Letter: Brooks deserves to be re-elected

To the community,

Please join me in voting to retain Judge Nelson Brooks.

I have lived in El Dorado County since 1963, first serving as a deputy in the District Attorney's Office. I was later elected District Attorney of El Dorado County, and in January 1977 the Governor appointed me Judge of the Superior Court. After retiring in 1997, I sat on the El Dorado County Superior Court on assignment and for several years worked as a private mediator.

Judge Brooks has many years of experience, both as a judge and as an attorney, and attended the University of California's Hastings College of the Law, a top tier nationally recognized law school. Judge Brooks went through the rigorous vetting process before being appointed to the Superior Court by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

There are 58 counties in California and except for El Dorado it is unheard of for an incumbent judge's challenger to be supported by a fellow colleague.

It is obvious that the sitting judges supporting Judge Brooks' challenger are doing so for their own political agenda and not for the El Dorado County courts that serve our citizens.

Judge Brooks has not asked me to endorse him or write this letter, but I care deeply about the court and believe the right thing to do is retain Judge Brooks.

Terry Finney, El Dorado County Superior Court judge (ret.)