



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO FORT BRAGG, CALIFORNIA CITY COUNCIL

Thank you for your interest in serving the community as a member of the Fort Bragg City Council. This position fills a vacancy of a four-year elected official; however, the term of this appointment is two years, after which the seat will be filled by an election in 2022. The elected term for this seat would be two years, ending in 2024, in order to be concurrent with the original four-year term vacated.

The estimated timeline for filling the Council vacancy is as follows:

- **Friday, Jan 29, 2021** **Applications are due to City Clerk by 4:00 p.m.**
- **Week of Feb 1-5, 2021** **City Council Ad Hoc: Initial candidate interviews**
- **Week of Feb 8-12, 2021** **Special City Council Meeting: Final candidate interviews and selection**
- **Monday, Feb 22, 2021** **City Council Meeting: New Council swearing in and first meeting**

To be considered, your application must be completed and received by the City Clerk at the address below no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2021. Applications received after 4:00 p.m. will not be accepted. Additional written information after this date will not be accepted, unless requested by the City Council.

Please submit the following items:

- Application (see attached).
- A **1-page** cover letter indicating your interest and general qualifications for the position.
- A resume of **no more than 2 pages**.
- A list of at least 3 references and their contact information.

Submit completed applications to:

June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk
Council Recruitment
City of Fort Bragg
416 North Franklin Street
Fort Bragg, California 95437

For further information, please contact:
June Lemos, CMC City Clerk
707.961.2823 ext. 104
jlemos@fortbragg.com

Councilmember Eligibility, Requirements & Public Disclosure

To be eligible to be appointed to the Fort Bragg City Council, candidates must be:

- At least 18 years of age;
- A citizen of the state of California;
- A resident of Fort Bragg residing within the City Limits;
- A registered voter in the City of Fort Bragg; and
- Not convicted of designated crimes as specified in the Constitution and laws of the state.

Follow this link to view the city map on the City's website to confirm that you reside in the city: [Fort Bragg City Map](#). If you hold any other elected public office, please state what office and where in your cover letter. Please note that:

- Once a Councilmember application is filed with the City, it is a public record available to the public.
- The applications received from all candidates who meet the minimum requirements will be posted on the City of Fort Bragg, CA website as part of the Council's agenda packet the week of the initial interview.
- If appointed, you will be required by state law to file financial disclosure statements

City Council Duties & Compensation

The City of Fort Bragg, CA operates under the Council-Manager form of government. The five-member City Council serves as the legislative body of the City. The Council is responsible for setting policy, adopting the biennial budget, adopting laws, determining the services to be provided and the funding levels for those services, and appointing citizens to its advisory boards and commissions.

The duties of a City Councilmember will likely involve an average minimum commitment of 5 – 10 hours per week for preparation, participation, and attendance at various meetings and community activities. Beyond the broad duties previously mentioned, Councilmember duties include, but are not limited to:

- Attendance is required at regular City Council meetings, which are held bi-monthly generally on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm or earlier if business is completed. From time to time, the City Manager or Mayor may call special City Council meetings to conduct city business. Meetings are virtual at this time, due to Covid-19 restrictions to in-person attendance.
- Councilmembers are expected to serve on Council Subcommittees, regional boards and commissions, and to represent the City Council at various community functions. These various meetings and functions occur normally during the evenings, but may also occur on some weekends, and during some weekdays.
- Depending on committee participation, some travel may be required locally and/or within the County of Mendocino, involving various organizations of which the City of Fort Bragg is a member. Councilmembers may also at their discretion travel and attend training, education and/or participate in other organizations at the local, regional, state, or in some instances on the national level. Travel, education, and training expenses for local, regional, state, and national activities are reimbursed in accordance with City policy applicable to all employees and city officials, subject to the budgetary limit set for each Councilmember and for the City Council as a whole.

All Councilmembers receive health benefits for themselves and their dependents and a \$300 per month stipend. An extra \$100 per month will be paid to Councilmembers if Municipal Improvement District business is discussed during any meeting(s) in that calendar month.

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Applicant Information

(Please type or print)

Applicant Name Scott M. Menzies

Residence Address [REDACTED]

Home Phone [REDACTED] Work/Cell Phone [REDACTED]

E-Mail [REDACTED]

Resume and References

Please attach a resume of no more than two pages to this application.

Please list at least 3 references and their contact information (friends, family, work okay).

Application Questions

Please respond to the following questions regarding your interest in the position of Councilmember for the City of Fort Bragg on separate pages using no more than 3 pages total:

1. Do you meet the minimum qualifications to serve on City Council described on Page 1? Yes No
2. Why are you interested in serving as a City Councilmember?

See attached, please.

3. What strengths would you bring to the Council?

See attached, please.

Please return this form, a cover letter and resume, and a list of references to the City Clerk at Fort Bragg City Hall **no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, January 29, 2021**. Applications received after 4:00 pm will not be accepted. The application and any correspondence should be addressed to:

June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk
Councilmember Recruitment
City of Fort Bragg
416 North Franklin Street
Fort Bragg, California 95437
jlemos@fortbragg.com

Mr. Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to ask for your vote in support of appointing me to the City Council. I know that you are all familiar with me, as I have attended City Council meetings, addressed this Council both in person and in writing on numerous occasions, and served on the Election Systems Review Committee, among other interactions.

I believe my involvement with this Council, and City issues in general, makes me an excellent choice. I do, however, feel the need to acknowledge that my position on certain issues - beginning with the 2016 City Council election, in which I ran against Mr. Norvell - has put me at odds with individual council members on occasion. In this regard, I implore you to consider my application without bias.

It is easy to get caught up in arguments about ideology and partisan politics, so I think the best way to make my case is to submit to you a vision for Fort Bragg. This vision is not a radical re-creation of our town, but rather a strengthening of the qualities and values that we already have, achievable through creative and effective policies.

The vision of Fort Bragg I hold to is one in which the town's vibrancy is a person's first-impression. Our historic downtown is thriving and filled with unique mom-and-pop businesses. These local, independent businesses are better protected from the predatory business practices of online retailers and formula/corporate chains and franchises, ensuring higher quality local jobs and a stronger local economy. The Old Town buildings are restored, preserved, and in good, safe, working order. More of the downtown business owners own the buildings they're in, thanks to a Commercial Space Land Trust that makes it affordable to do so.

Through a City financing program, all the buildings in the Central Business District have been retrofitted with sprinkler systems to protect the entire city from the ever-increasing fire danger. Creative parking and traffic solutions have been implemented to improve the safety and flow of traffic on Main St. and have made the 300 block of Franklin St. pedestrian-only, with street vendors, outdoor dining, and open-air concerts adding to Old Town's exciting street life.

The Mill Site is clean and carefully redeveloped so that commercial enterprises on the site do not siphon economic vitality away from Old Town. Maple and Alder creeks have been "day-lighted" and restored within the public, open space on the Mill Site. Creative, adaptive reuse of defunct Mill Site infrastructure places Fort Bragg at the forefront of brownfield reclamation (e.g., turning the concrete wall by the Coastal Trail into a world-class rock-climbing wall). A portion of the land has been returned to the Pomo, granting them exclusive Native rights to their ancestral fishing grounds.

There is sufficient affordable housing due to City efforts to encourage infill construction and low-income housing projects. There are few visible homeless folks, because they have been provided with housing and supported in establishing sobriety, physical and mental wellness, and employment whenever possible.

Improvements to the local voting system have resulted in the residents of Fort Bragg feeling more engaged and satisfied with their local elected boards. Voters believe their vote represents their values. The Council reflects the actual political and demographic cross-section of the community, resulting in more diverse representation.

If this vision for our town resonates with you, I humbly ask you to let me join you in your efforts to guide us there.

Sincerely,

/s/ Scott M. Menzies

Answers to Application Questions

1. Do you meet the minimum qualifications to serve on City Council described on Page 1? Yes

2. Why are you interested in serving as a City Councilmember?

As I illustrated in my cover letter, I believe that certain practical and tangible changes can lead to increased vitality and stability in our economy and a higher quality of life for all of our residents. I ran in 2016, and am applying now, because I believe I have a lot to offer. I care deeply about making our world a better place for everyone, including the flora and fauna with which we share this planet. This means finding ways to encourage thriving as well as addressing sources, systems, and politics of oppression and exploitation.

Living in a remote, rural area can sometimes lead us to feel like we are on an island, but we do not, in fact, exist in isolation. The forces that affect us are inextricably tied to a bigger picture. I want us to examine that big-picture and leverage the ways in which our smallness and remoteness could give us a greater advantage in making our local community and economy the best it can be. We must begin to look at the ways in which our local issues intersect with the most pressing national and global issues, such that we can identify the ways that Fort Bragg can thrive while being a small-town leader in progress, justice, and sustainability.

A high level of commitment to the office is critical, and I have demonstrated my commitment by remaining engaged in City politics, even after I lost my election run. I am making this decision because I know why I want to serve and what I am getting into. I also have the ability at this time to make serving on the City Council my top priority.

3. What strengths would you bring to the Council?

I am acutely aware of the challenges to our local businesses, especially now, as I made the heart-wrenching decision to close my martial arts studio (though not my business) last year, due to the pandemic. Every town, especially a town buttressed by tourism, needs a vibrant downtown to anchor the community. But our downtown is visibly suffering. Buildings are in disrepair, rents are high, foot-traffic is low, parking can be a challenge, the needs of residential tenants and commercial tenants are frequently in conflict. Few business owners own the buildings in which they reside. These realities plus the external pressures of online goods, services, and even jobs (not to mention the pandemic) have pushed our local downtown economy to the brink.

I spent years exploring the role of small, independent businesses in community development. My work establishing an Independent Business Alliance in Humboldt County and my involvement in the Fort Bragg business community have all affirmed my belief in the power of small, independent businesses to grow social capital, develop our economy, and effect social change. Mom-and-pop businesses as sites of community-building was the topic of my Master's thesis.

I am concerned about Fort Bragg's voting system and the potential for additional lawsuits regarding the City's compliance with the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). The fact that this council has decided twice, in the past five months, not to hold an election, and that there were no challenges to the incumbents in this past election, even though the City has adopted various measures to encourage participation, are worrisome trends. I have demonstrated knowledge of multiple voting systems. I have been involved off and on in both election reform and election integrity advocacy for over 15 years, including being a core volunteer for the original Humboldt Election Transparency Project, "a project that started in Humboldt in June 2008 [which] utilizes the right to view all ballots cast in a race to perform a citizen recount after every election in the county."¹ (<https://electionstransparencyproject.com/>) I believe that my appointment would speak to the integrity of this Council in considering the seriousness of the CVRA lawsuit and terms of its settlement.

As a long-time community organizer, I know how to get people engaged and organized around an issue. I believe that the experience and insight I have gained while running my own City Council campaign, staying abreast of City issues, creating petitions, and organizing with hundreds of diverse folks in our community would be an asset to this Council.

I have a fierce commitment to honesty, fairness, and justice. I take who I am as a person very seriously and put extensive effort into developing myself in terms of character and emotional intelligence. I am perpetually working to become a better person and community member. I demand evidence for claims, both mine and others'. I am open-minded to creative thinking, strategic solutions, and evidence that challenges my position. I am committed to the careful consideration and balance of the conflicting missions, needs, and realities that come with every issue.

1 <https://lostcoastoutpost.com/2019/jun/4/humboldts-countys-elections-office-transparency-pi/>

References

Katie Carr, [REDACTED] Owner, Pippi's Longstockings. Fort Bragg City resident.

Hilary White, [REDACTED] Former Owner, Understuff. Co-Campaign Manager, Scott Menzies for City Council 2016. Former Owner, If The Shoe Fits. Fort Bragg City resident.

Carole White, [REDACTED] Retired Social Worker.

Sarah Cullar, [REDACTED] Educational Coordinator.

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-Chinese saying*

Education

Humboldt State University, Arcata, Calif. — 2008

Master of Arts in Social Sciences, Environment & Community Program. Interdisciplinary program housed in the Department of Politics. Subject areas include social and environmental justice, political science, sustainable cities, Native American studies, conflict resolution, community organizing, and sustainable rural economic development.

Thesis Title: "From the Local Pub to the Corner Store: A pilot study on the importance of small, independent businesses as sites of passive community-building."

T'ai Chi Martial Arts, China & Taiwan — 1999-2016

Taiwan (1999-2002). Hunan, China (2002-2003, 2007 and 2016). Gold-Medal winner in Push Hands, U.C. Berkeley, March 2019.

Humboldt State University, Arcata, Calif. — BS, 1995

Bachelor of Science, Biodiversity Biology with a minor in Botany. Graduated with Honors, Magna Cum Laude. Phi Kappa Phi national honor society, Siemens' Scholar, and Presidential Scholar recognition.

Relevant Training

Coaching to Excellence, New Ventures West, S.F., Calif. — 2019

Workshop on the foundations and methods of Integral Coaching. Tools and strategies for effective collaboration.

Leadership Mendocino, Ukiah, Calif. — 2016-2017

Class XXIV. Leadership Mendocino is a community-based program that aims to cultivate new leaders who believe in the future of Mendocino County and who are ready to make a difference.

FranklinCovey, online instruction — 2012

Time & Task Management and Project Management Basics.

Humboldt State University, Arcata, Calif. — 2004

Education for Action. Community organizing course taught by veteran LGBTQ organizer Eric Rofes, focusing on long-term movement-building through direct action.

Work

Perfect Circle T'ai Chi Martial Arts, Fort Bragg, Calif. — 2013-Present
Owner/Instructor, T'ai Chi for Health & Wellness, Martial Arts, and Leadership Development.

Thanksgiving Coffee Company, Fort Bragg, Calif. — 2011-2013
Project Management, Sales, Outreach, Delivery, Roasting.

International Teaching Jobs, Nepal, Taiwan, China — 1995-2002
Xiangtan Polytechnic University, Hunan, China. 2002 - Spoken-English Instructor
Sunlight Kindergarten, Changhua, Taiwan. 1998-2001 - Primary English Teacher
American Peace Corps, Nepal. 1995-1997 - Science Teacher/Teacher Trainer

Languages

English, Nepali, Chinese

Community Organizing (sample of relevant work)

Fort Bragg, Calif. — 2015-2020

Mendocino Coast Progressive Action Network, 2019-present. Volunteer. An arm of my consulting work, offering movement-building assistance to local groups and organizations, as well as running my own campaigns.

Fort Bragg Election Systems Review Committee, 2019. Volunteer. Appointed to the first ESRC to address a lawsuit charging that the City of Fort Bragg had violated the California Voting Rights Act.

Scott Menzies for Fort Bragg City Council Campaign, 2016. Candidate and Co-Campaign Manager. I was not elected but I came in third-place (two-seat election) with 971 votes (21.4% of votes cast. Note: not a single candidate received a majority of votes, with no candidate receiving more than 36%).

No on Measure U Campaign Committee, 2016. Volunteer. Measure U would have altered zoning laws to prohibit social service organizations in Fort Bragg's central business district. The campaign was successful and Measure U was defeated.

Go Fort Bragg, 2015-2017. Volunteer. Lead Organizer. Go Fort Bragg was a community organizing group promoting participation in Fort Bragg City issues.

Humboldt County, Calif. — 2005-2011

Healthy Humboldt Coalition, Arcata, 2011-2011. Paid. Outreach Coordinator. Encouraged community participation in developing the Humboldt County General Plan Update, in relation to climate change, housing, pollution, and sustainability.

Mariposa County Independent Business Alliance, Mariposa, 2009-2010. Volunteer. Advisor and Lead Organizer.

Humboldt County Independent Business Alliance, Eureka, 2007-2009. Paid Volunteer. Co-Founder and Co-Coordinator of a local Independent Business Alliance using the American Independent Business Alliance model, under the established non-profit Democracy Unlimited of Humboldt County (now Move to Amend).

Humboldt Election Transparency Project, 2008-2010. Volunteer. Group worked with Humboldt County Elections Office to scan ballots and create CDs with images and open source software for citizen audits of local elections.

Voter Confidence Committee, Eureka, 2005-2006. Volunteer. Co-Founder and Co-Organizer, advocating for voting reforms including Ranked-Choice Voting.

To the Fort Bragg City Council,

I am writing to you in support of Scott Menzies' application for the open seat on the Council. I met Scott almost eight years ago when he opened his Ta'i Chi studio a few doors from my business on Franklin St. At that time, I was very active in the business community, helping to organize the First Friday art walks, downtown block parties and building partnerships with other small business owners to promote our downtown. Small business advocacy is a passion of Scott's as well, so we crossed paths often, but we really became friends while working to stop the recall efforts against then mayor, Dave Turner, and on the No on Measure U campaign.

Scott was one of the first people to truly recognize the unjust and illegal nature of Measure U. Though the measure was intended to reverse the permitting of the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center's wellness center at 101 N. Franklin St., its implementation would have affected every social service organization in Fort Bragg and unfairly impacted the vulnerable populations served by those organizations. Scott helped form and served on the steering committee for the No on Measure U campaign, working alongside other downtown business owners and nonprofit leaders to help the citizens of Fort Bragg and the Council understand why the measure was so problematic. Scott's response to Measure U demonstrated true leadership, a commitment to democratic principles and strong community organizing skills. His willingness to wade into a difficult issue, his care for the disadvantaged members of our community and his understanding of the full implications of the proposed legislation earned my deepest respect.

When Scott decided to run for City Council in 2016, I co-managed his campaign (and voted for him) because I believed, and still do, that he has the skills, vision and strength of character to be an effective representative. Since his 2016 run, Scott has continued to be involved in local politics by organizing, petitioning and volunteering for causes that are important to our community.

Scott is a principled person who holds himself to the same high standards he expects of others. He is fair and honest and one of the most open-minded people I know. If appointed to this council, I know he would give careful thought and consideration to each and every decision.

Sincerely,

Hilary White
Resident, City of Fort Bragg

From: [Max Whaley](#)
To: [Lemos, June](#)
Subject: Scott Menzies for City Council
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 1:09:00 PM

Hello,

My name is Max Whaley and I am a 21 year old current college student who has lived in Fort Bragg since I was 8 years old. I supported Scott Menzies's campaign for City Council back in 2016, and was very disappointed when he came up short. His progressive vision for the future of our town was very inspiring, and I thought he would have brought a much needed voice to the Council. I worked with him this summer around the petition to start a task force to address historical and present racism in Fort Bragg, and I saw that he really cares deeply about this town and ensuring that everyone in it is treated with respect and dignity. Appointing him for the Council seat would be a great choice for Fort Bragg, given his extensive experience with community organizing. I hope you consider my message when making your decision.

Thanks,
Max Whaley

Feb. 15, 2021

Dear City Council Members,

I believe that Scott Menzies would be an excellent addition to the Fort Bragg City Council. His willingness to listen to all sides of an issue, his commitment to preserving the character of Fort Bragg while continually working to improve the lives of residents, and his wealth of experience and education would make him a valuable and effective voice on the Council.

I have known Scott for over 10 years, and I know that he is honest, hard-working, a loyal friend, and always tries to consider the best interests of those around him, whether he knows them personally or not. He likes to work collaboratively, and while he has many great ideas on his own, he is also willing to help other people put their plans into place. He puts both energy and thoughtfulness behind his actions.

I agree with Scott's thoughts about Fort Bragg being remote, yet linked inextricably to the rest of the world. There are many issues that the City Council deals with that are specific to Fort Bragg, and Scott has the capability to learn all sides of any of those issues if he does not already know the details. But many important issues that we deal with in our small town do intersect with statewide, national and global issues. The pandemic, increasing fire danger, how the local economy is linked to the larger state and national economy, tourism, are just a few examples of how we are all affected by outside forces. Scott brings a perspective that focuses on our individual community needs, while also taking the larger issues into consideration when decisions are being made that affect our town's future.

Scott Menzies would be a dedicated and effective member of the Fort Bragg City Council. I highly recommend him for your consideration.

Thank you,
Jean Whipple

From: [Marshall Carr](#)
To: [Lemos, June](#)
Subject: Support for Scott Menzies - City Council
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 9:38:25 AM

Dear Council Members,

I support Scott Menzies for the city council position. He has worked hard for this community for years. He has been active in city government and has run for council in the past. Scott knows what it will take to succeed at the job. I trust he will commit the time, energy, and dedication to the job that this community expects from a council member. In addition, Scott's commitment to the BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities in Fort Bragg should be commended. Having someone like Scott on city council will help our community move forward to meet the needs of everyone who calls Fort Bragg home.

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Marshall Carr Jr.
Writer of Fantasy & Science Fiction

From: [Savannah Whaley](#)
To: [Lemos, June](#)
Subject: Letter of support for Scott Menzies on City Council
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 12:38:59 AM

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to express my support for appointing Scott Menzies to the vacant City Council seat. I have known Scott for many years and have been consistently amazed at his engagement and depth of knowledge on so many impactful issues, and his generosity with his time and skills. Scott cares deeply about Fort Bragg and its residents and would use his experience and enthusiasm to benefit the whole community. He is incredibly qualified for this role and has demonstrated his dedication through previous political involvement. His experience as a small-business owner in Fort Bragg would also be very valuable. He is committed, passionate, and thoughtful and he would be a great perspective on the City Council.

Best,
Savannah Whaley

From: [Taylor Slevin](#)
To: [Lemos, June](#)
Subject: Scott Menzies - City Council
Date: Sunday, February 14, 2021 9:00:29 PM

Dear Ms Lemos,

I just wanted to take a moment to let you know that I support Scott Menzies for City Council.

I know Scott to be a sincere community organizer who works hard to make our city a fair and equitable place for all who live here. I support his values and his progressive ideas for Fort Bragg and believe that he could lead us into a sustainable and bright future.

Sincerely,
Taylor Slevin
Citizen of Fort Bragg

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kylie Felicich](#)
To: [Lemos, June](#)
Subject: Scott Menzies
Date: Sunday, February 14, 2021 4:33:17 PM

Good afternoon,

I wanted to send my support for Scott Menzies for an appointment to Fort Bragg City Council. Scott has been a resident for many years. He has a love for our community and a pride for the town. He is very level headed and has great integrity. Scott will always do the right thing for the people of Fort Bragg. He will work hard, he works well with others even if their opinions may differ and he is honest. I cannot think of a better candidate for the vacancy.

Sincerely,

Kylie Felicich
707-684-1822

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Julie Burns](#)
To: [Lemos, June](#)
Subject: Support for Scott Menzies
Date: Sunday, February 14, 2021 3:56:43 PM

To whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my support for Scott Menzies for a seat on the City Council. I followed his campaign in 2016 when he ran for City Council, and I felt he represented my positions on environmental and social issues. I strongly suggest that he be granted that empty seat at this time. I am convinced that he will serve our city well.

Thank you,
Julie Burns
Fort Bragg resident

From: [Edward Murrell Jr](#)
To: [Lemos, June](#)
Subject: Letter of Support for Scott Menzies
Date: Sunday, February 14, 2021 3:23:15 PM

Dear Fort Bragg City Council:

I am writing this letter in support of Scott Menzie's application to fill the vacant seat on the Fort Bragg City Council.

I have known Scott for several years and in different venues. He was my teacher of Tai Chi in a course that lasted several months. He was not only good in giving clear personal instruction but also was able to organize his group classes in a way that seemed to maximize my learning experience. We both also practice Vipassana Meditation and before Covid I would sit on Sundays at the studio with Scott and Emily. Scott has helped me adapt our meditation technique to my everyday life experiences.

I find Scott to be a good listener and a kind, compassionate person. I believe that he would be an asset to our City Council as it works to help all our citizens find happy, productive lives. I support him in his bid for a seat on the Fort Bragg City Council.

Sincerely,

Ed

Ed Murrell
P.O. Box 534
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Feb 14, 2021

City of Fort Bragg
N Franklin St.
Fort Bragg CA

To Members of the City Council:

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Scott Menzies, an applicant for the open position on the City Council. I understand the Council will be choosing someone to fill this position until the next scheduled election.

I voted for Scott for the Council in 2016 and continue to believe he would be an excellent Fort Bragg resident to hold a seat on the Council.

I have known him since he first came to Fort Bragg as a neighbor and as someone who truly has the capacity to see the Big Picture here in Fort Bragg.

His dedication to local social and racial issues, economics and environmental concerns would be a great asset to Fort Bragg's City Council and its residents.

Please consider my support for him in your decision.

Thank You,
Ruth Dobberpuhl

I am a 26 year resident of Fort Bragg and 30+ year resident of the Mendocino County Coast.
I am also a small business owner and parent and grandparent and worked as a substitute teacher for the Fort Bragg Public Schools for 5 years.

From: [Katie Turner](#)
To: [Lemos, June](#)
Subject: Council appointment/letter of support
Date: Sunday, February 14, 2021 11:30:52 AM

Dear Council Members,

I support Scott Menzies for the council position and I hope you will too. He is very dedicated to Fort Bragg as you all know having seen all the work he has done as a community member trying to help our city. He has spent years being a very active participant in our city government and our downtown since 2014. He ran for city council in 2016 and after that election continued to be an active participant in city government and downtown. If he is on council, he will continue to work to support small businesses as well as our natural resources and he will strive to bring more equity to this community. His vision for the mill site and our town is beautiful and is what we should be striving for. He also has participated in city government on boards and attended countless council meetings. He knows what the job entails and how to do it, he will be able to hit the ground running because he already understands how city council functions and what the job really is. He has the drive, the time to invest and the passion to work hard for our community. I support him and think he will give this job the dedication it deserves and work hard to do many things that will help our community.

Please consider the qualifications and the dedication that Scott Menzies has. Being a good council member takes a lot of time, often a lot of research, many meetings and being available to community members. Scott knows this and is prepared to put in the time and put in the work.

Thank you,

Katie Turner-Carr

From: [CAROL BECKER](#)
To: [Lemos, June](#)
Subject: support for Scott
Date: Saturday, February 13, 2021 9:47:59 AM

Hi, I am Carol Becker and while I do not live within the city limits I am, nevertheless, a nearby resident. I am writing to you in support of appointing Scott Menzies to the City Council. I believe he is fair minded and keeps an open mind while listening to people who speak to him. I have spoken to him before and have volunteered with him previously. I think he would be an asset to the Council and add his own thoughtful perspective to issues that affect the city, its people and the environment. Please appoint Scott to the City Council. Thank you.

Carol Becker
16651 Franklin Road...
Fort Bragg.

Mr. Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to voice my support for appointing Mr. Scott Menzies to the City Council to replace Will Lee who resigned. Scott has attended many community and City Council meetings, addressing issues that matter to our community. He served on the Election Systems Review Committee, the task force considering the renaming of Fort Bragg, and other groups advocating for inclusiveness and justice for all citizens. Scott would work to strengthen and further reveal the vibrant qualities of Fort Bragg that so many of us already realize.

I have read Scott's application and find his vision positive and possible. Creative solutions to protect local independent businesses, restoration of our historic buildings in good safe working order are delightful opportunities. When my husband and I moved here 21 years ago, we witnessed the movement of many businesses from overpriced locations south, to our town. If these business owners were to own the buildings they're in, those businesses have a much better opportunity to thrive and I welcome ideas that would enable that. We need to find creative ways to get visitors and residents to shop here. Improving the parking and traffic flow would help greatly with that as would pedestrian blocks that encourage lingering, shopping and outdoor dining. The Mill Site renovation conversation was started shortly after we arrived and progress has been exciting but development must add to, not take away from the small businesses we already have downtown. The Mill Site cleanup is still ongoing and must be done carefully. Our Pomo community must be acknowledged and celebrated. As a coastal location, we must respond to and plan for the environmental impacts that will result from climate disruption. Affordable housing and care for the unhoused people in our community are some of the most difficult problems we face and require respectful and creative solutions. We have a politically diverse community that can agree to disagree if all the residents of Fort Bragg feel they are being listened to by a City Council that reflects the actual political and demographic cross-section of the community.

Sincerely,

Tanya Smart

Fort Bragg

From: [Mark Safron](#)
To: [Lemos, June](#)
Subject: Support for Scott Menzies
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 8:18:59 PM

I think Scott would be an asset to the Council. I've known him for years and believe his ideas would benefit our town.

Mark Safron
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From: [Dr Richard Louis Miller](#)
To: [Scott Menzies](#); [george reinhardt](#); [Lemos, June](#)
Subject: Scott Menzies
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 4:20:15 PM

Dear Council Member Lemos:

I am writing in support of Scott Menzies for the Fort Bragg city Council.

I learned about Scott Menzies during the time he spent at the weekly meetings of the Fort Bragg Junto, started in 1743 by Benjamin Franklin and which I started here in Fort Bragg in 2005.

Scott is an upright good citizen who loves his community and would serve with integrity.

I speak for him not because I necessarily agree, or disagree, with him, but because I believe he is an honest man who will work hard for all of us.

Respectfully,
Richard louis Miller, M. A., Ph.D.

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To the members of the Fort Bragg City Council,

I am writing to you to voice my support for the appointment of Scott Menzies to the Fort Bragg City council. I have known Scott for almost eight years. I met him when he was traveling up to Westport each week to teach Tai Chi. In the ensuing years, we have worked together and trained together. He is my friend, as is his wife, Emily, and has advised me through difficult times.

When I moved to the coast, I first lived in Westport, now Caspar. I became very involved in the Westport community and worked with the Westport Village Society on efforts to hold events and build community. I found Scott to be a valuable advisor in these efforts and when he couldn't help, he was good at connecting me with folks who could. During this time, I had a chance to read his Master's thesis which focused on the idea of the "third place" – places that are not home or work, but are places where people come together to socialize and network. Places that build community.

Scott would be an asset to the Fort Bragg City Council. He has knowledge, education, and experience that would allow him to make intelligent, thoughtful choices for our community with regard to infrastructure, economy, and nurturing community involvement. In addition to this knowledge and experience, he has the desire and drive to be involved with and to improve the place in which he resides. He is honest and ethical. These are all qualities that we should want in our elected, or in this case appointed, officials.

Though I do not live in Fort Bragg city limits, I do much of my shopping there and therefore I vote with my dollars. Scott Menzies is my choice for this appointment.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Sarah Cullar

From: [jaclyn.moura](#)
To: [Lemos, June](#)
Subject: in support of Scott Menzies!
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 5:03:53 PM

This is a little late BUT, Just wanted to show my support for Scott and his support and role in our City counsel endeavors.

AND, thank you for working so hard for our city as well!

blessings, Jaclyn Moura