

STEPPING FORWARD WITH RICH HARWOOD



As our community begins to rebuild after the most devastating wildfire in California's history, we face challenges around lack of housing, overcrowding, and creating sustainable, economic development. In order to tackle these challenges, we must ask ourselves:

- What are the practical steps that communities need to take to rebuild, but are often overlooked as communities take swift action?
- What can we learn from other communities who have experienced trauma and managed to rebuild?
- How can Butte County become a symbol for the rest of the country about what it means to revitalize, rebuild, and restore our can-do spirit?
- How do communities pivot from despair and trauma to healing and hope?



A Practical Path Forward

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: 1:00 - 2:00 PM

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: 2 - 3:30 PM

CHICO STATE UNIVERSITY | 400 W 1ST ST | CHICO, CA 95929
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Rich Harwood, President and Founder of the Harwood Institute for Public Innovation, will be answering these questions and more at an upcoming speaking event presented by Chico State University and the Butte County Library. This event is part of Rich Harwood's two-year, nationwide campaign to discuss how we can bridge divides, come together, and get things done. This path is outlined in his new book, *Stepping Forward: A Positive Practical Path to Transform Our Communities and Our Lives*.

Visit

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/practical-steps-forward-with-rich-harwood-tickets-70168476803>

or email Melanie Lightbody at milightbody@buttecounty.net
to RSVP and reserve your seat today!

We look forward to seeing you there!

ABOUT RICH HARWOOD

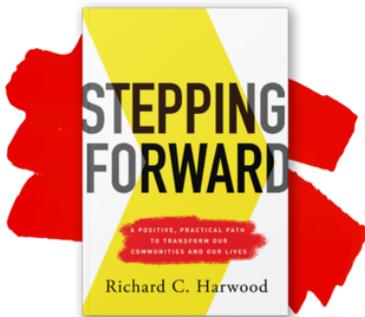
Rich has spent 30 years working in communities and steered civic leaders through emotional issues that threatened to tear communities apart. In Newtown, CT, after the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School, Rich led the process for the community to collectively decide the fate of the school building. His approach has spread to all 50 U.S. states and 40 countries and he's worked with some of the world's largest nonprofits and foundations. He is an inspiring, sought after speaker



who regularly keynotes major conferences and events. He has written several books, scores of articles and groundbreaking reports, and frequently appears on national media. He is the Founder and President of The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation, located in Bethesda, Md.

MORE ABOUT *STEPPING FORWARD*

Stepping Forward shows us how to channel our frustrations, energies, and aspirations to get on a more hopeful path. This book shows us how we can step forward to –



- **Turn Outward to see and hear each other again** and afford every person human dignity
- **Rediscover what we share in common** by focusing on our shared aspirations, even amid our real differences
- **Recognize we must tap into our innate capabilities** to produce meaningful change
- **Forge a new shared responsibility** to marshal community resources to solve problems and harness people's yearning for genuine engagement
- **Create a new can-do narrative** by focusing on civic parables that remind us that we can be actors, shapers and builders of our shared lives

To get the country moving in a better direction, these efforts must start in our local communities. Then we can restore our can-do spirit and faith in ourselves. You don't need to wait.

Visit www.stepsforwardbook.org to learn more about this new and inspiring blueprint.