



# CITY OF FORT BRAGG

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Kayla Rodriguez  
Public Sector Manager  
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RE: Franchise Agreement

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

The City of Fort Bragg has reviewed the services provided by USA Waste of California, Inc., dba Empire Waste Management and evaluated the challenges facing solid waste collection in and around Fort Bragg in the next five years. Like all cities across California we are facing implementation and compliance with a number of state mandates including AB 341, AB 1826 and the most significant legislation AB 1383. The City of Fort Bragg and Mendocino County continue to grapple with the issue of a Coastal Transfer Station. All at a time when the recyclables market is at an all-time low and we face the additional challenges of increasing waste streams as the state and world try to manage the pandemic.

The Fort Bragg City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Fort Bragg and our solid waste disposal customers to proceed forward with direct negotiation of a new franchise agreement for solid waste disposal with USA Waste of California, Inc. As such, it is our intent to engage in nonexclusive negotiations in good faith for a mutually beneficial agreement with Waste Management. The City's Solid Waste Franchise Agreement Ad Hoc Committee will be working directly with Waste Management to craft the Franchise Agreement.

Please feel free to reach out to the City Manager, Tabatha Miller, should you have any questions. We look forward to our continued partnership with Waste Management.

Sincerely,

Bernie Norvell  
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Jessica Morsell-Haye  
Vice Mayor

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