



## 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:**

- a. At least 18 years of age;
- b. A citizen of the state of California;
- c. A resident of Fort Bragg residing within the City Limits;
- d. A registered voter in the City of Fort Bragg; and
- e. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Nathan Maxwell Cann

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?
  
3. What strengths would you bring to the Council?

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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:

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jlemos@fortbragg.com

# Nathan Maxwell Cann



## Objective

To assist the council in solving problems; to aid the community to the best of my abilities.

## Work Experience

May 2017 - Present

### **For Eater Cafe, Mendocino** - *Co-Owner*

- Serve the community with Southern Vegetarian Cuisine.
- Manage employees, work every position.
- Design interior space, menus, posters, business cards, etc.

May 2017 - Present

### **Rising Tide Sea Vegetables, Fort Bragg** - *Harvester*

- Harvest varieties of kelp for commercial culinary purposes.

August 2017 - April 2019

### **Little River Inn, Little River** - *Bar Manager*

- Bar manager and creative director.

## Education

bachelors of science, cinema & photography, ithaca college 2008

bachelors of arts, philosophy & religion, ithaca college 2008

## References

Larry Knowles, Employer at Rising Tide: lknowles@mcn.org

Christine Samas, Mother-In-Law: rishi@mcn.org

Holly Madrigal, Word of Mouth Magazine: wordofmouthmendo@gmail.com

# Nathan Maxwell Cann

Bartender

## objectives

to provide superior service;  
to explore new flavors & experiences  
inspired by local flora & fauna

## contact

## employment

- nomica.* modern japanese restaurant, san francisco July 2016 - May 2017  
bar manager & creative director of adventurous cocktail & sake program
- sro / oddjob.* craft cocktail lounge, san francisco Dec 2015 - Aug 2016  
lead bartender at creative, conceptual bar with no menu
- absinthe.* neighborhood restaurant, san francisco Feb 2015 - Dec 2016  
bartender; cocktails featured on the menu at Hayes Valley staple
- verbena.* farm to table restaurant, san francisco Feb 2014 - Jan 2015  
lead bartender; cocktails featured on the menu; created in-house nocino, punches, and spirit-infusions for leading bar program.
- speakeasy sf.* immersive theatre, san francisco Jan 2014 - Jan 2017  
lead bartender and actor in immersive play set in 1923;  
developed cocktail program, served drinks, delivered lines.

## projects

- fog eater cafe.* upcoming restaurant, mendocino county May 2017 - Present  
series of pop-up dinners & events for upcoming southern vegetarian restaurant
- codex.* fine dining experiences, san francisco Jan 2017 - Present  
avante-garde series of dinners with leading michelin-starred chefs & bartenders
- lectures on libations.* educational series, san francisco Jan 2016 - Present  
seminars & workshops illuminating the illustrious history of the cocktail

## achievements

- usbg seminar.* lecturer on avant-garde cocktails at bartender guild 2016
- camp runamok.* full scholarship to bourbon intensive program 2015
- portland cocktail week masters program.* full scholarship 2015
- portland cocktail week.* full scholarship to edcational classes 2014

## education

- bachelors of science, cinema & photography,* ithaca college 2008
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Dear Councilmembers, Planners, Clerks, & Other Stewards of Our City,

My name is Nathan Maxwell Cann, and I would like to apply for the open seat on the City Council. Many of you know me, and I am sure everyone knows my daughter, Bijou. First, let me say that I am not a native son of Fort Bragg. I am a transplant, who like many, became infatuated with this big-little town on the Pacific coastline from the first moment I visited, about twelve years ago. My wife and her family have been living here for over half a century, and I knew when I first watched the sun set on the headlands that this is a very special place, unique in its charm and history, its size and its demographics. I have lived in many cities before this, with the dream of being able to return to this town by the sea. A few years ago, we had a chance to leave San Francisco and return here to open a business and place down roots. We have a mind to keep our family history tied intimately with this place; raising our daughter in the same alley house off Perkins Way where my wife was raised. I care deeply about this town and feel invested in its future. Recently, I have realized that civic engagement is at the core of this relationship. And if I want to preserve the beauty and charm, the unique blend of environmentally conscious community and rugged individual freedom that attracts people here from far and away, I have a responsibility to aid the community and take a role in civil discourse.

I bring to the table a discipline of hard work, strong ethics, diverse experience, and creative problem solving. I am co-owner of the Fog Eater Cafe in Mendocino, a privilege I share with my wife, Haley Samas-Berry and our business partner, Erica Schneider. Through this venture I have worked with the local farmers and vendors in Fort Bragg, and have firsthand knowledge on the difficulties faced by opening and running a small business. Additionally, I have spent the last four years working for Rising Tide Sea Vegetables, harvesting seaweed at dawn off the beautiful coast from Elk to MacKerricher State Park. This past year I was a guest artist at Northcoast Artists Gallery. I am also a member of the local Mushroom Club, and spend most of my free time appreciating the amazing trails that surround our town.

Whether or not I am accepted to this position, I plan on working with local businesses in expanding our creative resources, preserving our natural splendor, and showcasing our unique culture and history. I try to understand all positions on a given issue, for the problems of a community are subtle and complex and require thoughtful and careful resolutions.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reading this application. I look forward to working with you in creating the best future for Fort Bragg.

Sincerely,  
Nathan Maxwell Cann