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Dear Residents & Community Members,

I have already met many of you on my walks around the community and It is my honor to introduce myself to you here. I first heard about Sawmill Community Land Trust from one of my UNM professors and I was very intrigued – I read the history and thought that SCLT was a place I would love to work one day as issues of access and affordable housing have always been a great interest of mine. When I saw the Executive Director position advertised in the Abq Journal I applied right away. I feel privilege and very happy to be here!! There is no do doubt in my mind that this next chapter in Sawmill's history will be an exciting one. As the Executive Director, I thought you might want to know a little more about me.

I was born and raised in California, where I worked with businesses in the Silicon Valley in the 90's (back when computers had a blinking cursor). The company I worked for was a German company with a small office in the US --- they made to ISDN graphic boards and the hardware for video conferencing. In 1999 I moved to New Mexico to be closer to my mom and to go to School at UNM. While in school I worked as a Paralegal, a Farmer, a Financial Advisor, I taught bankruptcy classes, I was a part owner in a debt settlement company and at one time worked on a project with the top 100 banks in the US. In 2008 I became a McNair Scholar as I am the first in my family to go to college. In 2013 I received my Master's Degree from UNM in Regional and Community Planning with a Natural Resources and Community Development focus. I have lived in New Mexico for 16 years, I love it and it's my home now.

I look forward to getting to know you all better. At the end of the day we cannot accomplish the SCLT mission without you. The community is the most important piece of our progress. To effectively fulfill our mission, I encourage your involvement in the Land Trust and I welcome your ideas. Please feel free to contact me with your comments, suggestions, or concerns. And THANK YOU for the warm welcome I have been given.

Sincerely,

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