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## Vacancy on the Humboldt Bay Trail Fund Committee

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Dear Beth and Members of the Humboldt Bay Trail Fund Committee,

I would like to submit my name for consideration when you fill the vacancy in the Humboldt Bay Trail Fund Committee left by Emily Sinkhorn's change of role. Although it is my genuine hope that you will receive qualified applications from the next generation of trail users who would bring an important and informed perspective to the Committee, I do want to make sure that there is at least one candidate who understands the purpose and value of the Fund and has been a committed trail advocate.

For the past 12 years (since its inception), I have been involved with the Volunteer Trail Steward program. I have coordinated the Arcata VTS program since we established it 9 years ago and have been a regular volunteer at all of the active sites. That gives me an invaluable insight into the unique challenges of maintaining the Bay Trail.

I have been a long term, devoted trail user. I wrote [Hiking Humboldt: 101 Shorter Day Hikes, Urban and Road Walks](#) and regularly present about local walks in addition to leading local walks. For example, I will be presenting on ADA accessible walks in Humboldt County on March 7, 2022 for the OLLI program.

I have been an advocate for the completion of the Humboldt Bay Trail for the past 13 years. This has involved mobilizing community support, attending countless public meetings, and lobbying key players in the process.

I have worked hard to support the Humboldt Bay Trail Fund and have been a core member of the Humboldt Bay Trail Fund Working Group since the beginning.

I believe in the importance of volunteers, the value of trails as a community asset, and the critical role the Fund can play in leveraging its resources to ensure that the Bay Trail remains a source of great pride for years to come.

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