



CITY OF FORT BRAGG

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Ted Williams
Fifth District Supervisor
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010
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Re: Support for Measure D and Companion Measure E

Dear Mr. Williams:

The City of Fort Bragg supports Measure D, which extends the County's Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) to private campgrounds and recreational vehicle (RV) parks and advisory Measure E which directs the additional revenues generated to emergency response services by funding the twenty-one (21) local fire departments – most of which rely on volunteer firefighters, including Fort Bragg's Fire Department.

Measure D is estimated to raise an additional \$1 Million in tax revenue. Measure E provides Mendocino County with voter direction to allocate those funds to local fire departments to offset the costs associated with providing visitors with emergency response services. The County's local fire departments respond to traffic collisions, lodging fires, campsite ignited vegetation fires, lost persons, ocean rescues, trees down, cliff rescues, floods and other incidents generated by tourists. Measure E directs County Officials to allocate 75% of the revenue equally to each of the twenty-one fire departments, or approximately \$35,714 each. The remaining 25% will be allocated through recommendations by the County Fire Chiefs to needed projects, training or other resources on an annual basis.

The City of Fort Bragg City Councilmembers support Measure D and Measure E because it fairly taxes visitors, who stay in private campgrounds and RV parks, to help pay for the emergency services provided by our local fire departments, most of which are staffed by volunteer firefighters.

Sincerely,

William V. Lee
Mayor

Bernie Norvell
Vice Mayor

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Councilmember