



Fort Bragg, Ca

Citizens Commission

Proposed structure, make-up and scope of the Citizens Commission to address a potential name change for the city of Fort Bragg, Ca

Citizens Commission: Pre-Meetings and Approach

- ❖ Ad Hoc Committee:
 - ❖ Vice Mayor Bernie Norvell
 - ❖ Council Member Jessica Morsell-Haye
- ❖ Pre-Meetings:
 - ❖ We met with 24 people in person, via Zoom, email and phone between June 30-August 4th
 - ❖ Sought feedback on scope, structure, make-up
 - ❖ Sought balanced community representation
 - ❖ Prioritized ability to engage in dialogue, listen and have difficult conversations

Goals

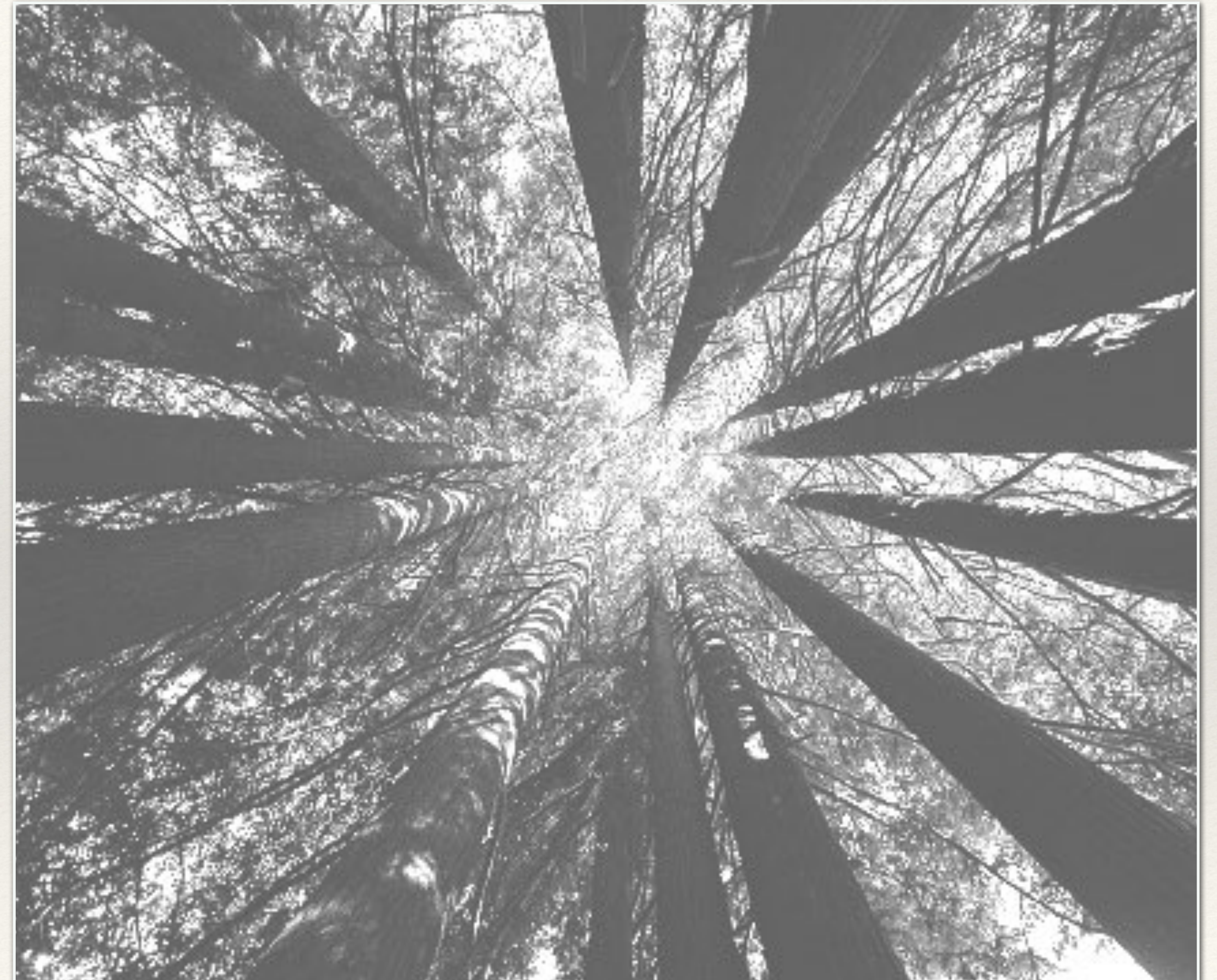
- Identify commissioners to represent a comprehensive range of perspectives from this community.
- Engage commission in an assessment of who we are as a community, currently and historically.
- Enable difficult, honest dialogue about race, equity and identity.
- Identify meaningful actions to address foundational inequity and disparities.
- Engage the public and begin to bridge divides through common values and increased awareness of contrasting perspectives.

Feedback & Key Themes

- ❖ Educational Component
- ❖ Meaningful Action / Broad Discussion
- ❖ 9-15 members
- ❖ Council Member as Chair
- ❖ Meet twice per month initially, going down to once per month with a one year commitment
- ❖ Create ground rules as a group
- ❖ Not Brown Acted

Proposed Meeting Outline

- ❖ **Meeting 1:** Professional Facilitator
 - ❖ Establish ground rules
 - ❖ Create statement of values
- ❖ **Meeting 2:** Chair
 - ❖ Local history deep dive
 - ❖ Presentations & Discussion
- ❖ **Meeting 3:** Chair
 - ❖ Who are we now? Look at current state of racial equity in Fort Bragg
 - ❖ Presentations & Discussion
- ❖ **Meeting 4:** Professional Facilitator
 - ❖ Create statement of problems
- ❖ **Meeting 5:** Chair
 - ❖ What does meaningful action look like?
 - ❖ Vision for Fort Bragg's future - bring individual writing exercises
 - ❖ Brain storm meaningful actions
- ❖ **Meeting 6:** Chair
 - ❖ Statement of Vision
 - ❖ Create citizens commission's recommendations to Council and community partners
 - ❖ Break into working groups to assess logistics, feasibility and cost of recommendations
- ❖ Meetings 7-?:
 - ❖ Work groups
 - ❖ Public Meetings: Seek public engagement and feedback



Proposed Commissioners

Melanie Rafanan

Ed Murrell

Ryan Bushnell

Bernadette Rafanan

Keily Becerra Sanchez

Tara Larson

Ray Richards

Javier Silva

Cesar Yanez

Lucy Stanley

Marshal Carr

Scott Taubold

Gabriel Quinn Maroney

Misty Dawn Cook

Elena Gonzalez

Nicki Caito Urbani

Proposed Chair

Council Member Jessica Morsell-Haye

To be coordinated by the commission...

- Presenters
 - Working Groups (education, logistics, feasibility)
 - Public Participation
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To be coordinated by city staff...

- Facilitator for meetings 1 & 3
- Zoom platform
- Tech support for public meeting(s)
- Channel 3 broadcast of public meeting(s) only

