

Dear City Council Members,

My name is Marcia Rafanan Meadlin and I am ready to fill the vacant seat on the Fort Bragg City Council. My family has lived here in our small coastal town, long before it became known as the City of Fort Bragg. I am a mother of two school aged children and I manage a small upcoming restaurant.

I have many experiences engaging with the diverse community of Fort Bragg. I volunteer at our local schools, work with our elderly, assist with the needs of our homeless, as well as prior working with the developmentally disabled. I am a shoulder to lean on, an ear to listen and a voice if needed.

I know if I am appointed to the vacant seat for Fort Bragg City Council I will strive to do what is best for our community; There is no other place I would call home or would want to raise my children.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ms Rafanan Meadlin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Marcia Rafanan Meadlin

## APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL

### Applicant Information

(Please type or print)

Applicant Name Marcia Rafanan Meadlin

Residence Address [REDACTED]

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ 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?

I want to take an active role meeting the challenges and opportunities facing the Fort Bragg community.

3. What strengths would you bring to the Council?

As a lifelong resident, I have developed respectful relationships with many people across our diverse community. I listen without judgment, am open-minded and respect others' opinions yet I stand by my convictions.

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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

**MARCIA RAFANAN MEADLIN**

**REFERENCES**

**Tara Larson**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Will Lee**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Judy Martin**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



## Marcia Rafanan Meadlin

### SKILLS

Works well with others, Fast Learner, Great with the public, Self Starter

### EXPERIENCE

Noyo Fish Company - Manager  
March 2020 - Present

- Banking
- Ordering Supplies
- Staff Management
- Working with Public

Parents and Friends - Direct Support Provider  
June 2017 - March 2020

- Helped with Personal Care
- Administer Medication
- Cooking
- Cleaning
- Community Activities

Inter-Tribal Council of California - Secretary  
January 1998 - June 2001

- Answered Phones and Directed
- Note Taking
- Ran Errands

REFERENCES UPON REQUEST



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Fax: (707) 964-5231  
License #0C30083

CITY OF FORT BRAGG

REC'D JAN 27 2021



January 26, 2021

Dear City Council Members,

This is a letter of reference for Marcia Rafanan for the vacant seat on the council.

During the time that I have known Marcia she has proven to be an open minded individual and always willing to listen.

I have always found her to be honest and fair in all dealing personal and work related. In regards to her work ethic, she is a hard worker and enjoys working with the public.

I feel she would be an asset to the council especially with her exposure to diversity.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Carol Millsap, State Farm Agent  
License #0C30083

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CITY OF FORT BRAGG

REC'D JAN 27 2021

January 25, 2021

Dear City Council Members,

I am the owner of Los Gallitos Mexican Restaurante here in Fort Bragg. I am supporting Marcia Rafanan for the vacant seat on the council. Marcia is a hard worker, an honest person and great with the public. Marcia is a wonderful ally for our Latino Community. I look forward to seeing Marcia on the council helping our city prosper.

Thank you,

Margarita "Lety" Valenzuela

**From:** [dtmiller@mcn.org](mailto:dtmiller@mcn.org)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Marcia Rafanan  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 27, 2021 12:44:08 PM

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Dear Fort Bragg City Council,

We would like to extend this letter of support for Marcia Rafanan. She is open minded, a hard worker, well known, great with the public, and willing to listen. Born and raised in Fort Bragg, she has the best interest for our community. We feel she is the best candidate to fill the position of City Council Vacancy. Thank you for taking the time to consider our recommendation.

Sincerely,

Tonya Miller

Martha Lopez

Members of the Fort Bragg City Council  
Fort Bragg City Hall  
416 North Franklin Street  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Mayor Norvell and the Fort Bragg City Council:

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Marcia Rafanan. I've known Marcia as long as I can remember, and I feel she would be an outstanding city council representative for the city of Fort Bragg. She is a lifelong resident of Fort Bragg and she knows Fort Bragg's past, is part of Fort Bragg's present, and wants what is best for Fort Bragg's future.

As a Fort Bragg resident, I feel it is vital to have someone appointed to this position who will truly care about the operations, and growth, of our community. Marcia is someone with deep roots and a positive attitude. She wants to see Fort Bragg thrive and truly cares about the community and people.

Our town is special and Marcia knows this. She believes in embracing the local history and diversity of our small community. Ms. Rafanan will listen without judgment and make decisions based on what is best for the town.

Marcia Rafanan is a valued member of the community. She gets along well with people from all walks of life, and she cares about everyone. She is an extremely hard worker and has worked for our community since she could begin working. Not only would Marcia be a valuable member of this council, but she would be honest and professional at all times. She is someone who will listen to others and do what is best for everyone involved.

I am confident that her enthusiasm and work ethic makes her the best candidate for this position. I strongly recommend Marcia Rafanan for the Fort Bragg City Council. She will carry out this position with enthusiasm, drive, determination, and dignity.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Tara N. Larson  
32800 Hwy. 20  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

tmlarson@comcast.net  
(916)798-9784



## Lemos, June

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**From:** Brandi <brandij@mcn.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 1, 2021 3:56 PM  
**To:** Lemos, June  
**Subject:** City Council open seat

Dear Mr. Mayor and Fort Bragg City Council,

My name is Brandi Cooper a local business owner in Fort Bragg. In the many years I have known Marcia Rafanan, she has proven to be compassionate, open minded, and a great listener. I think she will bring a much needed, diverse voice to the council. I think she will keep the people of Fort Bragg in mind when being a part of the city council.

I fully support Marcia for the open city council seat.

Thank you,

Brandi

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*~Brandi Cooper*

**Cooper Plumbing**  
**P.O. Box 2901**  
**Fort Bragg, CA 95437**  
**brandij@mcn.org**  
**707-962-3017**

To the City of Fort Bragg.

This letter is referencing Marcia Rafanan and her application for Fort Bragg City Council. I have known Rafanan for approximately 20 years. Rafanan is a hard-working single mother who would be a great asset to the City of Fort Bragg. Rafanan has been a manager for multiple restaurants and has a great organizational reputation and performance. I know her drive in performance will shine for the City of Fort Bragg.

Rafanan has always been a positive influence for young adults who she has supervised as a restaurant manager. Rafanan has multiple young adults, she has known for years working underneath her and she does not play favorites, to her friend's children. Rafanan is a natural leader, trustworthy and has strong ethical values.

Rafanan would be a great asset to the City of Fort Bragg as an Indigenous Female. Rafanan was raised in Fort Bragg and has stayed here to raise her family. Fort Bragg would be moving in a positive direction selecting Rafanan as a city council member.

Yours truly,

Brandon McGregor

**From:** [JULIE MCHENRY](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Vacated Council Seat  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 3, 2021 9:39:26 AM

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To: Fort Bragg City Council

I am writing in support of Marcia Rafanen Meadlin for the vacated Council Seat. I feel she will represent all the people in our community. She is born and raised in our community and is a hardworking mother.

Thank you,  
Julie McHenry  
Fort Bragg

**From:** [carla slaven](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Marcia Rafanan for City Council  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 4:29:31 PM

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Hi June,

I am writing to recommend Marcia Rafanan for the City Council seat.

She was raised in Fort Bragg and is currently raising her family here. Marcia has a good relationship with the Hispanic and Indian community. I feel that it would be good to have a Council member that has a connection because it would help to get more people involved in our town.

Marcia cares about our community and when she is involved in something, she is very dedicated. She is not afraid to ask questions when necessary and would be great for this position.

Please consider her for this seat.

Thank you for your time,

Carla Slaven

**From:** [Mark Mertle](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Marcia Rafanan Letter of Recommendation  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 4:20:49 PM

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Hello June,

Please forward to the City Council members for Consideration.

Members of the Fort Bragg City Council  
Fort Bragg City Hall  
416 North Franklin Street  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

January 31<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Mayor Norvell and the Fort Bragg City Council:

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Marcia Rafanan. Marcia is a lifetime resident, raising a family and working in our community. She has experienced what has gone right and wrong in our city through her life. I think she brings a unique insight into the council that is both representative and needed. Living here, working here, being raised here, and raising her family in the city of Fort Bragg, she understands the needs of her neighbors and fellow citizens. Marcia understands that the City Council is hard work. She has worked hard her entire life and would like to give back by being a member of the City Council and help shape the future of the City of Fort Bragg.

Sincerely,

Mark Mertle  
Fort Bragg Electric  
Phone: 707-964-9118  
Fax: 707-964-1404  
[Mark@fortbraggelectric.com](mailto:Mark@fortbraggelectric.com)



**From:** [Nathan Salo](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** City Council Seat  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 3, 2021 11:28:04 AM

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Hello, My name is Nathan Salo I have resided in Fort Bragg my entire life. I am writing this as a letter of support for Marsha Rafanan Meadlin for the vacant city council seat. I have known Marsha for over two decades , fifteen years of which she has been a tenant in a home of my family and in those years she has proven to be a responsible , hard working, independent family oriented woman and in my opinion would be a very valuable new addition to the Fort Bragg City council.

Thank you,  
Nathan Salo

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Mick McHenry](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support  
**Date:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 10:08:01 AM

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To: The Fort Bragg City Council,

I am writing you in support of Marcia Rafanan Meadlin for appointment to the Fort Bragg City Council. I believe she is an excellent candidate for the vacant position. She is born and raised in Fort Bragg and would represent our whole community fairly. She is a very hard worker and also a mother.

Thank you,  
Mickey McHenry  
Fort Bragg

## Lemos, June

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**From:** Judith Valadao <j.valadao@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:39 AM  
**To:** Lemos, June  
**Subject:** Support of Marcia for Council appointment

February 4, 2021

Mayor Norvell, Vice Mayor Morsell-Haye, Council Members Albin-Smith and Peters,

I was happy to hear that Marcia Rafanan Meadlin had put her application in for the vacant council seat. Wanting to be fair, I read all the applications that were submitted. I am even more convinced after reading the applications Marcia would be a perfect fit on the Fort Bragg City Council. It seems obvious to me having her onboard would be a huge asset for our City.

What stood out most in Marcia's application was: "I volunteer at our local schools, work with the elderly, assist with the needs of our homeless as well as prior working with developmentally disabled." That, to me speaks volumes as to the love and conviction she has for our community. Marcia has the knowledge of knowing our community and those who live here. She has the knowledge of understanding those folks who come from different backgrounds but make our community what it is. You don't learn that from books, you learn it from living it.

Brandon McGregor (in his letter of support) said it best. "Fort Bragg would be moving in a positive direction selecting Rafanan as a City Council member."

I believe a large part of our community would feel the same should Marcia be selected.

Thank you,

Judy Valadao

Whipple St. Fort Bragg



## Lemos, June

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**From:** crystal@mcn.org  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 3, 2021 7:44 PM  
**To:** Lemos, June  
**Subject:** city council

I would like to send my Reccomomendation for City council, Marcia Meadlin.

A Generational person who understands what is going on in our town. She uses Common Sense, sees both sides of the fence. I believe she would be a

Wonderful addition to the council. Thank you.

Rain Waters

**From:** [Patricia Peeler](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Support  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 3, 2021 8:07:18 PM

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I support Marcia Rafanan Meadlin for city council  
Patricia Peeler

Sent from my iPad

**Lemos, June**

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**From:** noreply@granicusideas.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 3, 2021 8:51 PM  
**To:** Lemos, June  
**Subject:** New eComment for Special City Council Meeting - Via Video Conference



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## New eComment for Special City Council Meeting - Via Video Conference

Linda Jo Stern submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: Special City Council Meeting - Via Video Conference

Item: 1. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS

eComment: I would like to support Marcia Rafanan for the vacant City Council seat. With her experience and history in Fort Bragg and her personal integrity and work ethic, she would be a strong representative on the council. I urge the council to choose Marcia to fill the open position. Thank you for your consideration. Linda Jo Stern

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**From:** [Jojo Rocha](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Recommendation for Rafanan to City Council  
**Date:** Friday, February 5, 2021 11:23:36 PM

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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today to recommend Marcia Rafanan for the city council seat. I manage the Red Rino Express gas station and have known Marcia from there for about five years. While it has taken me awhile to learn Marcia's beverage of choice (Redbull) it took less time to learn that she is a pleasant woman and very friendly--you would not believe the number of times she's run into someone and been drawn into a conversation. She is also kind: around the first year when I was becoming familiar with Marcia, I took my first solo trip over the 20. I was driving up a hill, in my gold PT Crusier, when the unthinkable happened--smoke starting billowing out of the engine and I was forced to pull over. Of course there was no service, and while I was gathering my courage to walk down the highway to find it, Marsha (as she is known) comes whizzing down the road, somehow flips around, and pulls up behind me. She was my hero! She saved me from a dangerous quest for service and even delivered me safely home. Since than I have felt endearment towards her, for how many people would have what she did? To help a somewhat familiar face out of a predicament? Marsha is the kind of person we want on the city council. She is kind and acts when action is needed. She knows the meaning of hard work and the hardships of employment in the city. She's familiar with the Fort Bragg community and is strong enough to be a voice for us in it. Thank you for your time and consideration of this wonderful person.

Sincerely,  
JoeAnna Rocha  
[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [mike white](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Marica mead lin  
**Date:** Sunday, February 7, 2021 12:48:53 PM

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I support Marica for city council I worked for the city of fort Bragg for seventeen years I have been around a lot of council members in those seventeen years and I think Marica would do a great job

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [verna escola](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Marcia  
**Date:** Sunday, February 7, 2021 2:43:07 PM

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I am writing because I want to support Marcia Meadlin for city council. She is a dedicated hard working mother who's love for Fort Bragg is more than obvious. She will be fair and listen to all sides and I feel that her input and support will be very beneficial to the council and the city as a whole.

Thank you for your time,

Verna Escola.

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Verna

**From:** [Martha Trejo](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Marsha rafanan Meadlin  
**Date:** Monday, February 8, 2021 5:56:08 PM

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Por medio de este escrito hago saber que conozco a Marsha Rafanan Meadlin  
Ella es una persona que trabaja duro, que siempre está ayudando a las personas, es amable, humanitaria, por eso pienso que ella sería la persona apropiada para Appointment to Fort Bragg city Council.

Enviado desde mi iPhone

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CITY OF FORT BRAGG  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Dear Fort Bragg City Council,

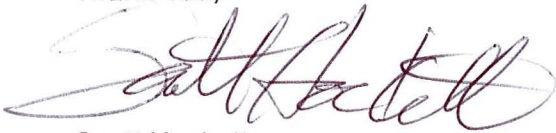
I am the owner of Noyo Fish Company Seafood restaurant in Noyo Harbour. Marcia Rafanan has been my manager for almost a year now.

I needed someone to run my restaurant as I am preoccupied with other projects. Knowing Marcia has decades of experience managing and working with the public, I knew she was the perfect fit to take over the restaurant for me.

Marcia has proven to be a self starter, team player, great with the public and a go getter. She has exceeded what I expected out of her these past months.

I fully support Marcia to be appointed to the vacant City Council seat.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Scott Hockett", written in a cursive style.

Scott Hockett



**From:** [jesusa matson](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** letter of recommendation  
**Date:** Thursday, February 11, 2021 11:54:54 AM

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Jesusa Matson  
Registered Nurse  
535 N. Whipple St.  
Fort Bragg, Ca 95437  
(707) 964-8642

To Members of City Council,

This is a letter of recommendation for Marcia Rafenan. I first met Marcia when she was a waitress at a local restaurant, Captain Flints, in late 1990's. She was friendly and have no complaints about her waitressing job. When she was promoted as a manager there, I thought she would spend the majority of her time behind a desk but to my surprise she still came out and talked and greeted costumers and even helped out.

In health profession myself, I was quite shocked to hear Marcia working as a caregiver for special needs clients. I was impressed with her caring and patience. In the many years I have known Marcia, I see how much she has matured into a responsible, hard working citizen. If you entrust a task or responsibility to her, she will put 100% into it.

I believe Marcia will be a great asset as a member of the city council.

Sincerely,  
Jesusa Matson

**From:** [Nancy Bennett](#)  
**To:** [Norvell, Bernie](#); [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for Marcia Rafanan Meadlin  
**Date:** Monday, February 15, 2021 9:38:54 PM

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Dear Mayor Norvell and Members of the Fort Bragg City Council:

I am writing this letter to express my support for Marcia Rafanan Meadlin in her application for the open City Council seat.

I have had an opportunity to talk with Marcia about the reasons why she is interested in this position and her vision for Fort Bragg. I was very impressed with her answers and ideas on growing a sound and sustainable economy.

Marcia speaks passionately about helping her community and fostering public safety. I found her to be very approachable and open-minded while she listened to my concerns about our community. As a local business owner, I appreciated her optimism for our town's future.

Please vote Marcia Rafanan Meadlin for Fort Bragg City Council. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,  
Nancy Bennett



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Dear Councilmembers:

You have a daunting task before you of selecting just one of the nine candidates to fill the vacant City Council seat. I don't know most, but believe that anyone who wants a seat on the council does so with the benefit of the community in mind.

That said, it is my hope that the person selected represents a wide swath of the community; someone who is willing to put the work in to this position, comfortable asking questions, confident enough to disagree and humble enough to be respectful in all interactions with fellow councilmembers, City staff and our community. The person who takes this seat should be open minded and objective, as is required of all city councilmembers and planning commissioners. This seat shouldn't be about political motivations, it should be about community representation.

In reviewing the candidates, I truly believe Marsha Rafanan Meadlin would be the best choice. I believe she represents the widest segment of our community for the following reasons:

1. She works in the tourism-oriented service industry (which is the main industry of Fort Bragg);
2. She's a single parent and uniquely understands the challenges of single parenthood as well as the school system;
3. She represents the First Peoples, including our Hispanic and Latino community members – those who have not historically had a voice on the City Council.

I do not believe it is important to select someone with previous government or 'leadership' experience. It's far more important to select someone who genuinely cares for the community and wants to help create a future we can all be proud of. Ms. Rafanan Meadlin has a diverse group of references – that's amazing in itself because it tells me she relates to people across a spectrum within our community. She has been described as an incredibly hardworking person, someone who is present and supportive of others – intangibles that are definitely positives for local government officials.

Currently, the City Council is represented by two business owners, and two semi-retired professionals – no one represents the visitor serving working class. That said, selecting Marsha Rafanan Meadlin is an opportunity to include more representation for the community. I urge you to make this decision. In 2022, four of five council seats will be open, including hers. At that point, the community at large will be able to vote for who they want, but it's your opportunity now to afford greater inclusivity for the residents of Fort Bragg.

Sincerely,  
Jamie Peters

**From:** [Joelle Bradley](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Marcia Rafanan Meadlin for City Council  
**Date:** Monday, February 15, 2021 3:42:15 PM

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Dear Fort Bragg City Council,

We are writing to recommend Marcia Rafanan for a seat on City Council. Marcia is one of the hardest working people we know and has a very long history of not only working with the public in several businesses in Fort Bragg but she is also approachable and listens to what people have to say. We believe she would be an asset to the city as she is a hometown girl, who is proud to raise her kids here. She is willing to put in the time and effort as a member of the City Council to make important decisions regarding our town and its people.

Sincerely,

Steve and Joelle Bradley  
Fort Bragg

**From:** [Felicia Holmes](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Marcia Rafanan Meadlin, Letter of Support  
**Date:** Monday, February 15, 2021 2:37:41 PM

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Felicia Renteria-Holmes  
pureheartsguide@yahoo.com  
(707) 621-2097  
February 15, 2021

To Fort Bragg City Counsel:

I am writing in reference to Marcia Rafanan Meadlin and her application for Fort Bragg City Counsel. I have known Marcia for nearly 30 years. I was born and raised in Fort Bragg and went to school with Marcia. I have found her to be a woman with integrity, hardworking, friendly, and a person who exhibits citizenship and a genuine care for her community and the people around her. She has deep roots to the Fort Bragg area, where she was raised, and is also raising her children. I have always known Marcia to be nothing less than authentic, caring, and compassionate. I believe Marcia would be a true asset to any business, group, or counsel she is party to.

I would like to voice my support of Marcia Rafanan Meadlin for City Counsel.

If you require any other additional information please feel free to contact me at the phone number provided above, or by email.

Yours truly,  
Felicia Renteria-Holmes

**From:** [Rhonda Stoker](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Marcia Rafanan Meadlin  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:27:39 AM

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Mayor and Councilmembers

It is with pleasure that I write this letter of support for Marcia Rafanan Meadlin to be appointed to the vacant seat on the Fort Bragg City Council. Marcia is a Fort Bragg native and her management of Captain Flints for 20 years speaks to the dedication and team participation Marcia is capable of. I own and operate a business within the FB City Limits however my residence being outside the city limits doesn't allow me to vote for council members. In this case I am asking the council to appoint Marcia Rafanan Meadlin –

Fort Bragg needs Marcia!

Rhonda - The Quarry  
[rhonda-thequarry@att.net](mailto:rhonda-thequarry@att.net)

**From:** [Gisele Reaney](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Date:** Monday, February 15, 2021 12:04:01 PM

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Hi June,

I wholeheartedly support and endorse Marcia Rafanan Meadlin for appointment to the Fort Bragg city council.

Gisele Darcy

125 S Harrison St, Fort Bragg, CA 95437

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Gisele Reaney Darcy

(707) 813-2007

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**From:** [SLB](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Marcia Rafanan Meadlin  
**Date:** Sunday, February 14, 2021 6:55:35 PM

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Dear Mayor and Council Members

I understand that you will soon be appointing a person to fill the council seat vacated by Will Lee.

I believe Marcia Rafanan Meadlin will be your best choice. As a native of Fort Bragg, Marcia's familiarity with Fort Bragg – as it was, how it is and what will need to be addressed to keep our community thriving and safe for it's citizens is necessary. Marcia is not afraid to roll up her sleeves and get the job done -whatever that job may be.

Marcia has been involved in the Restaurant Industry for over 20 years. Her experience in these areas which require listening, teamwork, problem solving, brain storming which will be useful skills and give her an advantage and head start on the council.

I have heard from many of your constituents who are supporting Marcia and hope your listen to our voices and follow through with her appointment to the Fort Bragg City Council.

I endorse Marcia Rafanan Meadlin and recommend her appointment to the open council seat.

Thank you for your consideration.

Stacey Bradley  
Pacific Auto Body & Rental Inc. - President  
Noyo Ice LLC-Managing Member

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



**From:** [kYra Dear](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Open Seat on City Council  
**Date:** Friday, February 12, 2021 5:26:02 PM

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I am writing the FB City Council in support of the election of Marcia Rafanan Meadlin. It is long overdue for Indigenous representation. It is also conspicuous how few progressives are on the City Council as well as the county Board of Supervisors. We need more women, more people of color, more progressives. All the most elderly, and otherwise, white men are way over represented in our governance.

Thank you,  
Kyra Rice  
707-456-7758

**From:** [Tiffani Ferris](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of support Marcia Rafanan  
**Date:** Friday, February 12, 2021 5:22:06 PM

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I am writing to support Marcia Rafanan for the appointment to fill the city council vacancy.

I have known Marcia and the Rafanan family for thirty plus years. Marcia has watched our community change and grow,. I find Marcia's ability to rationalize, think outside the box, and amazing communication skills are a great asset. Her patience and understanding has always been prevalent in how she carries herself. Having a disabled daughter needing 24 hour care, it was a blessing to have someone with Marcias compassion, patience and skill set working with my special needs daughter, Because of her professionalism, she could defuse behavioral situations and redirect to allow the outcome to be that of a positive one. The care providers that could handle this situation without getting angry or frustrated is few and far between. Personally, I feel she has the patience of a saint.

Marcia has ties to so many in our diverse community. I feel she would bring representation for all our residents. She has ran businesses for years, and you dont get the opportunity to do that if you are not a person who works well with the public and all its quirks. She knows what it is like for the many of us who are raising children, working, trying our best to get by each day. Her relationships go far and wide in our community.

If you are looking for a council member who will be fair and honest, has knowledge of our communities history, current and future needs, dedicates themselves fully to any task she takes on, Marcia is this person.

Thank you so much ,  
Tiffani Ferris

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Tiffani Ferris

**From:** [suzann.lina](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Marsha  
**Date:** Friday, February 12, 2021 3:36:51 PM

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**Dear Council Members  
and Mayor,  
I have known Marcia  
since we attended  
school as young  
children. I have always  
known her to be open  
minded, energetic,  
helpful and generous  
with her time.**

**If appointed to the  
council Marcia is  
someone who would  
represent our  
community as a whole.**

**I have always admired her work ethic and energy.**

**She brings to the table connections with the diversity found in our community, from our service industry workers, working parents, our disabled, and those who seldom have a voice.**

**Marcia is someone who represents people like myself who have grown up in this community but have never felt represented.**

**Her appointment has  
my full support and that  
of my family.**

**Suzzann Lina  
Fort Bragg**



Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [christopher matson](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** marcia rafanan madlin  
**Date:** Friday, February 12, 2021 2:57:52 PM

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christopher m. matson  
commercial fisherman  
535 n. whipple st  
ft. bragg ca

i would like to support Marcia Rafanan Medln in her bid for a seat on the ft. bragg city council

christopher m. matson

**From:** [Angela](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Marcia for City Council  
**Date:** Friday, February 12, 2021 2:03:48 PM

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Dear Fort Bragg City Council

I am writing to endorse Marcia Rafanan for the open seat on the city council. I support Marcia for many reasons, as a fellow mother and someone in the local restaurant industry she understands the struggles of raising children and juggling job and other life responsibilities. I've always been impressed with Marcia's abilities to achieve so much despite being so busy, while always having a positive attitude.

Angela Lina  
Lee's Chinese  
Fort Bragg

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February 9, 2021

To whom it may concern:

My name is Sandra L. Shay. I was a teacher at Fort Bragg Junior High and later, Middle School for thirty-eight years.

Marsha Rafanan was one of my students, but in the past few years we have been in much closer contact.

She and a friend saw me having a tough time shopping in Safeway. They both offered to help me and later helped me at home and did errands for me.

In February, 2019 I had surgery which also required me to be on an oxygen machine 24/7.

After recuperating at Sherwood Oaks, I came home. Marsha offered to spend the night with me.



Care givers normally charge \$500 a night to do that, but

Marsha refused any money at all.

Since then, she has consistently gotten the equipment to assist with my oxygen supply.

When the power went out, Marsha came to my home every four hours to make sure I had oxygen, always refusing any payments.

The only time she did accept money (\$50<sup>00</sup>) was for her daughter's birthday.

She continues to help today.

All this shows me that: she is a person of great character, responsibility and reliability; a good person; a caring person; and a loving mother.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Gray

Sandra L. Shay  
620 DuBois Ln.  
Ft. Bragg, CA

964-9357

**From:** [Buffie Schmidt](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Cc:** [Marcia Meadlin](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of support Marcia Rafanan Meadlin  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:09:02 AM

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Dear Fort Bragg City Council and whom it may concern;

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> My name is Buffie Schmidt. I am from Noyo Reservation and Sherwood Valley Rancheria on my fathers side and Yokayo Rancheria on my moms side. I serve as Vice Chairwoman with Sherwood Valley Rancheria in Willits, CA.

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> Marcia Rafanan Meadlin is my relative from the coast and a lifelong resident of Fort Bragg, also enrolled with the Sherwood Valley Rancheria. We are descendant of the Cooper family that lived on the Noyo beach before logging moved our family to the bluff where many of our descendants still live.

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> Our families still carry on the traditions of our native roots growing up along the coast of Fort Bragg. Gathering seaweed, harvesting abalone for ceremony and sustenance, and providing surfish, deer meat and muscles for our family and elders, trading our coastal goods for valley goods with our inland relatives.

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> I am writing this letter of support for my relative Marcia because she has an enormous amount of pride and love for the area of our ancestors. Marcia is great with the public, always helpful, and willing to listen. She speaks up against inequality against herself and others, but also kind and sincere with her friends, family and public.

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> She has expressed to me ideas for the betterment of the Fort Bragg community. Positions include a desire to meet the community's pressing need for quality workforce and student housing; continuing to adjust and improve the city's approach to public safety and mental health needs, including dedicating appropriate resources and support. Restoration and expansion of the local sports fields and facilities to provide safe and adequate access to these important community resources for children and athletes of all ages. She also has a positive outlook and vision on future relations between the city and the tribal community she belongs to.

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> Thank you for considering Marcia Rafanan Meadlin for Fort Bragg City Council.

> Respectfully submitted,

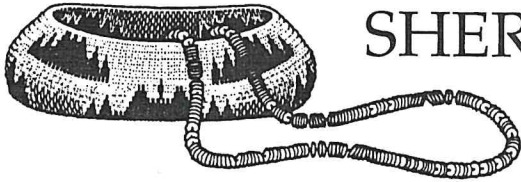
> Buffie Schmidt

> Vice Chairwoman

> Sherwood Valley Rancheria

> 190 Sherwood Hill Drive

> Willits, CA 95490



# SHERWOOD VALLEY BAND OF POMO INDIANS

February 16, 2021

Fort Bragg City Council  
416 N. Franklin Street  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Dear Council Members,

As the Tribal Chairperson, I am writing this recommendation letter for Marcia Meadlin, who has submitted her intention to be the next City Council Member. She is a lifelong resident of Fort Bragg and is raising her children there.

Ms. Meadlin is a great listener and is not afraid to speak her mind. She will consider all opinions and come to a thoughtful decision. Marcia is a strong leader, evident in managing a busy local restaurant. Her long standing ties to the community provides keen insight to the future needs of Fort Bragg.

Marcia is a young, strong Native woman enrolled in Sherwood Valley. Allowing her to become a part of the City Council will help to keep the connection between the Tribe and the City a strong one.

Should you have any questions, please contact me directly at [mcrafanan@sherwoodband.com](mailto:mcrafanan@sherwoodband.com) or 707-367-3017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Melanie Rafanan'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Melanie Rafanan  
Tribal Chairperson

**From:** [WILLIAM LEE](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for Marcia Rafanan-Meadlin for City Council  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 1:08:30 PM

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**Subject: Letter of Support for Marcia Rafanan-Meadlin for City Council**

Dear Fort Bragg City Council Members

This letter is my endorsement of Marcia Rafanan-Meadlin for my seat on the Council. I have known Marcia for many years and attest to her work ethic, professionalism and her genuine concern for improving the way of life in our City. Marcia is a hard-working mother born and raised in Fort Bragg and vested in the future of the community. Marcia has volunteered much of her time with local agencies that benefit those less fortunate and has a caring and dedicated personality.

I am proud that she has decided to step up to the plate and to offer her time and energy to represent all the people of our City. I have explained the time commitment and the required reading to Marcia and the research required to do the job and she has reaffirmed her resolve to do just that.

Marcia will bring a different approach to the Council as another working Mom; as a Native American descendant with youthful perspective that will work well with the four council members currently serving. The Fort Bragg City Council benefits from its diversity and from varying perspectives.

Marcia enjoys broad community support and I am confident she will win in an election in 2 years.

It has been one of the greatest honors in my life getting elected in 2016 and serving my neighbors, families and friends of the great City of Fort Bragg and working with such a dedicated City Council and City staff. We are truly lucky to have such dedicated civil servants and Marcia will be a good addition.

Please consider appointing Marcia to my seat.

*Thank you,*

*Will*

William V. Lee

Former Mayor and Council Member

**From:** [Rylie Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 1:44:08 PM

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Dear Fort Bragg city council members,

I believe Marcia Rafanan Meadlin would make a good choice in filling the vacant city council seat.

While I have personally known Marcia for the the past 21 years I've had the pleasure of having her as my manager for the past 8 months. Marcia is a dedicated and hard working mom all while being an honest, and fair mentor and manager to me and my coworkers. Her ability to address concerns, and work out solutions has made the workplace enjoyable. I appreciate her ability in instilling a great work ethic for many of us.

Marcias life values and experiences equate well with the concerns and aspirations we have within our small town. Marcia knows how to get things done, and is passionate about Fort Bragg, I know she will work very hard to do what is best!

Sincerely,  
Rylie Johnson

**From:** [Jenny Shattuck](#)  
**To:** [Lemos, June](#)  
**Cc:** [Norvell, Bernie](#); [Morsell-Have, Jessica](#); [Albin-Smith, Tess](#); [Peters, Lindy](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment supporting Marcia Rafanan Meadlin  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 4:14:06 PM  
**Attachments:** [marcia fb1](#)

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Dear Council members,

As someone who has attended as many council, committee, community planning, emergency preparedness, and special meetings as my health allows for the past 2 decades, while living in and just outside of city limits, I can wholeheartedly say that Marcia Rafanan truly is representative of our residents and recommend her appointment to the vacant council seat.

I know the hard work and dedication that all council members demonstrate, as I have spoke before many councils. All varying, and different. But that is what is key, that the person appointed is not putting themselves forward because of a specific agenda, but rather because of their love of community and what their personal experiences can bring to the table. .Marcia has the perspective of a working mom, the experience of working with the public on many levels, knowing the needs of our communities children, working families, struggling families, our elderly, homeless, and businesses.

Marcia has roots that run deeper than most here in our community. She does not flaunt this, but she understands a perspective that most do not. She is supported by many in our Hispanic and Latino community, by those in the fishing and logging industry, the service industry, and business sector, our First Peoples, the Pomo and more. Marcia's connections to the broad spectrum of our community enable her to be a bridge builder between the city and its residents. In a time it seems needed most.

I support Marcia, knowing full well that she may not support, nor agree with what I support. But she will make her decisions with an open mind, Most everyone who has ever joined the council did not have governmental experience, but jumped in with both feet and found their groove. Marcia is dedicated and shows up, even when the going gets tough. She has persevered after stumbling blocks, only to get up, dust herself off and continue on to achieve greater things. Marcia loves our community, she chose to stay and raise her family here. She represents so many here, who truly want our town to come together, to find common ground, and not only learn from our past, but better our future.

As seen by Marcia's Facebook post announcing her interest in city council, she has broad support from our diverse community, with people of all backgrounds. (see attached)

Jenny Shattuck