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RE: Support Letter for Noyo Harbor District's application for the Maritime Administrations' Port Infrastructure Development Program – Marina Redevelopment Plan: Phase 1

Dear Port Infrastructure Development Program Team,

The City of Fort Bragg is pleased to support the Noyo Harbor District's application for the Port Infrastructure Development Program. We agree that the redevelopment of Noyo Harbor marina and the identifications for critical infrastructure locations such as a fuel dock, will improve the Noyo Harbor commercial fleets' ability to play an active role in our local economy by increasing the amount of goods moved through the harbor and increase the safety and resiliency of the Noyo Harbor.

Fort Bragg, a remote location on the Mendocino Coast, has struggled to bolster its economy after decades of economic decline and climate related disasters. Funding this application is an opportunity to support the traditional commercial fishing-based economy while allowing the harbor to improve its infrastructure for the development of new ocean-based, also known as blue economies to flourish in our region. In recent years the City of Fort Bragg has taken an active role in supporting the blue economy on the Mendocino Coast and has partnered with the Noyo Harbor District on several projects within the blue economy sphere. The City also understands that the Noyo Harbor District and the marina is the foundation on which this new industry is to be built and it is critical that its transportation infrastructure is able to withstand impending environmental threats to ensure future development is protected.

In conclusion the City of Fort Bragg supports the Noyo Harbor District's thoughtful redevelopment of the marina with respect to the increasing safety, resiliency, supporting local economy and cultures, and the fishing industries.

Sincerely,

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