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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Office of the Governor
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: California Coastal Commission Appointment

Dear Governor Brown:

The Fort Bragg City Council, on behalf of our esteemed Mayor, Lindy Peters, highly recommends and supports his nomination to the California Coastal Commission's North Coast Representative seat.

Mayor Peters has been an elected official in Fort Bragg for 14 years. He participates in countless land use decisions directly involving coastal projects. One such project includes a privately owned 400-acre parcel that sits on the ocean bluff and will virtually double the geographical size of Fort Bragg as it is developed. Neither Humboldt nor Del Norte Counties have a site of this magnitude and importance to consider for development. This opportunity and experience makes his nomination unique to all others seeking confirmation.

Mayor Peters has been involved with the Commission since 1972 when he joined a campus committee at UC Santa Barbara to lobby fellow students to support Proposition 20 establishing the Commission. More recently, last November, he participated on a panel of elected officials from coastal cities who sat with the Commission in Half Moon Bay to discuss sea level rise and the need to update Local Coastal Programs in affected cities.

A lifelong Democrat, Mayor Peters believes in the preservation and protection of our precious California coastline. He also understands the legality of property rights and the delicate balance between the two. Mayor Peters believes the Commission should be viewed as an enhancer to coastal projects and development rather than a barrier. His priorities as a Commissioner would be to focus on beach erosion, storm surges and salt water intrusion – all effects of climate change.

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Due to Mayor Peters' passion, extensive experience and unbridled dedication not only to the preservation and protection of Fort Bragg's coastline, but to the entire California coast, we strongly recommend his nomination to the Commission.

We understand serving on the Commission can be demanding and, at times, contentious. We are confident Mayor Peters will serve as ably on the Commission as he does on our City Council.

Yours in service,

Fort Bragg City Council

Will Lee
Vice Mayor

Michael Cimolino
Councilmember

Dave Turner
Councilmember

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Councilmember