

Tuolumne County Supervisors  
2 South Green Street  
Sonora, CA 95370

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#### Statement of Qualification for Open TUD Board of Directors Position

I grew up in Tuolumne County and left to pursue college degree at Pacific Union College, where I earned a Bachelors of Arts in English. After receiving my degree, I taught English as a Second Language as well as English classes at a high school outside of Seattle, WA. My wife and I moved back to Tuolumne County 10 years ago, where I pursued my goals of owning my own business. I started Union Hill Coffee at the Mountain Peoples Organic Farmery in 2014 and opened a cafe in downtown Sonora in 2016. After six years of running the cafe, I turned over ownership last summer in order to focus on being the primary caregiver for our 3 year old son. As a longtime resident of the county, a parent, and an active member of the local community, I am excited by the opportunity to serve on the TUD Board of Directors and to both help shape policies at the heart of our county's needs, while at the same time contributing to ongoing efforts to expand recreation and job creation opportunities on land managed by TUD.

We moved back to the area to enjoy the natural wonders here in the Sierra Nevada mountains. I enjoy hiking, backpacking, cycling, camping as well as exploring in our 4x4 vehicle. I spend as much time outside with my family as possible. Tuolumne County is such a wonderful and unique place. I enjoy exploring our county and understanding more about our history.

I have served on Mother Lode Adventist Junior Academy's school board, as well as volunteered as a youth basketball coach at the academy. I work with multi-user recreational trail advocacy groups and helped develop several new disc golf courses around the county. At my coffee shop, I enjoyed making neighborly connections between old and new residents alike, as well as directing visitors to all the exciting options for outdoor adventure the county offers.

As a board member, I will combine my love for this area as well as skills in problem solving and creative thinking to make the best decisions possible for the widest range of constituents. I respect the history of our water system and want to make sure it is sustainable for the future. I will strive to understand the challenges TUD faces and push for well-researched, common sense solutions. I look forward to working with various partners to ensure success for TUD and their customers.

Thank you very much for considering me for this position.

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