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Occupation: Teacher

Age: 28

I was born and raised in Arcata. I was a child playing tag in Redwood Park, a teenager walking from Arcata High to local businesses for lunch, and later an HSU student for my teaching credential. I won the oyster calling contest on the Arcata Plaza at seven years old; clearly I have been making waves here for a long time. I am looking forward to using this platform to give back to my beloved community.

For 3 years I have been involved with Rotary and the Lost Coast Rotaract service club and served on the board as President. In this position I have organized local fundraisers and community service projects, working on countless projects to address homelessness and food insecurity within our community. These events have given me a deeper sense of the needs of the people of Arcata.

The city council needs a new perspective. Issues such as affordable housing, homelessness, beautification, and preservation of trails are important to me. Addressing the needs of the population experiencing homelessness is directly related to improving public spaces. I want to assess funding of various department budgets and make sure we provide resources for housing, addiction, and other issues affecting marginalized communities.

I want to connect the Arcata community with HSU. Our university brings in a diverse student population with many gifts. I hope we can develop a mutually beneficial relationship between the city and students and other members of the HSU community on their projects and initiatives.

/s/ Sarah Schaefer

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