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Mayor and Councilmembers,

As you know, the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities strongly supports the updated General Plan, including the Gateway Plan. You have heard from us many times over the past few years as these plans have moved through their prolonged public review process. I won't try to repeat all of those comments or delve into all of the plan details again.

Instead, I will simply say that the city should be really proud of both the Gateway Plan and the broader General Plan update, along with the Gateway zoning code. By implementing robust parking reforms, modernized design guidelines, and streamlined approval processes, these new documents will make it much easier to build walkable, affordable housing in our town. They also significantly strengthen the city's commitment to transportation safety, equity and sustainability.

I appreciate the structured nature of your review of these final documents. Since you have all now had the chance to express your concerns and request revisions at previous meetings, and since the issues you raised have been addressed, I expect that approval at your meeting next week will be a simple matter.

Therefore, I want to thank you in advance for your votes to approve the General Plan, the Gateway Plan, and the Gateway zoning code. This is an exciting time for the City of Arcata and its residents, and your approval of these documents will mark a real milestone in the city's efforts to build a more inclusive, sustainable and equitable community.

Thank you.  
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