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California Department of Parks and Recreation
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RE: Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP) Letter of Support for the Mendocino Coast Sports Foundation's Application

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is a pledge of support by the Fort Bragg City Council for the Mendocino Coast Sports Foundation SPP Application to upgrade the Timberwolf Stadium, which serves our school district and coastal community. The project includes creating an all-weather stadium in an area that can get more than 60 inches of rain annually. The Timberwolf Stadium, named after the Fort Bragg High School Mascot, is truly the heart of our City and our community.

The story behind the Timberwolf Stadium is one of community, contribution and commitment. The project and construction of the stadium started in 1996 with volunteer labor, donated soil to build the base and level the track and field, and fuel paid for by the local fuel distributors. After three years of volunteer work and labor, in 1999 the stadium was officially dedicated. The community had pieced together grants, donations, volunteer labor and reclaimed seating to build a usable and playable stadium on donated land. Over the next fifteen years, a ticket booth, concession stand, announcer booth, restrooms, sound system, walkway, additional seating, entrance gate, Timberwolf sign, and parking lot were added and just like the earlier project through volunteers, contributions, and reclamation of more used equipment.

The Mendocino Coast Sports Foundation is applying for grant funds to add LED lighting, an all-weather track, all-weather field, a family bathroom and new landscaping to the stadium. These improvements will make the stadium more user friendly and accessible to the entire community. The Timberwolf Stadium is a vital part of our community and stands for everything we value in Fort Bragg.

As a Disadvantaged Community, as determined by the current American Community Survey, assets such as the Timberwolf Stadium and all of our park and recreational assets are vital to the health and wellbeing of our community. Please note that the Fort Bragg City Council supports this project, even as we compete against it for the same SPP funding. The City of Fort Bragg will resubmit its own application for SPP funding for Phase II Development of Bainbridge Park.

For all the reasons listed above, we respectfully ask you to support parks and recreation in our local community through the SPP grant allocations.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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