



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Elizabeth Murguia
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Dear Ms. Murguia:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, we extend our gratitude to you and your family for your generous donation to the McKay Community Forest in honor of your late husband, Sef Murguia.

The McKay Community Forest was established along the edges of Eureka, Myrtle town, and Cutten for public access and recreation, sustainable timber harvest, and watershed and resource conservation. The Community Forest is envisioned as a place that enhances the quality of life for Humboldt County residents and visitors by providing opportunities to experience a diverse, dynamic, and productive forest. The Community Forest is also intended to boost civic pride in the greater Eureka area and give people opportunities for nearby outdoor recreation rather than having no choice but to drive elsewhere in the county to access public forestland.

You described Sef as having a deep love for the outdoors and being a lifelong horseman, and this donation seems like a perfect fit for honoring those values. It is especially meaningful that Sef served on our Board from 1972 through 1976 and then on the Planning Commission from 2000 through 2009. We also want to applaud and express appreciation to you, Liz, for your leadership and volunteer work over many years with the Humboldt Library Foundation, Keep Eureka Beautiful, Open Door Community Health Clinics, St. Joseph Hospital, Timber Heritage Association, North Coast Regional Land Trust, and Humboldt Child Care Council, among other organizations. Public service runs strong and deep in your family and together you and Sef have made a big positive difference.

Developing trails and associated facilities within the 1,200 acres of the McKay Community Forest is a huge undertaking and your donation will significantly enhance the County's ability to develop trails for equestrian use, which will enable many people to have outstanding outdoor experiences in Eureka's backdoor forest. The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors greatly appreciates your generosity.

Sincerely,

Steve Madrone, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors