

From: [Garth Saalfield](#)
To: [Munoz, Cristal](#)
Cc: [Garth Saalfield](#)
Subject: Statement Regarding Climate Line Items to be included into the City of Fort Bragg budget consideration (GRI - CCW 5-17-21) drawn from the ARPA
Date: Monday, May 17, 2021 10:44:56 AM

Dear Crsital (Munoz),

I'd hoped to share this this morning during public comments, but I was unable. I understand by submitting these to you that they will be entered (as the same) as if I had and they'd been entered into the minutes.

If I am mistaken, or I need to submit in a different way in order for these comments to be recognized, please advise.

Thank you for your assistance,
Garth (Saalfield)
(707) 961 0482

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, Council Members & City Manager,

My name is Garth Saalfield, I've been a resident of Fort Bragg and the Mendocino coast for over 7 + years; a place I consider home for life, at least for the rest of mine.

I belong to the GrassRoots Institute and I'm a working member of our Climate Crisis Workgroup. I believe most of you, but perhaps not all, are aware of our request for funding in the city budget for photovoltaic panels on city facilities, electric vehicle charging stations for residents and tourists, and electric buses for our MTA system.

It's critical to our tourist economy that fast charging stations be easily and abundantly available so travelers, using electric vehicles, have a good feeling about coming to Fort Bragg.

Photovoltaic panels on our city buildings represent a long term cost savings by reducing Fort Bragg's dependence on expensive outside energy.

And the use of smaller EV busses provides an opportunity to expand ridership while cleaning up our coastal air and local environment.

But most importantly, it is critical we make a fiscal commitment in our city budget to take action on climate change.

The Grassroots Institute's proposal is a small but long overdue step by our city.

Given the commitment to fund Climate Change action at the State and

Federal level, establishing a climate change action element in our City budget is a smart move that will position us to capture additional funding in the near and long term future.

So you know, we are asking the Mendocino Climate Change Action Advisory Committee and our Board of Supervisors to make a similar commitment in the county budget.

To show support for this proposal we're gathering endorsements and support from local organizations and individuals. And the response from the public has been overwhelmingly positive.

I believe I speak for everyone on the Grassroots Institute's Climate Crisis Workgroup, in offering our on-going assistance on climate action. If we can help in any way, please call upon us.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.
We look forward to your favorable consideration.

Thank you
Garth Saalfield

Munoz, Cristal

From: Mermaid Pearl <mermaidpearl707@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 8:27 AM
To: Munoz, Cristal
Subject: City Council's Budget Workshop - Budget for the Fiscal Year 21-22 (May 17th)

Good morning Crystal - please read below for public comment. Thanks!

Dear City Council -

The Mendocino Coast is very unique because it is also home to many endangered species and they deserve our protection. I believe it is our responsibility to protect the sacred. Our waterways are sacred and essential to our survival. Our kelp and abalone are in serious trouble and the ecosystem is in crisis.

Since hotels have resumed lodging in May 2020, we have seen an increase in tourism and an increase in to go food, one-time use packaging.

During busy holiday weekends, trash cans reach capacity and debris and trash can't be contained.

This litter flows into storm drains and creeks, travels to the beach, and pollutes the ocean.

Our Coastal Commission is known for their tough stance on keeping the coast historic and beautiful. The coast is what keeps people coming back.

If we keep destroying our home and waterways, we will destroy our ecosystem and then in return our economy.

In 2019, the California Fish and Game Commission decided to keep the state recreational abalone fishery closed through April 2021, which has now been extended for another 5 years.

The state lost more than \$1 million in revenue from abalone card sales over the two-year period. An extra 5 more years will result in additional revenue lost for our coastal economy.

Along the Mendocino Coast, hotel occupancies dropped, restaurant sales declined, tips got smaller, and families suffered as a result of abalone season closing.

Sub-Surface Progression, the only dive shop on the coast closed its doors after 43 years in business because it could not sustain the operation costs with the loss of tourism.

It might just seem like a litter bit on the sidewalk but think about all the litter bits we can't see in the ocean. What we can't see is what put Sub-Surface Progression out of business.

There is no Planet B. The kelp is disappearing. The ice caps are melting.

Munoz, Cristal

From: Joel Franks <joelfranks@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 7:57 AM
To: Munoz, Cristal
Subject: Climate Responsibility (public comment)

As we have seen scientific predictions about climate change have been correct and if anything the consequences have been underestimated. The future does not look bright in this regard. So though it is late we must act. We must allocate the monies from the American Rescue Act to this cause:
Solar panels on all municipal buildings More electric car charging stations Transition to All electric public transportation

Thank you
Joel Franks
31631 Digger Creek Dr.
Fort Bragg
Sent from my iPad

Munoz, Cristal

From: Jary Stavely <jstavely@mcn.org>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 8:10 AM
To: Munoz, Cristal
Subject: Comments for budget workshop May 17, 2021

205 N. Harold St.
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
May 17, 2021

The Members of the Fort Bragg City Council Budget Committee
416 N. Franklin St.
Fort Bragg, CA. 95437

Dear Council Members

As residents and homeowners in Fort Bragg, we support the 3 proposals of the Grassroots Institute which would reduce greenhouse gas emissions on the Mendocino coast. Please do what you can to obtain American Rescue Act funding for installing solar panels on municipal buildings and establishing more electric vehicle charging stations in our city. Our town is an important part of the MTA, so please also take whatever action you can to assist it in running electrically powered buses on routes 5, 60, and 65.

Sincerely,
Jary Stavely & Patricia Marien

Munoz, Cristal

From: Karen <nerak@mcn.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 9:40 PM
To: Munoz, Cristal
Subject: Comments for FB City Council Budget Workshop Meeting

I request the Fort Bragg city council set aside \$100,000 or 10% of the American Rescue Act—which ever is GREATER for accomplishing a significant start on the following proposals put forth by the Grass Roots Institute:

- 1) install photo-voltaic panels on municipal buildings
- 2) install of additional electric car charging stations
- 3) transition public transportation to electric vehicles

As you know, all three proposals have broad support throughout the county.

I urge you to allocate a significant amount of funds immediately as such a budget allocation will bring more money to Fort Bragg quickly.

I believe that these proposals are reasonable renewable energy projects that the city can start quickly.

Respectfully yours,

Karen Rakofsky

Munoz, Cristal

From: Peter McNamee <pmcnamee@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 5:33 PM
To: Munoz, Cristal
Subject: Fw: Request For Agenda Item At Budget Workshop
Attachments: gri_american_rescue_plan_act_recommendations.pdf

The attached request was sent to all city council members.

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Begin forwarded message:

On Friday, May 14, 2021, 5:26 PM, Peter McNamee <pmcnamee@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

Begin forwarded message:

On Friday, May 14, 2021, 2:30 PM, Peter McNamee <pmcnamee@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

The Grassroots Institute's Climate Crisis Workgroup (GRI-CCW) requests an agenda Item be placed on the Fort Bragg City Council's Special Meeting Workshop on the FY 21-22 Budget being held on May 17, 2021.

For your consideration attached is GRI's City of Fort Bragg budget proposal for American Rescue Plan Act funding.

Thank you,
GRI

http://www.grassroots-institute.org/uploads/1/3/1/7/131710546/gri_american_rescue_plan_act_recommendations.pdf

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Munoz, Cristal

From: lillian cartwright <lilliankcartwright@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 11:31 AM
To: Munoz, Cristal
Cc: Carrie Durkee; George Reinhardt; Jim Tarbell
Subject: Grassroots Institute's Proposals

This email is sent in strong support of the proposals requesting that the Council ear-mark \$100,000 from the America Rescue Act's budget for electric buses, charging stations and photo voltaic.

The Institute and its many members have spent countless hours researching these issues and consulting with experts in our county as well as state wide, nationally and internationally. We will remain involved in the implementation and coordination of the projects.

Thank you for all your help in improving our county's response to the climate change crises that affects all of us.

Best wishes,
Lillian K. Cartwright, Ph.D.

Munoz, Cristal

From: Joseph DuVivier <joeduvivier@mcn.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 2:42 PM
To: Munoz, Cristal
Subject: I support adding electric vehicle charging stations at Ft Bragg municipal locations

I support adding electric vehicle charging stations, beyond what is already in place, at Ft Bragg municipal locations. In addition to helping us transition to a greener economy in our city, it also sends a very welcoming message to visitors and boosts local retail.

Munoz, Cristal

From: Andy Wellspring <andywellspring@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 5:36 PM
To: Munoz, Cristal
Subject: Please support the Grass Roots Institute Proposals

Hello Fort Bragg City Council,

I believe in the 3 proposals brought forth by the Grass Roots Institute, and I know these folks have been working very hard to create plans that will benefit our community. I encourage you to accept their advice and move forward with the renewable energy investments that will help us transition to a greener future, now while funds are being made available from State and Federal levels of government.

Thank you,
Andy Wellspring

Munoz, Cristal

From: susan allen nutter <sanutter@mcn.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 4:54 PM
To: Munoz, Cristal
Subject: Plsn for spending Americasn Rescue Act Funds

As a member of the Fort Bragg community, I hereby urge the City Council to plan to spend at least \$100,000 or 10% of the fund (whichever is greater) allocated for the City of Fort Bragg by the American Rescue Act on the following areas:

- 1) Transition to transportation to electric vehicles,
- 2) More electric charging stations and
- 3) Providing photovoltaics on the City's buildings.

These areas have been studied already and could bring more money from the Cares Act, the PGE settlement dollars and additional federal and state funds.

Fort Bragg must have immediate plans in the pipeline for the American Rescue Plan funding that will immediately advance our infrastructure. Our prestigious Grassroots Institute has already studied these three areas and recommends they acquire the highest priority in the City Council's Budget plan for expenditure of forthcoming funding.

Thank you.

Susan Nutter
950 Glass Beach Dr.
Fort Bragg, CA

Munoz, Cristal

From: Peter McNamee <pmcnamee@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 1:27 PM
To: Munoz, Cristal
Subject: Public Comment 5-17-21 Fort Bragg City Council Budget Workshop - GRI Proposal

The scientific consensus is clear, climate change resulting from pollution and greenhouse gas emissions are having a devastating impact on our health, our well-being, and our economy. We are beset with wildfires, drought, sea level rise and power outages directly resulting from climate change. We need responsive and direct action from local government institutionalizing smart strategic action to safeguard our collective future. Here are just a few of the challenges and opportunities Fort Bragg faces:

- Electric Vehicles (EV) are capturing a larger and larger market share of autos on our roadways. The auto industry estimates almost 10% of new vehicle sales are electric or electric hybrids. EV sales as a portion of vehicles purchased is growing at an annual rate of more than 10% per year. If Fort Bragg is to successfully compete for tourism, fast charging stations must be easily and conveniently accessible in our community.
- Both the State and Federal governments have set greenhouse gas emission reduction goals of at least 30% or more by 2030 and are shifting funding to accomplish those goals. Fort Bragg can successfully compete for these funds, but only if it makes the commitment to institutionalizing climate action in city government.
- Photo-Voltaic (PV) systems have evolved and matured to become cost effective choices for generating competitively priced electricity. PV systems, particularly when coupled with battery storage, serve several purposes - they reduce dependence on costly grid sources, provide a source of local electricity during grid shutdowns and they reduce greenhouse emissions.
- Our seniors depend on public transit, and they want buses to be clean, modern and non-polluting.

After research and consultation with local climate experts and community leaders, the Grassroots Institute (GRI) developed a three prong strategy for Fort Bragg to act on the climate challenges confronting our city. GRI is joined by a broad based collation of civic groups and concerned residents asking the City of Fort Bragg to take the too long delayed step of institutionalizing funding in its budgets for climate action. Initially, the city should allocate at least a modest 10% of the one time federal American Rescue Plan Act funding to invest in Photo-Voltaic (PV) Systems on public buildings, to expand access to “fast” charging stations for electric vehicles and to modernize the Mendocino Transit Authority’s (MTA) fleet with electric busses.

Respectfully,

Peter McNamee

PO Box 2784

Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Munoz, Cristal

From: marcy@mcn.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 7:17 AM
To: Munoz, Cristal
Subject: Public Comment May 17, 2021 Fort Bragg City Council Budget Workshop
Attachments: GRI American Rescue Plan Act Recommendations.pdf

**Public Comment
May 17, 2021
Fort Bragg, California
City Council Budget Workshop**

As a Fort Bragg resident, I am asking the City of Fort Bragg to set aside 10% of the American Rescue Plan Act funds for the purpose of setting in motion local governmental action to implement the executive orders and policies of President Biden and Governor Newsom. The purpose of the federal and state orders, policies, and funding are to stimulate economic development and mitigate climate change.

NASA, NOAA, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency all agree that human-caused climate change is happening due to greenhouse gas emissions. The Grassroots institute's three point proposal addresses climate change and associated natural disasters.

The Grassroots Institute's proposal is an economically sound policy for the city:

- Photo-voltaic systems on municipal properties is a one time financial expenditure that can reduce or eliminate the city's cost for electricity.
- Electric vehicle Level 2 and DC quick charging stations will enable the growing number of tourists and locals with electric vehicles to charge conveniently and quickly, encouraging tourism. Governor Newsom's executive order, September 23, 2020, states that by 2035 all new car and passenger truck sales must be vehicles that produce zero emissions.
- Electrifying the Mendocino Transit Authority's bus fleet is a capitol layout that is cost effective. Electric vehicles cost far less to operate and maintain than their petroleum-powered counterparts.

The Grassroots Institute's three part proposal is healthy for the economy of Fort Bragg. It stimulates tourism, creates a terrific opportunity for job development in a clean and growing industry, and puts us on the map as an upcoming green community.

I strongly encourage the City of Fort Bragg to incorporate the Grassroots Institute's proposal (attachment above) into the city's budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

Respectfully,
Marcy Snyder
330 Cypress St., #19
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Munoz, Cristal

From: Fanshen Faber <fmagic@mcn.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 1:13 PM
To: Munoz, Cristal
Subject: RE request to FB Counsel re: support for solar and electric vehicles

Hi!

I am a long-time Coastal resident.

As such, I strongly urge the FB City Counsel to consider and to adopt the three very wise and forward-thinking proposals put forth to the Counsel at this time by the Grass Roots Institute regarding money allotted to deal with present and future needs of electrical power.

This is an opportunity to join with and be a leader for the plans demanded of us by climate change, and by the needs of the future. Actually the “needs of the future” has arrived!

Thank you

Fanshen Faber

Munoz, Cristal

From: Nancy Reynolds <njr@mcn.org>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 7:36 AM
To: Munoz, Cristal
Subject: Solar upgrades

I strongly support the GRI's proposal for decreasing dependence on fossil fuel locally. Solar installation on public buildings, electric busses, and fast charger stations.

Sent from my iPhone

Nancy Reynolds

Munoz, Cristal

From: Liz Stover <lzstover@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 3:46 PM
To: Munoz, Cristal
Subject: Support for proposals recommended by Grassroots Institute

Honorable Fort Bragg Council Members,

I support proposals set forth by the grassroots Institute to set aside \$100,000 or 10% of the American Rescue Act funds to the following three projects;

Installation of photo-voltaic panels on municipal buildings.

Installation of additional electric car charging stations.

Transition of public transportation to electric vehicles.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Stover

Munoz, Cristal

From: George <george@mcn.org>
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2021 4:09 PM
To: Munoz, Cristal
Subject: A budget allocation for the American Rescue Act funds coming to Fort Bragg. (Please forward to CC members.)
Attachments: GRI-BOS American Rescue Plan Act Recommendations.pdf

Honorable Fort Bragg Council members,

The GRI—Grass Roots Institute is requesting that the city council set aside \$100,000 or 10% of the American Rescue Act—which ever is GREATER for accomplishing a significant start on the GRI proposals. All three proposals have broad support throughout the county. MTA is already thinking about adding electric busses. More electric charging stations and photo voltaics on as many city buildings as possible is something the city has studied for years. So has MCOG. This allocation will not come close to accomplishing all that we might do with regard to these three issues, but 1. You could allocate a lot more money immediately, 2. a significant budget allocation will bring more monies to Fort Bragg quickly. There is much more money in the pipeline when we consider the Cares Act, the PG&E settlement \$ and additional State and Federal funding streams that are coming our way.

Once again here are our proposals for very do-able renewable energy projects that the city can start quickly. Many thanks, George Reinhardt:

Munoz, Cristal

From: Ellen Buechner <ellenbuechner@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 1:27 PM
To: Munoz, Cristal
Subject: American Rescue Act appropriations for the new budget year

Dear Ms. Munoz,

I am a Caspar resident and the business manager of Fortunate Farm. The budgetary policies of Fort Bragg have direct tangible and intangible impacts on the well-being of my family and our farm because it is our business hub and our greatest customer base, and its actions are therefore directly related to the sustainability and resiliency of our farm and the greater coastal area. With the premise that unless nothing changes, nothing changes, the decisions we make now about municipal power and transportation will affect our ability to respond to global climate change on a local level. These decisions will affect the health and well-being of local residents now and into the future. We all need to act in every way it is possible to act to mitigate the catastrophe looming before us. I hope you will consider allocating 10% or \$100,000, whichever is greater, of the receipts to the city from the American Rescue Act to developing public transportation without fossil fuels and to powering public buildings with solar panels. What we do now changes everything. Please use this funding wisely.

respectfully,
Ellen Buechner
Fortunate Farm
Caspar

Munoz, Cristal

From: Helen <hjacobsmcn.org>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 9:09 AM
To: Munoz, Cristal
Subject: City Council request

To: The Fort Bragg City Council
May 16, 2021

Dear council members,

I request that the Fort Bragg City Council approve the proposal put forth by the Grass Roots Institute to set aside \$100,000 or 10% of the American Rescue Act—which ever is greater, with the following goals in mind.

I believe that these proposals are reasonable renewable energy projects that the city can start quickly.

- 1) install photo-voltaic panels on municipal buildings
- 2) install of additional electric car charging stations
- 3) transition public transportation to electric vehicles

As you know, all three proposals have broad support throughout the county.

I urge you to allocate a significant amount of funds immediately as such a budget allocation will bring more money to Fort Bragg.

Respectfully,,

Helen Jacobs
707 937 5522