



## CITY OF FORT BRAGG

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416 N. Franklin Street  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

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Merle Larson  
Operator Two, Public Works Department  
City of Fort Bragg

Dear Merle,

On behalf of the City of Fort Bragg, I am writing to thank you for 21 years of exceptional service to our town. Since 2004, you have worked your way up, starting as an Operator in Training, eventually garnering Level Two Certifications from the State Water Resources Control Board for Drinking Water Treatment, Wastewater Treatment, and Water Distribution. And you have provided the Public Works Department with a unique skill set as an electrician.

Your contributions to Fort Bragg extend beyond your time in Public Works, to the years you spent as a millwright and electrician, for GP, and then for both Fort Bragg Electric and Russ Merritt Electric. You have been helping our town keep its lights on and motors running, and you have also contributed to the all-important work of providing clean drinking water - through droughts, changes in science and technology, and updates in California code.

Over the 21 years you have dedicated to the City of Fort Bragg, you have provided an extraordinary electrical expertise that has translated to safer and more efficient systems throughout our infrastructure. Having met you recently out at the Corp Yard, I can attest to the friendly, affable demeanor you bring to the workplace. I know your colleagues have not only benefited from your skills and diligence; they have undoubtedly been grateful for your calm, engaging manner.

Merle, thanks again for everything you have done for our community. I am excited for your next chapter, and I am so curious to see what all kinds of trouble you get into!

Best Regards,

Jason Godeke, Mayor, City of Fort Bragg