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CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT
(Section 13307, Elections Code)

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Name of Candidate	<u>Melissa "Mel" Salazar</u>	Age	<u>32</u> City of Fort Bragg
Occupation	<u>Talent/Diversity Program Mgr</u>	Date of Election	<u>11/05/2024</u> City Clerk
Name of Office	<u>City Council</u>	Name of District	<u>City of Fort Bragg</u>

Statement of education & qualifications:

As a dedicated community member, I'm running for City Council to ensure that the City of Fort Bragg continues to thrive, where everyone feels valued and heard. With a Talent Acquisition and Diversity Program Management background, I've spent my career advocating for inclusive practices that lift all voices. I believe these skills are essential for creating a local government that truly reflects the needs and diversity of our residents.

Our city faces many challenges, from ensuring affordable housing to fostering economic growth while preserving our small-town culture. I'm committed to addressing these issues with a balanced approach that considers our community's present and future needs. My focus will be on strengthening public safety, building on the current support for local businesses, and enhancing our public spaces, making them accessible and enjoyable for all.

I've always been passionate about community involvement, and I'm excited to bring fresh ideas and a collaborative spirit to our City Council. Let's work together to create a city that takes care of today's needs and sets the stage for a bright future, not only for my family and all of yours but for generations to come.

Thank you for your support!

Dated 08/13/2024




Signature of Candidate

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