Statement for Natalie Arroyo

I'm Natalie Arroyo, and I currently serve on the Eureka City Council. I was born in Miami, Florida and lived throughout the southeastern U.S. before coming to Humboldt County, California as an AmeriCorps volunteer service member after college. I stayed here because of the incredible beauty, the deep connections I felt to people in the community, and the sense of great opportunity. I have now lived in Eureka for more than 10 years. When I bought my first home in Eureka 5 years ago, I was over the moon with excitement to build my life here and put down roots. Today, because of the steps Eureka has taken to make progress, I am even more optimistic and Eureka Proud!

In addition to my service on the Council, I serve as Eureka's representative to the Humboldt Transit Authority (and as the HTA Board Chair), as well as on a City-County committee to look for solutions to shared challenges. I also served as Eureka's delegate to the Humboldt Waste Management Authority for two years.

Beyond my role in the City, I serve as an enlisted member of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, stationed right here on Humboldt Bay, I work as a Senior Planner with a local non-profit managing a wide range of projects to improve the health of people and watersheds in our region, and I am a lecturer at Humboldt State University. I am also a longtime board member of the Humboldt Trails Council, and served for many years on the board of the Salmonid Restoration Federation, an organization dedicated to restoring native salmon and trout in California.\*

As a young homeowner, working multiple jobs is a critical part of my life. I dedicate significant time and energy to my role on the Council, and believe that I can help reflect the opportunities and challenges that working people face in Eureka. I am proud and honored to be part of the current generation of hardworking millennial leaders in our community.

I enjoy spending time with my loving partner, Jason, and our two dogs and many friends here in Eureka and out and about in Humboldt County. I also play roller derby, a fun, empowering sport filled with strong and incredible women. Team sports and getting out into nature are key aspects of my mental and physical health!

Eureka is a joy to live in, and I look forward to the opportunity to help build up our City and support modern policies and ideas that strengthen our community for many generations to come.