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How many of the 77 unit permits filed for were from owner builders or local contractors, vs Danco or other subsidized builders? And how many homes were actually completed last year?

I have been told by many local contractors that the process to obtain permits and go through the process to build has been much more difficult this past couple years. Some being told how to proceed, only that avenue costed many thousands more and months longer. With the price of building supplies climbing these delays have made what would have been work force housing now priced higher. Anything to help our owner builders and local contractors, not delay and burden them should be of utmost importance.

With there being only 2 single family homes listed currently between bridges for 600k, and a multi family home just shy of 1 million, this is out of reach for the majority of Fort Bragg residents. We need owner occupied homes, as we fall far below the average. We are loosing long time residents as their rentals are being sold, as there is less than a 1% vacancy rate, they are forced to move in with family, or out of area all together.

Having a meeting with the local contractors themselves, a couple council members, city staff and the city manager would be a good step in the right direction. Perhaps hearing their concerns firsthand, and finding

ways to help vs hinder them. Many contractors say they do not complain, because they fear that their projects will take longer because of retaliation from a complaint. This would give an open forum to discuss what the issues seem to be and ways to remedy them. I look forward to that meeting being held soon.

Owning a home is a long term investment in our community, the rental market has little to offer in terms of long term stability for tenants with housing prices climbing daily. This is where the housing trust would be great. Everything we can do to get more workforce housing built will be most welcomed.

Thank you,
Jenny Shattuck