.

Republicans and Independents, please cast your vote in the Republican Primary on Sept. 9 for Carol Holden.

*CAROL HOLDEN*  
*Merrimack*

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