

# Bernadette Arwood & Thor Arwood

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May 12th, 2023

Planning Commission  
531 K Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

Re: Vacation Rental Minor Use Permit Application

Dear Planning Commission:

We are writing to you today to respectfully request that your Board review and approve the vacation rental minor use permit that was submitted on behalf of our rental property located at 2604 I Street, Eureka.

We have owned our home for the last 13 years and during that time have rented our property out to five different renters. Each renter presented unfortunate challenges to us as landlords by the way of the following: rent not being paid, having unauthorized animals/residents on premises without consent, allowing damages to the exterior/interior of the residence and lastly non-compliance to keep our home and grounds in a suitable condition.

It is our hope as a family to obtain this essential permit in order to provide short and long term housing to not only vacationers to Humboldt County but more specifically to medical providers looking to relocate to our beautiful area.

Our daughter along with so many other citizens of Humboldt County has had a difficult time traveling five to six hours away to see a specialist for their unique medical needs. Specifically, it's been very difficult for us as parents having to require our teenage daughter to travel to her neurologist in Stanford to assist her with her brain cyst while suffering from extreme vertigo.

We have reached out to various medical providers and our local hospitals to promote our home as a perfect location for prospective physicians, specialists, surgeons, etc to rent as a means of temporary housing until they are able to find a more permanent location. Our intention is to provide a discount to any medical provider with the interest to relocate to our area to help promote better medical services for our community.

While we understand the concerns some of our neighbors have expressed, I can assure you that with my background of being a certified code enforcement officer for the County of Humboldt, Planning and Building Department, that our property will be in complete compliance at all times to our city's code and regulation policies and procedures.

After working over ten years for the County of Humboldt, I transitioned into school finance. Currently, I am the Business Manager for Freshwater School District and my husband is the Staff Accountant at Northern California Indian Development Council. Since college we have both worked exclusively in the public service field. We love living in Humboldt County and have two wonderful children who attend our public schools and would like to live here through our retirement. Our passion has always been public service and we cross that passion not only in our business professions but in our personal lives as well.

Please find the attached reference letters for your review and know that we are happy to appear in person at the next board meeting to discuss our project in person.

Respectfully,

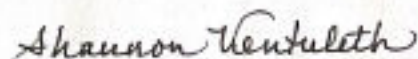
*Bernadette & Thor Arwood*

May 3, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

I have known Bernadette and Thor Arwood for several years. They have served as foster parents for a number of rescue cats and kittens under the umbrella organization, Sierra Pacific Furbabies NorCal. We are a 501©3 non-profit animal rescue. As foster parents, the Arwoods have been responsible for the care of foster pets as well as part of the adoption process. They have consistently demonstrated responsibility, compassion, and reliability. I am pleased to recommend them for any endeavor requiring those qualities. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Shannon Ventuleth

Director

Sierra Pacific Furbabies NorCal

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Bernadette Arwood <barwood@freshwatersd.org>

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## Fw: From Lori

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**Bernadette Arwood** <bernadette3223@yahoo.com>  
To: Bernadette Arwood <barwood@freshwatersd.org>

Fri, May 12, 2023 at 11:13 AM

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**From:** lori velasquez <lorivelasquez2@hotmail.com>  
**To:** Bernadette3223@yahoo.com <Bernadette3223@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 04:57:55 PM PDT  
**Subject:** From Lori

To whom it may concern:

My name is Lori Velasquez and I am honored to provide a recommendation for Thor and Bernadette. I have known them for over ten years and am blessed to have them as my neighbors. They care for their home/property and are considerate and caring neighbors. Above all, they are very kind people. I care for my disabled husband full-time and it is so nice to know that if I needed anything they are there for us. We watch out for each other and our properties.

Best regards,

Lori Velasquez

Sent from my iPad

# Trisha Ostermeier, AuD

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May 8, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

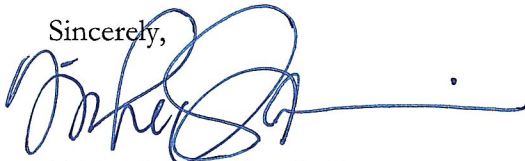
I am writing on behalf of Bernadette and Thor Arwood. I have known Bernadette and Thor for many years. We met through our children's school. Bernadette works at the school, and I have volunteered at the school with her. Thor is the assistant coach for my son's basketball team at the school.

Both Bernadette and Thor are wonderful, open-minded, friendly people. Bernadette balances working, taking online courses, and being a mom with a smile. Thor has a quiet demeanor and is gracious and helpful. Both of them, without hesitation, lend a helping hand if needed. They are reliable, dependable, and responsible in their everyday lives; thus, I believe unequivocally that they will carry those same qualities into any business and/or housing venture which they are associated.

For these reasons I am more than happy to be a character reference for Bernadete and Thor Arwood.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Trisha Ostermeier', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Trisha Ostermeier, AuD