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Candidate Statement

Hello neighbors, my name is Nic Arnzen. I am originally from Iowa and have now lived in Southern California for 25 years. My husband and I came to Altadena 10 years ago in search of an alternative to more concentrated "city" living and found this village-like atmosphere perfect for raising our three small children. The kids are grown now, in high school and college, and I am eager to donate my time and energy in helping to preserve and improve our already incredible community.

I have been in the region long enough to know the challenging issues of crime, fires, cohabitation with wildlife, environmental conservation, loss of revenue, racial unrest, and general un-neighborly behavior are not easily answered. They take more than just hard rules and legislation, they require community involvement, listening to each other, controlling your emotions, and working together with respect for our different points of view.

To me, a big threat to a community like Altadena is divisive exchange and behavior. The other issues are certainly important and prioritized but without effective communication there is little chance of moving forward as a community. We need to understand each other and keep our hearts and minds open even in the face of our biggest disagreements.

I am currently the Program Coordinator for a CDC recognized Diabetes Prevention Program. I have also been a Director of film and theater, Head Writer for numerous projects, SAG and AEA Actor, Property Manager, Manager of a recording studio, and Office Manager for a studio accounting team.

All wildly different but I brought my same leadership strengths to each job; Assembling teams who work well together.

Truly listening to issues and complaints as they came to me.

Recognizing things that were not working.

And always keeping the team bonded and strong enough to tackle any challenge.

It would be an honor to spend time listening to the concerns of our community, doing what I can to address those concerns, strongly presenting them to the appropriate Los Angeles City and County agencies, and finding ways to solve difficult problems. I would be proud to represent you and our wonderful neighborhoods.