



# City of Fort Bragg

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## Meeting Agenda City Council

**THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL MEETS CONCURRENTLY  
AS THE FORT BRAGG MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
NO. 1 AND THE FORT BRAGG REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR  
AGENCY**

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Monday, April 13, 2026

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street  
and Via Video Conference

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### CALL TO ORDER

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

### COUNCILMEMBERS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

*Councilmembers are reminded that pursuant to the Council policy regarding use of electronic devices during public meetings adopted on November 28, 2022, all cell phones are to be turned off and there shall be no electronic communications during the meeting. All e-communications such as texts or emails from members of the public received during a meeting are to be forwarded to the City Clerk after the meeting is adjourned.*

### ZOOM WEBINAR INVITATION

*This meeting is being presented in a hybrid format, both in person at Town Hall and via Zoom.*

*You are invited to a Zoom webinar.*

*When: Apr 13, 2026 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)*

*Topic: City Council Meeting*

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*<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81908057109>*

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### CLOSED SESSION REPORT

### AGENDA REVIEW

### 1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1A. [26-182](#) Presentation of Caltrans Fort Bragg ADA Project

- 1B. [26-139](#) Presentation of Proclamation Honoring National Volunteer Month  
*Attachments:* [14- Volunteer Week](#)
- 1C. [26-138](#) Presentation of Proclamation Honoring Tessie Branscomb In Recognition of a Lifetime of Service and Dedication  
*Attachments:* [12- Tessie Branscomb](#)
- 1D. [26-129](#) Presentation of Proclamation Honoring the 40th Anniversary of Home Style Cafe  
*Attachments:* [15- Home Style Cafe 40th](#)
- 1E. [26-176](#) Presentation of Proclamation Declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month  
*Attachments:* [19- Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#)

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON: (1) NON-AGENDA, (2) CONSENT CALENDAR & (3) CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

*MANNER OF ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL: All remarks and questions shall be addressed to the City Council; no discussion or action will be taken pursuant to the Brown Act. No person shall speak without being recognized by the Mayor or Acting Mayor. Public comments are restricted to three (3) minutes per speaker.*

*TIME ALLOTMENT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Thirty (30) minutes shall be allotted to receiving public comments. If necessary, the Mayor or Acting Mayor may allot an additional 30 minutes to public comments after Conduct of Business to allow those who have not yet spoken to do so. Any citizen, after being recognized by the Mayor or Acting Mayor, may speak on any topic that may be a proper subject for discussion before the City Council for such period of time as the Mayor or Acting Mayor may determine is appropriate under the circumstances of the particular meeting, including number of persons wishing to speak or the complexity of a particular topic. Time limitations shall be set without regard to a speaker's point of view or the content of the speech, as long as the speaker's comments are not disruptive of the meeting.*

*BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS: The Brown Act does not allow action or discussion on items not on the agenda (subject to narrow exceptions). This will limit the Council's response to questions and requests made during this comment period.*

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## **3. STAFF COMMENTS**

## **4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

## **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

*All items under the Consent Calendar will be acted upon in one motion unless a Councilmember requests that an individual item be taken up under Conduct of Business.*

- 5A. [26-174](#) Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Assigning City Manager as the Representative-Signature-Certifier Security Role for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Online Application Intake System for Telecommunications Programs
- Attachments:** [RESO - ReConnect](#)
- 5B. [26-183](#) Adopt Joint City Council/Municipal Improvement District Resolution Amending the FY 2025/26 Budget for Mid-Year Budget Adjustments
- Attachments:** [RESO ID Budget Amendments 2026](#)  
[Exhibit A](#)
- 5C. [26-154](#) Receive and File Minutes of the Public Works and Facilities Committee Meeting of February 12, 2026
- Attachments:** [PWF 02122026](#)
- 5D. [26-162](#) Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of March 23, 2026
- Attachments:** [SCCM 03232026](#)
- 5E. [26-163](#) Approve Minutes of March 23, 2026
- Attachments:** [CCM 03232026](#)
- 5F. [26-171](#) Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of March 30, 2026
- Attachments:** [SCCM 03302026](#)

## **6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

## **7. PUBLIC HEARING**

*When a Public Hearing has been underway for a period of 60 minutes, the Council must vote on whether to continue with the hearing or to continue the hearing to another meeting.*

- 7A. [26-144](#) Receive Report, Conduct a Public Hearing, and Consider Adoption of a Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council to Amend the Fort Bragg Inland General Plan by Adopting the 2019 Housing Element Amendment (GPA 1-26); CEQA Exemption 15061(b)(3)
- Attachments:** [04132026 Housing Element Amendment](#)  
[Att 1 - RESO Housing Element Amendment 04132026](#)  
[Att 2 - HCD Letter to Fort-Bragg-HEI-LOI-100725](#)  
[Att 3 - City response to HCD Letter](#)  
[Att 4 - 2019 Vacant Parcel Analysis](#)  
[Att 5 - RESO PC 04-2026](#)  
[Att 6 - NOPH General Plan Amendment](#)

**8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

- 8A. [26-157](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Assembly Bill 2494, Modernizing Our Forest System
- Attachments:** [Att 1 - AB 2494](#)  
[Att 2 - AB 2494 Summary](#)  
[Att 3 - Draft City Council AB 2494 Support Letter](#)  
[Public Comment](#)
- 8B. [26-158](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding H.R. 22, Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act (SAVE Act)
- Attachments:** [Att 1 - H.R. 22](#)  
[Att 2 - H.R.22 - 119th Congress \(2025-2026\) Summary SAVE Act](#)  
[Att 3 - Draft City Council Save Act Opposition Letter](#)
- 8C. [26-186](#) Receive Report and Consider Adopting City Council Resolution Establishing the “Leading the Next Wave of Leaders” Youth Internship and Youth Council Program
- Attachments:** [04132026 Youth Internship and Council Program Staff Report](#)  
[Att 1 - RESO Youth Intership and Council Program](#)
- 8D. [26-173](#) Receive Report and Consider Adopting City Council Resolution Approving Waiver of Limited Term Permit Fees for Events in the Central Business District (CBD)
- Attachments:** [04132026 LTP Waivers Staff Report](#)  
[Att 1 - RESO LTP Waivers](#)

**9. CLOSED SESSION****ADJOURNMENT**

*The adjournment time for all Council meetings is no later than 10:00 p.m. If the Council is still in session at 10:00 p.m., the Council may continue the meeting upon majority vote.*

**NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:  
6:00 P.M., MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA     )  
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 COUNTY OF MENDOCINO    )

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the City of Fort Bragg and that I caused this agenda to be posted in the City Hall notice case on April 9, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Diana Paoli  
 City Clerk

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Presentation of Caltrans Fort Bragg ADA Project



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Presentation of Proclamation Honoring National Volunteer Month



# **PROCLAMATION**

## **National Volunteer Week**

### **April 19-25, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Bragg deeply values the generosity, compassion, and dedication of the volunteers who strengthen our community every day; and

**WHEREAS**, National Volunteer Week, established in 1974, is an annual celebration that honors the impact of volunteer service and the power of individuals and organizations to make a meaningful difference; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bragg's volunteers contribute countless hours supporting community well-being through service in emergency preparedness, environmental stewardship, neighborhood improvement, youth and senior programs, arts and cultural activities, and nonprofit and civic initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, these volunteers embody the spirit of cooperation and service that reflects the very best of Fort Bragg, demonstrating that when people work together with generosity and purpose, our community grows stronger, healthier, and more resilient; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that volunteerism is essential to the vitality of our coastal community and that the collective efforts of volunteers enrich the quality of life for residents and visitors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, National Volunteer Week provides an opportunity to acknowledge, celebrate, and express gratitude for all volunteers who give their time, talent, and energy to making Fort Bragg a better place;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jason Godeke**, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the Week of April 19-25, 2026, as National Volunteer Week in the City of Fort Bragg and encourage all residents to recognize the important work of volunteers and to consider ways they can contribute to the well-being of our community.

**SIGNED this 13th day of April, 2026**

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**JASON GODEKE, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Diana Paoli**  
**City Clerk**

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Presentation of Proclamation Honoring Tessie Branscomb In Recognition of a Lifetime of Service and Dedication



# **PROCLAMATION**

## **HONORING TESSIE BRANSCOMB IN RECOGNITION OF A LIFETIME OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION**

**WHEREAS**, Tessie Branscomb, a beloved and longstanding member of our community, celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, at the age of 30, Tessie began teaching swim lessons to local children and has continued this service for more than six decades shaping confident swimmers and instilling lifelong respect for the water; and

**WHEREAS**, Tessie has demonstrated unwavering commitment to aquatic safety, earning her lifeguard certificate at a young age and maintaining it well into her 70s, ensuring the well-being of countless swimmers; and

**WHEREAS**, through her dedication, Tessie has taught multiple generations of families, becoming a trusted and cherished figure whose influence spans parents, children, and grandchildren alike; and

**WHEREAS**, at 90 years old, Tessie continues to teach with exceptional passion, energy, and kindness, serving as an inspiration to all who know her and strengthening the fabric of our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jason Godeke**, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, proudly recognize and honor Tessie Branscomb for her extraordinary contributions, her lifelong devotion to aquatic education and safety, and the profound, lasting impact she has made on generations of families. In witness whereof, this proclamation is presented with gratitude, admiration, and heartfelt appreciation.

SIGNED this 13th day of April, 2026

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**JASON GODEKE, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Diana Paoli**  
**City Clerk**

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**Agenda Number:** 1D.

Presentation of Proclamation Honoring the 40th Anniversary of Home Style Cafe

HOME STYLE CAFE

*where good cookin' comes first*

## PROCLAMATION

### Honoring the 40th Anniversary of Home Style Café

**WHEREAS**, Home Style Café is widely recognized for its commitment to delicious, reliable, homestyle cooking and for maintaining a tradition of service that reflects the values and character of the Mendocino Coast; and

**WHEREAS**, the owners and staff of Home Style Café have contributed to the vitality of the local economy, supported community events, and created a space where every customer is treated with kindness, respect, and genuine neighborliness; and

**WHEREAS**, the longevity of Home Style Café stands as a testament to the dedication, hard work, and care of the people who have operated it over the years, as well as the loyal customers who enjoy delicious meals; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Bragg proudly recognizes and celebrates local businesses that enrich the fabric of our community and strengthen the sense of belonging that defines our coastal town; and

**WHEREAS**, the 40th anniversary of Home Style Café is an important milestone worthy of recognition, celebration, and appreciation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jason Godeke**, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize and congratulate Home Style Café on the exceptional occasion of its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and extend our deep appreciation for their ongoing contributions to the Fort Bragg community.

**SIGNED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026**

**JASON GODEKE, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Diana Paoli**  
**City Clerk**

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**Agenda Number:** 1E.

Presentation of Proclamation Declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

**SEXUAL  
ASSAULT  
AWARENESS  
MONTH  
2026**



# **Proclamation Sexual Assault Awareness Month- April 2026**

**WHEREAS**, April marks **Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)** - a time to honor 25 years of progress and recommit to creating safer communities for all. This year's theme, "**25 Years Strong: Looking Back, Moving Forward**," celebrates the resilience of survivors and the communities that have worked for change; and

**WHEREAS**, for 25 years, SAAM has supported survivors, raised awareness, and inspired action to prevent sexual assault, abuse, and harassment. As we reflect on how far we have come, we also recognize the work that lies ahead; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention starts with all of us. It is in how we support one another, practice consent, and create spaces rooted in care and respect. When we act with intention, we move closer to a future free from violence; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor the survivors who have shared their stories and the advocates who have led the way. Their courage reminds us that prevention is possible and that each of us has a role to play; and

**WHEREAS**, as we look to the next 25 years, we renew our commitment to building a future free from sexual violence. Together, we can continue to strengthen prevention, support healing, and create communities where everyone feels safe and valued; and

**WHEREAS**, statistics show:

- Most women and men across all sexual identities who experienced contact sexual violence reported that the person who harmed them was someone they knew (Chen, et al., 2023).
- Over 53% of women and over 29% of men reported experiencing contact sexual violence (Chen, et al., 2023).
- 1 in 5 male victims reported only male perpetrators, 1 in 2 had only female perpetrators, and about 1 in 6 had both male and female perpetrators (Chen, et al., 2023).
- More than 1 and 4 non-Hispanic Black women (29%) in the United States were raped in their lifetime (Basile et al., 2022).
- 1 in 3 Hispanic women (34.8%) reported unwanted sexual contact in their lifetime (Basile et al., 2022).
- More than 4 in 5 American Indian and Alaska Native women (84.3%) have experienced violence in their lifetime (Rosay, 2016).
- 32.9% of adults with intellectual disabilities have experienced sexual violence (Tomsa et al., 2021).
- 47% of all transgender people have been sexually assaulted at some point in their lives (James et al., 2016); and

**WHEREAS, 25 years strong. Every voice matters. Every action counts.** By standing in solidarity, we can build a future free from sexual violence and create a world where everyone is safe, valued, and respected;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jason Godeke, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Fort Bragg and encourage all residents to join in supporting survivors, strengthening prevention efforts, and creating a community where everyone is safe, valued, and respected.

SIGNED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026

\_\_\_\_\_  
JASON GODEKE, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Diana Paoli, City Clerk  
No. 18-2026

Basile, K. C., Smith, S. G., Kresnow, M., Khatiwada S., & Leemis, R. W. (2022). The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: 2016/2017 report on sexual violence. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/nisvs/nisvsReportonSexualViolence.pdf>

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Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Assigning City Manager as the Representative-Signature-Certifier Security Role for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Online Application Intake System for Telecommunications Programs

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_-2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL  
ASSIGNING CITY MANAGER AS THE REPRESENTATIVE-SIGNATURE-  
CERTIFIER SECURITY ROLE FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE (USDA) ONLINE APPLICATION INTAKE SYTEM FOR  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Bragg applied for FY25 Federally appropriated funds to assist with broadband connectivity.

**WHEREAS**, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119-37, the CAA) identified the City of Fort Bragg as a funding recipient through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) ReConnect Program, obligating \$750,000 for the development of the City's municipal broadband utility; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) ReConnect Program is responsible for administration and oversight of this federally directed funding; and

**WHEREAS**, as a requirement of participation in the ReConnect Program, the City Council must submit an Authorized Representative Request (ARR) and adopt a resolution identifying and assigning roles associated with program reporting and compliance (R&C) system access; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

1. The City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby assign the role City Manager or designee as the assigned Representative-Signature-Certifier security role on behalf of the City of Fort Bragg, who shall be responsible for providing electronic signatures, authorizing certifications, entering/updating applications, submitting applications for consideration, and assigning access to new users in USDA's Online Application Intake System for Telecommunications Programs. If application(s) are awarded under these Programs, the Representative-Signature-Certifier security role on behalf of the City of Fort Bragg, shall also be responsible for authorizing certifications, entering/updating compliance reports, submitting compliance reports, and assigning access to new users in USDA's Online Financial Reporting and Compliance System.
2. The Representative-Signature-Certifier shall have the authority to assign staff to the Administrator(s) security role on behalf of the City, who may be responsible for assigning access to new users and entering/updating applications in USDA's Online Application Intake System for Telecommunications Programs. If application(s) are awarded under these Programs, the Administrator(s) security role on behalf of the City of Fort Bragg, shall also be responsible for assigning access to new users and entering/updating compliance reports in USDA's Online Financial Reporting and Compliance System.

3. The Representative-Signature-Certifier and Administrator(s) for the LLC shall comply fully with all security procedures and policies of the Online Application Intake System for Telecommunications Programs and USDA's Online Financial Reporting and Compliance System.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, by the following vote:

**AYES:**  
**NOES:**  
**ABSENT:**  
**ABSTAIN:**  
**RECUSED:**

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**Jason Godeke**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Diana Paoli**  
**City Clerk**



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Adopt Joint City Council/Municipal Improvement District Resolution Amending the FY 2025/26 Budget for Mid-Year Budget Adjustments

**RESOLUTION NO. XXX-2026**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL**  
**and**  
**RESOLUTION NO. ID XX-2026**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**  
**BOARD**

**APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT 2025/26-10 AMENDING FISCAL YEAR**  
**2025/26 BUDGET FOR MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, on June 23, 2025, the Fort Bragg City Council and the Fort Bragg Municipal Improvement District No. 1 District Board adopted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager has identified updated revenue projections, additional expenditure adjustments, and corrections to the FY 2025/26 budget as adopted by the City Council on June 23, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2026, the City Council/District Board conducted a Mid-Year Budget Review workshop; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the Mid-Year Budget Review process, it was determined that certain adjustments to the FY 2025/26 Adopted Budget are necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, based on all the evidence presented, the City Council/District Board finds as follows:

1. Certain adjustments to the FY 2025/26 Budget are necessary as shown in Exhibit A.
2. There are sufficient funds to fund the allocations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg/District Board of the Fort Bragg Municipal Improvement District No. 1 does hereby amend the previously adopted FY 2025/26 Budget to incorporate the changes enumerated in Exhibit A.

**The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Council/Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by Council/Board Member \_\_\_\_\_, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg/District Board of the Fort Bragg Municipal Improvement District No. 1 held on the 13th day of April, 2026, by the following vote:**

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**RECUSED:**

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**JASON GODEKE**  
**Mayor/Chair**

**ATTEST:**

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**Diana Paoli**  
**City/District Clerk**

**FY 2025/26 Requested Mid-Year Budget Adjustments**

Account Number	Account Description	Department	Current Budget	Budget Amendment Request	Adjusted Budget	Justification	Funding Source
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>							
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>							
<b>City Council</b>							
110-4130-0311	Legal Costs/City Attorney	Administration	\$ 296,380	\$ 100,620	\$ 397,000	Legal costs	GF
110-4130-0317	Recruitment Costs	Administration	\$ 10,000	\$ 38,800	\$ 48,800	Chief of Police Recruitment, CDD Director	GF
<b>Finance</b>							
110-4150-0101	Salaries & Wages, Benefits	Finance	\$ 412,642	\$ (40,101)	\$ 372,541	Finance Director Vacancy- Professional Services Cost s	GF
<b>Community Development</b>							
110-4320-0101	Salaries & Wages, Benefits	CDD	\$ 405,754	\$ (122,553)	\$ 283,201	CDD Director Vacancy Cost savings, offset by Planning Tech transistioning to full-time	GF
110-4320-0319	Professional Services	CDD	\$ 130,000	\$ (40,000)	\$ 90,000	4Leaf & Marie Jones Consulting cost savings.	GF
<b>City Council</b>							
110-4110-0315	Election Costs	City Council	\$ 5,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 35,000	Ballot Measure consideration/polling	GF
<b>Police Department</b>							
110-4200-0101	Salaries & Wages	PD	\$ 2,071,753	\$ (121,642)	\$ 1,950,111	Budget Savings from Unfilled Positions	GF
110-4200-0102	Overtime	PD	120,000	65,000	\$ 185,000	Increase in Overtime Costs, staffing shortages	GF
110-4200-0109	Other Pay	PD	159,367	99,712	\$ 259,079	Severance Payout Annual cost of: 50,000 for Axon (BWC, Taser) 25,000 for Axon ALPR 5,000 for Flock	GF
110-4200-0381	Small Tools & Equipment	PD	20,000	80,000	\$ 100,000		GF
110-4200-0319	Professional Services	PD	87,000	20,000	\$ 107,000	Outside Investigator (IA) costs	GF
110-4200-0383	Utilities	PD	7,500	12,500	\$ 20,000	Increase in Electric & Propane costs	GF
<b>Corporation Yard</b>							
110-4570-0101	Salaries & Wages, Benefits	Corp Yard	396,918	68,213	\$ 465,131	New FT Position: Maintenance II, overages from fiscal year.	GF
110-4570-0220	Pers	Corp Yard	50,739	25,923	\$ 76,662	New FT Position: Maintenance II, overages from fiscal year.	GF
521-4394-0384	Software Costs	Corp Yard/IT	527,052	11,000	\$ 538,052	Maintenance Software tracking/tasks recurring for	GF
<b>Streets Maintenance</b>							
110-4520-0381	Streets Equipment	Streets	354,023	217,822	\$ 571,845	Road Crew Equipment Purchase (Track Loader, Insulated Asphalt Truck, Equipment Trailer, and Skid Steer Attachments)	GF
110-4522-0319	Professional Services		86,617	(33,617)	\$ 53,000	Budget Reduction: Reduction in Professional services.	GF
429-7999-0799	Transfer - from Stop Gap Streets	CIP-Streets	800,000	(298,162)	\$ 501,838	Transfer remaining funds from stop gap project back to	GF
110-7999-7999	Transfer- to the General Fund	GF	-	298,162	\$ 298,162	Transfer remaining funds from stop gap project back to	GF
<b>Non-Department</b>							
110-4190-0358	Liability Insurance	Non-Dept	455,017	14,983	\$ 470,000	Increase in Liability Premiums	GF
110-4916-0912	Interest	Non-Dept	240,555	91,500	\$ 332,055	Share of interest - 2025 Solar Equipment Lease / Debt	GF
<b>Public Works Engineering</b>							
110-4330-0310	Engineering	PW	96,612	(54,500)	\$ 42,112	Budget Reduction: Savings in Engineering costs	GF
<b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>			\$ 6,732,929	\$ 463,660	\$ 7,196,589		

**FY 2025/26 Requested Mid-Year Budget Adjustments**

Account Number	Account Description	Department	Current Budget	Budget Amendment Request	Adjusted Budget	Justification	Funding Source
			<i>GF Net:</i>	<b>\$ (463,660)</b>			
<b>WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE</b>							
710-4712-0912	Interest	Waste Water	\$ 185,675	\$ 127,321	\$ 312,996	Share of interest - 2025 Solar Equipment Lease/ Debt	
			\$ 185,675	\$ 127,321	\$ 312,996		
<b>BROADBAND ENTERPRISE</b>							
510-5001-0385	Resale Services - Utilities	Broadband	\$ 714,000	<b>333,663</b>	\$ 1,047,663	Original budget had fusion declining due to new fiber customers. Since fiber is not yet being installed cost of existing service to fiber is still high. As fiber rolls out this number will drop. Sonic bills are roughly 70K/Month.  Lease for new Elm Street Office + Rent MUSD  Increase in Budget Revenue, Broadband is not going to be Live till the summer Fiber project delayed- live in summer 2026 Fiber project delayed- live in summer 2027 Fiber project delayed- live in summer 2028 Fiber project delayed- live in summer 2029 Fiber project delayed- live in summer 2030	
510-5001-0357	Lease	Broadband	54,000	<b>34,661</b>	\$ 88,661		
510-5001-6136	Legacy Fusion (Blended View)	Broadband	\$ 851,844	<b>333,663</b>	\$ 1,185,507		
510-5001-6131	BB Internet Serv Rev 1-10 Gbps	Broadband	635,340	<b>(635,340)</b>	\$ -		
510-5001-6132	BB Voice Services (w/911)	Broadband	10,397	<b>(10,397)</b>	\$ -		
510-5001-6133	BB Low Inc Serv Offer 500 Mbps	Broadband	38,316	<b>(38,316)</b>	\$ -		
510-5001-6138	Legacy Open Air	Broadband	287,532	<b>104,304</b>	\$ 391,836		
510-5001-6139	Legacy Digital Voice	Broadband	194,827	<b>110,671</b>	\$ 305,498		
			\$ 2,786,256	\$ 232,909	\$ 3,019,165		
<b>CV STARR ENTERPRISE</b>							
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>							
810-4812-0912	Interest	CV Starr Center	\$ -	\$ 144,842	\$ 144,842	Share of interest - 2025 Solar Equipment Lease / Debt	
<b>Total CV Starr Expenditures</b>			\$ -	\$ 144,842	\$ 144,842		
<b>AMERICA RESCUE ACT FUNDS (336)</b>							
336-5507-0731	ARPA Housing Initiatives		\$ -	\$ 786,043	\$ 786,043	Roll-forward balance to current fiscal year. Encumbered in 24-25 Roll-forward balance to current fiscal year. Encumbered in 24-25 Roll-forward balance to current fiscal year. Encumbered in 24-25 Roll-forward balance to current fiscal year. Encumbered in 24-25	
336-5508-0731	ARPA Business Assistance			\$ 525,480	\$ 525,480		
336-5509-0731	Technology Upgrades			\$ 42,098	\$ 42,098		
336-5510-0731	Public Safety			\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000		
				\$ 1,393,621	\$ 1,393,621		
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - ISF (521)</b>							
521-4394-0384	Licensing, Software & Maint	ISF-IT	\$ 527,052	\$ 57,270	\$ 584,322	Accela software & consultant cost , Springbrook AI, Server Maint Subscr	<i>Operating Appropriation</i>
			\$ 527,052	\$ 57,270	\$ 584,322		



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Receive and File Minutes of the Public Works and Facilities Committee Meeting of February 12, 2026



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## Meeting Minutes Public Works and Facilities Committee

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Thursday, February 12, 2026

4:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

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### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Committee Member Jason Godeke called meeting to order at 4:00 PM

### ROLL CALL

Committee Members Jason Godeke and Scott Hockett present. City Staff; Public Works Director John Smith and Administrative Assistant Emily Reno present.

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[26-597](#) Approve Minutes of January 08, 2026

Committee Members Godeke and Hockett approved minutes as presented.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No Public comment received.

### 3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

[26-49](#) Director Oral Report on Departmental Activities and Project Updates

Director John Smith provided updates on the following projects and items of interest:

- Town Hall Retrofit & Bathrooms Project
- Broadband Municipal
- Dryer Building Rehab
- Biosolids Storage Building
- Facilities Solar Project
- Micro Grid Application
- Veteran's Hall license
- Oneka Desal Buoy Project
- Raw Water Line Replacement Project
- Recycled Water Feasibility Study
- Reservoir Project
- Water Treatment Plant Rehab
- Fleet Update
- Distribution System Master Plan

- Collection Master Plan
- CV Starr HVAC
- Trash Capture
- Bainbridge Park
- PD Retrofit Project
- Guest House Repointing
- Art Wrapped Trash Cans

Discussion: Committee Member Hockett inquired about the trash cans, the dryer building, and the CV Starr HVAC system. Committee Member Godeke inquired regarding Bainbridge Park and the Prop 4 funds for the reservoir project. Director Smith provided more details.

Public Comment was received from Jacob Patterson.

#### **4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF**

Committee Member Hockett provided an update on the potential use of streetlight poles as a power source for food trucks.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Committee Member Godeke adjourned the meeting at 4:19 PM**



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Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of March 23, 2026



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## Meeting Minutes Special City Council

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SUCCESSOR AGENCY*

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Monday, March 23, 2026

4:30 PM

Town Hall, 363 N Main Street  
and Via Video Conference

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### SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Godeke called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Jason Godeke, Vice Mayor Marcia Rafanan, Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith, Councilmember Scott Hockett and Councilmember Lindy Peters

#### 1. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None.

#### 2. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Godeke recessed the meeting at 4:32 PM; the meeting reconvened to closed session at 4:35 PM.

**2A.** [26-155](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code Section 54956.9; Name of Case: CITY OF FORT BRAGG v. MENDOCINO RAILWAY, Case No.: 21CV00850, Superior Court of Mendocino County, State of California

**2B.** [26-156](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code Section 54956.9; Name of Case: SIERRA NORTHERN RAILWAY and MENDOCINO RAILWAY v. CITY OF FORT BRAGG, United States District Court Case No. 4:24-cv-04810-JST

Mayor Godeke reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 5:18 PM and reported that no reportable action was taken on the Closed Session items.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Godeke adjourned the meeting at 5:18 PM.

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JASON GODEKE, MAYOR

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Diana Paoli, City Clerk

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Approve Minutes of March 23, 2026



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Monday, March 23, 2026

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street  
and Via Video Conference

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Godeke called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Jason Godeke, Vice Mayor Marcia Rafanan, Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith, Councilmember Lindy Peters and Councilmember Scott Hockett

### CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Mayor Godeke reported that no reportable action was taken on the Closed Session items.

### AGENDA REVIEW

None.

### 1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1A. [26-149](#)** Presentation of Proclamation Celebrating Government Finance Professionals Week During the Last Week of March

Mayor Godeke read and presented the Proclamation Celebrating Government Finance Professionals Week accepted by Finance Technician I Jessica Syres and Finance Lead Laura Bianchi Limbird.

**1B. [26-90](#)** Presentation of Proclamation Honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Mendocino Land Trust

Mayor Godeke read and presented Proclamation Honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Mendocino Land Trust accepted by MLT staff and board members.

**1C. [26-150](#)** Presentation from Mendocino Coast Humane Society

Mayor Godeke introduced Director Judy Martin of Mendocino Humane Society who shared a presentation.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON: (1) NON-AGENDA, (2) CONSENT CALENDAR & (3) CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

(1) Dennis Miller, Charlene McAllister, Chris Skyhawk, Laura Bianchi Limbird, Marcy Snyder, Ron

Smith, Jenny Shattuck, Gabriel Quinn Maroney, Peter McNamee, Jay Rosenquist, and Paul Clark.

(2) None.

(3) N/A

### **3. STAFF COMMENTS**

City Manager Isaac Whippy shared three surveys on City website requesting public input: Food Trucks, Budget Priorities, and Mill Site Economic Development Strategy. Police Chief Eric Swift shared work by Officer Franco regarding THC investigation with DA and Willits Police Department along with completion of two panel Sergeant interview. Next Meet the Police Chief and City Manager will be at Town Hall - April 29, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

### **4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmembers reported upcoming meetings to attend are Fort Bragg Fire Authority; Special Meeting of the Community Development Committee on April 15 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Food Truck Survey; Park and Recreation Ad Hoc has been formed to discuss topics such as CV Starr, Highway 20, Headlands, and Bainbridge Park. Councilmembers would like on a future Agenda under Conduct of Business two topics: AB 2494 and SAVE America Act. Councilmembers encouraged the community to spend the time to complete surveys regarding Food Trucks, Budget, and Mill Site Economic Development Strategy. It was reported the Whale Festival Weekend was a success with many activities including Rotary Beer Tasting, Chowder Tasting, Downtown Wine Walk, Whale Watching, Craft Fair, Live Music, Food Trucks, Soroptimist Run/Walk, and Noyo Center for Marine Science Activities.

### **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that the consent Calendar be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Godeke, Vice Mayor Rafanan, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Peters and Councilmember Hockett

- 5A. [26-148](#)** Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Accepting the Proposal from Lumos & Associates for 30% Design of LPP Candidate Surface Improvement Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement (Amount Not To Exceed \$117,000); Categorical Exemption §15301 (c)

**This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

Enactment No: RES 5014-2026

- 5B. [26-141](#)** Receive and File Minutes of the Visit Fort Bragg Committee Meeting of January 13, 2026

**These Committee Minutes were received and filed on the Consent Calendar.**

- 5C. [26-127](#)** Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of March 9, 2026

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

5D. [26-128](#) Approve Minutes of March 9, 2026

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

## **6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

### **7. PUBLIC HEARING**

7A. [26-151](#) Receive Report, Conduct Public Hearing, and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Amending the Water and Sewer Rates for the City of Fort Bragg

City Manager Isaac Whippy introduced Item 7A. Consultant Alison Lechowicz of LT Municipal Consultants shared presentation and reported 239 Written Protests were received.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions regarding fixed rates, customers ability to reduce water bill by conservation, and Council can approve lower rates now or in the future.

**Mayor Godeke opened the public hearing at 7:12 PM.**

Public Comment: Jacob Patterson, Dawn Ferreira, Scott Schneider and Jay Rosenquist.

**Mayor Godeke closed the public hearing at 7:21 PM.**

Councilmembers asked further clarifying questions to Consultant Alison Lechowicz.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Albin-Smith, seconded by Councilmember Peters, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Mayor Godeke, Councilmember Albin-Smith and Councilmember Peters

**No:** 2 - Vice Mayor Rafanan and Councilmember Hockett

Enactment No: RES 5015-2026

7B. [25-563](#) Receive Report, Conduct Public Hearing, and Consider Adoption of Fort Bragg City Council Resolution Vacating a Portion of the Alley on the South Side of Oak Street Between Franklin and Main Streets and Approval of Quitclaim Deed

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 7B. Assistant Engineer Alfredo Huerta presented staff report. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

**Mayor Godeke opened the public hearing at 7:43 PM.**

Public Comment: Paul Clark

**Mayor Godeke closed the public hearing at 7:44 PM.**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Godeke, Vice Mayor Rafanan, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Peters and Councilmember Hockett

Enactment No: RES 5016-2026

**8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

- 8A. [26-137](#) Receive General Plan Annual Progress Report 2025 and Housing Element Annual Progress Report to Housing and Community Development and Provide Comments Prior to Submittal to Housing and Community Development

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8A. Assistant Planner Sarah Peters and Permit Tech Maria Flynn presented HCD APR Report Spreadsheet. Councilmembers had an opportunity to provide comments.

Public Comment: Jenny Shattuck.

**Mayor Godeke recessed the meeting at 8:00 PM; the meeting was reconvened to open session at 8:07 PM.**

- 8B. [26-152](#) Receive Presentation on the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the Year Ended June 30, 2025 for the City of Fort Bragg and Consider Accepting the ACFR as Presented

Mayor Godeke and City Manager Isaac Whippy introduced Item 8B. Engagement Manager Brett Jones of JJACPA, Inc. and City Manager Isaac Whippy summarized and shared Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2025. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: None.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) was accepted.**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Godeke, Vice Mayor Rafanan, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Peters and Councilmember Hockett

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Godeke adjourned the meeting at 8:33 PM.**

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JASON GODEKE, MAYOR

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Diana Paoli, City Clerk

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Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of March 30, 2026



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## Meeting Minutes Special City Council

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Monday, March 30, 2026

5:30 PM

Town Hall, 363 N Main Street  
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### MID-YEAR BUDGET WORKSHOP

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Godeke called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Jason Godeke, Vice Mayor Marcia Rafanan, Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith, Councilmember Scott Hockett and Councilmember Lindy Peters

#### 1. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

None.

#### 2. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

##### **2A.** [26-161](#) Mid-Year Budget FY 2025/26 Workshop

##### 1. MID-YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

City Manager Isaac Whippy gave a brief introduction and reported General Fund Overview and Police Chief Eric Swift clarified Small Tools and Equipment Fund. Government Accountant III Marilyn Tiriboyi reported on Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds. City Manager Isaac Whippy and CV Starr Manager Moneque Wooden reported on CV Starr Enterprise Fund. Director of Broadband Sage Statham reported on Broadband Enterprise Fund and shared presentation. Public Works Director John Smith shared Capital Improvement Program (CIP) presentation. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: None.

##### 2. MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FY 2025/26

City Manager Isaac Whippy reported the budget adjustment requests. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: None.

##### 3. HEAR FROM THE COMMUNITY

City Manager Isaac Whippy reported on the budget priority survey (156), early themes, and feedback. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: None.

##### 4. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES DISCUSSION & EMERGING NEEDS

City Manager Isaac Whippy introduced Infrastructure and Deferred Maintenance along with Street Maintenance In-House Crew and Operations Manager Heath Daniels and Public Works

Director John Smith also contributed updated information. Director of Broadband Sage Statham shared Broadband Utility Update. CV Starr Manager Moneque Wooden shared Parks & Recreation Update and Fund Requests.

**Mayor Godeke recessed the meeting at 7:45 PM; the meeting reconvened to open session at 7:56 PM.**

City Manager Isaac Whippy shared budget development. Councilmembers had no objections to direction regarding ARPA funding. Tourism Budget Realignment was shared by City Manager Isaac Whippy with more discussion to be at upcoming Visit Fort Bragg Committee meeting April 14, 2026. City Manager Isaac Whippy introduced and requested Councilmembers determine priorities on \$25,000 Council Funding. Councilmembers directed priority this year to be Humane Society \$10,000 and CV Starr under served students \$1,500 and Friday pool party \$1,800 along with offsetting CV Starr summer camp \$11,520. To be determined: Asset forfeiture funding if possible \$10,000 to Flockworks.

Public Comment: None.

5. BREAK

6. SET FUTURE POLICY DIRECTION ON FY 2026/27 BUDGET GOALS

City Manager Isaac Whippy asked for direction and received no objection from Councilmembers regarding goals and priority setting presented. City Manager Isaac Whippy reported Fire Chief to determine equipment needs and council had no objection to investigate new revenue/parcel tax for needed equipment. Director of Engineering Chantell O'Neal shared presentation and requested consideration of Storm Drain Enterprise to address aging infrastructure and deferred maintenance along with MS4 mandates. City Manager Isaac Whippy also shared additional background. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions. Direction: Stay on current track, proceed with consultant work and public outreach plans for potential adoption and implementation in Fall of 2027.

Public Comments: None.

7. NEXT STEPS

June 1, 2026, Budget Workshop.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Godeke adjourned the meeting at 9:11 PM.**

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JASON GODEKE, MAYOR

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Diana Paoli, City Clerk

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Receive Report, Conduct a Public Hearing, and Consider Adoption of a Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council to Amend the Fort Bragg Inland General Plan by Adopting the 2019 Housing Element Amendment (GPA 1-26); CEQA Exemption 15061(b)(3)



## CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** City Council

**DATE:** April 13, 2026

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Development Department

**PREPARED BY:** MJC

**PRESENTER:** Marie Jones

**AGENDA TITLE:** Receive Report, Conduct Public Hearing, and Consider Adoption of a Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council to Amend the Fort Bragg Inland General Plan by Adopting the 2019 Housing Element Amendment (GPA 1-26)

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt a Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council to Amend the Fort Bragg Inland General Plan by Adopting the 2019 Housing Element Amendment (GPA 1-26).

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### BACKGROUND

The City of Fort Bragg adopted its current General Plan in December 2002. In 2009, 2014 and 2019 the City updated the Housing Element of the General Plan in compliance with California state law. An up-to-date Housing Element is necessary for the City to retain its eligibility for CDBG and HCD funding. The 2019 Housing Element is the blueprint for City actions with regard to housing through 2027. A new Housing Element will need to be prepared in 2026 to address new State requirements and a larger RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) allocation.

The City received a letter from HCD on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 notifying the City that it was out of compliance with State Housing law because of the City's failure to implement program H-2.5.8. HCD noted that unless the City comes into compliance with Program H-2.5.8, HCD could revoke its finding the City's Housing Element is in substantial compliance with State housing law (Attachment 2). MJC communicated with HCD about this issue and HCD agreed that the City could amend its Housing Element to revise the Vacant Land Inventory so that it meets the outstanding RHNA goals for the City.

The Housing Element amendment would allow the City to retain its Housing Element certification, allow the City to continue to be eligible for CDBG funding for various City and community programs, and achieve the Pro-Housing Designation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7A

It should be noted that the 2019 Housing Element was never submitted to the Coastal Commission for certification. Therefore an additional item will be brought forward to submit the 2019 Housing Element with the amendment incorporated for Coastal Commission certification.

**ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION**

As shown in Table below, the City’s share of the regional housing need allocation in 2019 was 137 units. The City was responsible for identifying the land that is both suitable for and can accommodate this level of residential development, which it did in the 2019 Housing Element.

<b>Table 1: Fort Bragg Regional Housing Needs Assessment Allocation by Income Group</b>						
<b>Income</b>	<b>Extremely Low</b>	<b>Very Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Above Moderate</b>	<b>Total</b>
Housing Units	30	30	31	23	23	137
Source: MCOG, Mendocino County Regional Housing Needs Assessment Plan, 2018						

Indeed, the City identified many more parcels than required to achieve its RHNA. In the 2014 and 2009 Housing Element cycles the City included many more parcels in the vacant parcel inventory than was required for the RHNA allocation for each of those Housing Elements.

- In 2009 the City included sufficient land to accommodate a maximum of 2,869 units and 1,618 likely units, while the RHNA allocation only required land for 256 units. In other words, the City included sufficient parcels in its inventory to provide housing for 6 times its RHNA requirement in the 2009 Housing Element.
- In 2014 the City included sufficient land to accommodate a maximum of 2,396 units and 1,595 likely units while the RHNA only required land for 20 units. The City included sufficient parcels in its inventory to provide housing for 79 times its RHNA requirement in the 2014 Housing Element.

The City was trying to conscientiously illustrate that it easily met RHNA requirements. The City did not know that the consequence of identifying all potential vacant land would eventually result in a requirement to make multifamily projects permissible by right on these parcels. Additionally, many of the parcels identified in the land inventory are not suitable for low-income multifamily.

Additionally, since the Housing Element was adopted in 2019, the City has approved sufficient multifamily housing projects to satisfy most of the City’s 2019 Housing Element Cycle RHNA housing requirements as illustrated in Table 2 below. The City has significantly exceeded RHNA requirements for both low- and moderate-income housing by very wide margins of 300% and 570% respectively. There is only one deficit remaining, namely a 25-unit deficit in the very low-income unit allocation.

**Table 2: RHNA Achievement, City of Fort Bragg 2019-2025**

Income Level		RHNA Allocation by Income Level	2019 - 2024	2025	Total Units to Date (all years)	Total Remaining RHNA by Income Level
Very Low	Deed Restricted	60	27	8	35	25
	Non-Deed Restricted		0	-		
Low	Deed Restricted	31	50	48	101	-
	Non-Deed Restricted		0	-		
Moderate	Deed Restricted	23	6	-	132	-
	Non-Deed Restricted		43	76		
Above Moderate		23	22	5	28	-
Total RHNA		<b>137</b>				
Total Units			148	<b>137</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>25</b>

Most recently, in 2025, the City permitted these specific multifamily housing projects:

- Parcel Number 018-440- 58, 1151 S Main Street, an 80-unit multifamily project with 8 units deed restricted to very low-income households and the remainder 72 multifamily units for moderate income households.
- Parcel number 018-210-29, 860 Hazelwood St, a 49-unit low-income affordable deed restricted senior project.
- A market rate 4-unit apartment building on South Franklin street.

HCD can require the City to rezone all of the parcels identified in our 2019 Vacant Property Inventory to allow multifamily housing development by right without a Use Permit per Housing Element program H.2.5.8 below, even though the City identified significantly more parcels for multifamily housing than required by the RHNA. At the time that the City prepared the Housing Element and identified these parcels it was not clear that the City would be required to rezone these parcels.

**Program H-2.5.8. Maximize Housing Density by Right for projects with 20%+ Affordable Units.** Revise the Land Use and Development Code to allow the maximum density permissible within a zoning district by right (no Use Permit) for all residential projects that include at least 20% of units deed restricted at rents affordable to low income households and that have been listed in the last two Housing Elements as an eligible site in the Vacant Parcel Inventory for the RHNA, these parcels are listed on the Vacant Parcel Inventory and include: 008 172-09, 251 So Franklin St; 018-440 58, 1151 So Main St; 018-150-61, 1190 So Main St; 018-090-02, 700 River Dr.; 018-090-16, 700 River Dr.; 008-010-31, 1020 Glass Beach Dr.; 018-113-03, 970 Chestnut St; 008-010-33, 1080 Glass Beach Dr.; 008-290-73, 1329Cedar St; 008-302-28, 1328 Cedar St; 008-290-34, 1325 Cedar St; 018 100-42, 485 So Lincoln St; 018-210-29, 860 Hazelwood St; 020-520-22, 1600 Oak St; 018-440-50, 200 We Ocean View Dr.; 018-113-01, 552

S Lincoln St; 018-440-38, 350 Ocean View Dr.; 018-440-49, 250 We Ocean View Dr.; 018-340-04, 441 South St; 018-340-03, 601 Cypress St; 008-350-60, 920 Stewart St; 018-150-58, No Street Address; 018-150-56, No Street Address; 018-150-55, 100 East Ocean View Dr.

Responsibility: Community Development

Department Financing: General Plan

Maintenance Fee Fund Scheduling:

2020-2021

Quantification: 20 units

Furthermore, the City Council and community have expressed concerns about allowing multifamily housing by right on so many parcels.

Therefore, MJC worked with HCD to develop a mutually agreeable solution, to amend the City's Housing Element to identify a smaller subset of parcels for the Vacant Parcel Inventory to meet the remaining 33-unit requirement of the RHNA allocation. MJC has selected four potential parcels for the Vacant Parcel Inventory as illustrated below.

City of Fort Bragg - PARCEL-SPECIFIC INVENTORY OF VACANT AND UNDERUTILIZED LANDS															
APN	Address	General Plan Designation	Zoning	Units/ Acre	Total Acres	Allowable Units	ADUs	Density Bonus (50%)	Max Density w ADUs & Density Bonus	Coastal	Environmental Review	Existing Use	Target Income Category	Listed in 2014 and 2009 Housing	Development Constraints
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018-150-58	180 Boatyard Dr	RVH	RVH	24	1.32	32	2	17	51	Yes	Infill	Vacant	Low	Yes	None
018-150-55	100 E Ocean View Dr.	RVH	RVH	24	0.69	17	2	9	28	Yes	Infill	Vacant	Mod	Yes	None
018-113-03	970 Chestnut St.	RH	RH	15	2.14	32	2	17	34	No	Infill	Vacant	Low	Yes	None
<b>Total</b>					<b>5.21</b>	<b>106</b>			<b>154</b>						

These parcels were selected because they: 1) are on parcels without environmental constraints; 2) re infill sites; 3) offer higher density for multifamily development; and 4) are located in areas appropriate for multifamily housing.

However, Planning Commission may recommend, and City Council may select, other vacant parcels in lieu of the above selected parcels. To see the Complete 2019 Vacant Parcel Inventory see Attachment 4. All properties that are highlighted in green on the vacant parcel inventory have been permitted for housing development or have been developed. All parcels that are Yellow have environmental constraints and should not be included in a new Vacant Land Inventory. Other potential addresses which could be substituted or included are as follows:

- 200, 250 and 350 West Ocean Drive.
- 552 S Lincoln.
- 485 S Lincoln.

Please see the City Council's resolution of adoption (Attachment 1) for the complete housing element amendment language. All changes are illustrated in red text and red text strikeout.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

The project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15061.b.3 the Commonsense exemption.

- The proposed Housing Element amendment allows the City to comply with state law.
- These regulations qualify for the Commonsense Exemption because the parcel located in the Inland Zone is already exempt from compliance with CEQA as it qualifies for the in-fill categorical exemption.

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Both the City Council and the Planning Commission met in May and June of 2025 and discussed the merits of this proposal at that time and decided not to proceed with the implementation of Program H-2.5.8. The Planning Commission held a public hearing and made a recommend to proceed with the item at their February 25, 2026 meeting.

## **ALERNATIVES**

The City could either decide not to adopt the required amendment and thereby lose the State certification of the City's Housing Element or decide to comply with Program H-2.5.8 as current written. City Council and the Planning Commission have already expressed an unwillingness to comply with Program H-2.5.8 as current written.

If the City does not amend the Housing Element or implement Program 2.5.8 as currently written the City will lose its Housing Element certification. Municipalities which do not have certified Housing Elements are required to approve all multifamily housing projects by right, regardless of Use Permit requirements, location, level of affordability, and/or if they are proposed for a vacant or already developed lot. This would result in more multifamily housing projects being exempt from local permit authority.

## **CONSISTENCY**

The proposed amendments are consistent with State law, the City's General Plans and Zoning Ordinances. The amendments revises a mandatory program of the City's Housing Element per direction provided by HCD.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Amending the Fort Bragg Inland General Plan by Adopting An Amendment to the 2019 Housing Element (GPA 1-26)
2. HCD's October 7, 2025, Comment Letter
3. City's Response to HCD Comment Letter
4. 2019 Housing Element Vacant Parcel Inventory
5. PC 4-2026 Resolution Recommending Approval of Housing Element Amendment
6. NOPH

## **NOTIFICATION**

1. "Notify Me"
2. Property owners of the following parcels:
  - 251 So Franklin St.
  - 180 Boatyard Dr.
  - 100 East Ocean View Dr.
  - 970 Chestnut St.
  - 200, 250 and 350 West Ocean Drive.
  - 552 S Lincoln.
  - 485 S Lincoln.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_-2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FORT BRAGG INLAND GENERAL PLAN BY ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 HOUSING ELEMENT (GPA 1-26)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Bragg (“City”) adopted its first General Plan in 1971, and the General Plan was subsequently updated in 1980 and 2002 and 2004; and updated Housing Elements were adopted in 2009, 2014 and 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2026, the City Council and Planning Commission conducted duly noticed hearing, during which the public was invited to comment on the proposed Housing Element amendments to the Inland and Coastal General Plans, and during which the City Council and the Planning Commission provided further direction to City staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Element was amended to update its status with regard to achieving Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requirements and to modify Program H-2.5.8 to delete some of the listed parcels slated to be rezoned so that Multifamily Housing projects that provide 20% of units at rents affordable to very low income households can process by right without a Use Permit; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Housing & Community Development (“HCD”) has agreed that this approach is appropriate because the City has approved sufficient multifamily project permits to meet most of its RHNA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission considered a staff report dated February 25, 2026 regarding the proposed 2019 Housing Element Amendment. The staff report is incorporated herein by reference and available for review at City Hall during normal business hours; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council considered a staff report April 13, 2026, regarding the proposed 2019 Housing Element Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 Housing Element Amendment is incorporated herein by reference, and is available for review at City Hall during normal business hours; and

**WHEREAS**, The proposed zoning amendments are Statutorily Exempt from CEQA per Government Section 15061.b.3, and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on May 14, 2025, to consider the zoning amendments, accept public testimony; and adopted a resolution recommending that the City Council adopt the mandatory zoning amendments to implement programs of the City’s Housing Element.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing on June 9, 2025, to consider the Zoning Amendment, accept public testimony; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fort Bragg City Council, based on the entirety of the record before it, which includes without limitation, CEQA, Public Resources Code §21000, et seq. and the CEQA Guidelines, 14 California Code of Regulations §15000, et seq.; the Inland General Plan; the Inland Land Use and Development Code; the Project application; all reports and public testimony submitted as part of the City Council meeting of June 9, 2025 and City Council deliberations; and any other evidence (within the meaning of Public Resources

Code §21080(e) and §21082.2), the Fort Bragg City Council does hereby make the following findings and determinations:

**SECTION 1: LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS**

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and made a part of this Ordinance.
2. On February 25, 2026, the Planning Commission held a properly noticed public hearing and adopted a resolution in support of the City Council's adoption of the proposed amendments to the Inland Land Use and Development Code.
3. On April 13, 2026 the City Council held a properly noticed public hearing to consider adoption of the amendments to the Inland Land Use and Development Code.
4. The proposed General Plan amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City as the amendments will make the zoning code consistent with adopted State laws; and
5. The proposed amendment is consistent with the General Plan and any applicable specific plan.
6. The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City.
7. The proposed amendment is mandated by State Law as such it is in the public interest and will provide for better convenience and welfare for the residents of the City of Fort Bragg. The proposed amendment requires conformance with all applicable building codes which will ensure healthy and safe housing.
8. The proposed amendment is internally consistent with other applicable provisions of this Development Code.

**SECTION 2.**

*Based on the foregoing, the City Council does hereby Amend Program H-2.5.8 of the 2019 Housing Element as follows:*

Program H-2.5.8. Maximize Housing Density by Right for projects with 20%+ Affordable Units. Revise the Land Use and Development Code to allow the maximum density permissible within a zoning district by right (no Use Permit) for all residential projects that include at least 20% of units deed restricted at rents affordable to low income households and that have been listed in the last two Housing Elements as an eligible site in the Vacant Parcel Inventory for the RHNA, these parcels are listed on the Vacant Parcel Inventory and include: ~~008 172-09, 251 So Franklin St; 018-440-58, 1151 So Main St; 018-150-61, 1190 So Main St; 018-090-02, 700 River Dr.; 018-090-16, 700 River Dr.; 008-010-31, 1020 Glass Beach Dr.; 018-113-03, 970 Chestnut St; 008-010-33, 1080 Glass Beach Dr.; 008-290-73, 1329 Cedar St; 008-302-28, 1328 Cedar St; 008-290-34, 1325 Cedar St; 018-100-42, 485 So Lincoln St; 018-210-29, 860 Hazelwood St; 020-520-22, 1600 Oak St; 018-440-50, 200 We Ocean View Dr.; 018-113-01, 552 S Lincoln St; 018-440-38, 350 Ocean View Dr.; 018-440-9,~~

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Responsibility: Community Development Department  
 Financing: General Plan Maintenance Fee Fund  
 Scheduling: 2020-2021  
 Quantification: 20 units

**SECTION 3.**

*Based on the foregoing, the City Council does hereby Amend Section 5 of the Housing Element as follows:*

**SECTION 5: SITE INVENTORY ANALYSIS & ZONING**

Section 5 and 6 analyze the land, financing and regulatory constraints to the successful production of housing. They inform the City’s housing goals, policies and programs. Specifically, the information presented in these sections includes the following:

1. Inventory of land suitable for housing development and how it satisfies the ability to comply with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment
2. Environmental constraints to development of vacant land
3. Zoning for a variety of housing types, including emergency shelters
4. Analysis of potential and actual government constraints on maintenance improvement and development of affordable housing, including annexation standards, land use controls, infrastructure, development fees, building codes processing time, and community sentiment
5. Analysis of potential and actual nongovernmental constraints, including financing, land prices, cost of construction.

**A. RESIDENTIAL LAND INVENTORY**

This residential site inventory identifies parcels potentially suitable for residential use, especially multiple-family units. Staff utilized a recent aerial photo, the parcel inventory from the 2008 Housing Element, and staff knowledge to create an updated map and table with up- to-date vacant land which can accommodate residential development. All parcels are located in developed areas within the City with water and sewer service.

**Regional Housing Needs Assessment**

As shown in Table 5.1, the City’s share of the regional housing need is 137 units. The City is responsible for identifying the land that is both suitable for and can accommodate this level of residential development. The City is not responsible for the actual construction of the units.

Table 5.1 - Fort Bragg Regional Housing Needs Assessment Allocation by Income Group						
Income	Extremely Low	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
Housing Units	30	30	31	23	23	137
Source: MCOG, Mendocino County Regional Housing Needs Assessment Plan, 2018						

## B. SUITABILITY AND AVAILABILITY OF AVAILABLE LAND

As of January 2026, the City has approved sufficient multifamily housing projects to satisfy most of the City's 2019 Housing Element Cycle RHNA housing requirements as illustrated in Table 5.2 below. There is only one deficit remaining, namely a 25-unit deficit in the very low-income unit allocation.

Table 5.2: RHNA Achievement, City of Fort Bragg 2019-2025

Income Level		RHNA Allocation by Income Level	2019 - 2024	2025	Total Units to Date (all years)	Total Remaining RHNA by Income Level
Very Low	Deed Restricted	60	27	8	35	25
	Non-Deed Restricted		0	-		
Low	Deed Restricted	31	50	48	101	-
	Non-Deed Restricted		0	-		
Moderate	Deed Restricted	23	6	-	132	-
	Non-Deed Restricted		43	76		
Above Moderate		23	22	5	28	-
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- Parcel Number 018-440- 58, 1151 S Main Street, an 80-unit multifamily project with 8 units deed restricted to very low-income households and the remainder 72 multifamily units for moderate income households.
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- A market rate 4-unit apartment building on South Franklin street.

The City ~~undertook a comprehensive GIS-based analysis to identify the size and number of vacant parcels in each zoning district. Overall, there are identified approximately 94.5.2 acres of vacant and underutilized residential and mixed-use parcels which are between 0.5 and 10 acres in size and available for development to meet the remaining RHNA requirements,~~ as shown in Table 5.3. The residential development potential for each parcel noted in Table 5.3 was calculated in two ways:

- Allowable Units - the number of units that are developable on the site given the site size and units/acre allowed. ~~under zoning. This calculation identifies a theoretical maximum if all land use and infrastructure constraints were removed and the property built out to its fullest extent.~~
- Maximum Units - Includes the density bonus and ADUs which would be permissible if 20% of units were affordable to low-income households, as would be required if the properties are rezoned per Housing Element Program H-2.5.8.
- ~~Likely Units Given Development Constraints estimates total likely potential unit build-out given all known site constraints (slope, soils condition, botanical resources, access issues, etc.). The Likely potential units were calculated by taking the estimated area available for residential use and multiplying it by 80% of the maximum density possible for residential~~

~~zoning district and by 50% of the maximum density for commercial zoning districts which allow residential development. The analysis of constraints is necessarily a best estimate given staff's current knowledge of potential geotechnical, botanical, archaeological and other constraints. More (or less) development may be feasible than is estimated in the table. However the actual amount of feasible development can only be determined through the completion of all relevant studies for each parcel.~~

All sites in the analysis are currently served by City water and sewer services. Some of the parcels are sufficiently large that they will require the development of internal circulation (streets) which is a significant expense to development and may reduce overall feasibility of some of the sites.

**Table 5.3: PARCEL-SPECIFIC INVENTORY OF VACANT AND UNDERUTILIZED LANDS**

APN	Address	General Plan Designation	Zoning	Units/ Acre	Total Acres	Allowable Units	ADUs	Density Bonus (50%)	Max Density w ADUs & Density Bonus	Coastal	Environmental Review	Existing Use	Target Income Category	Listed in 2014 and 2009 Housing	Development Constraints
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018-113-03	970 Chesnut St.	RH	RH	15	2.14	32	2	17	34	No	Infill	Vacant	Low	Yes	None
<b>Total</b>					<b>5.21</b>	<b>106</b>			<b>154</b>						

**Table 5.2: Vacant Land Analysis for Residential Development Potential, Fort Bragg, 2019**

General Plan Designation	Maximum Units Per Acre	Acres of Vacant Land	Maximum Units	Likely Units Given Development Constraints
Low Density Residential (RL)	6	23.3	280	189
Medium Density Residential (RM)	12	5.9	84	55
High Density Residential (RH)	15	5.0	75	35
Very High Density Residential (RVH)	24	14.7	354	112
Highway Visitor Commercial (CH)	24	2.8	47	34
General Commercial (CG)	24	1.1	25	13
Office Commercial (CO)	24	6.1	147	40
Central Business District (CBD)	40	-		
<b>Total</b>		<b>58.9</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>478</b>

Source: Community Development Department, City of Fort Bragg, 2019

~~Table 5.2 and the Vacant Parcel Inventory (appendix B) does not include the following three projects which the City is fairly confident will be constructed and help to achieve new low income housing development for the 2019 Housing Element cycle, namely: the~~

~~Danco Project at 441 South Street, the Parents & Friend's project at 350 Cypress Street and the Habitat for Humanity project at 630 Debois Ave. The 7.9 acre 441 South Street parcel has permitting for a 69 project (68 affordable and one manager's unit), furthermore about three acres of the site could be developed with an additional 57 units of housing (80% of 24 units/acre on 3 acres). The City has secured a \$3 million CDBG grant to construct three 4-bedroom units at 350 Cypress Street for developmentally disadvantaged people. Finally the 630 Dubois property, owned by Habitat for Humanity, has a Coastal Development Permit for the construction of two moderate units. For more details about these projects please see page 10-63.~~

~~Several In conclusions can be drawn from Table 5.3. First, the City has sufficient vacant and underdeveloped land to meet its remaining regional housing allocation of 137 25 units, since a maximum of 154 ,019 units could be built within City limits on land identified in the Vacant Land Inventory given current zoning. Additionally, a it is likely that 478 units could be built on vacant and underutilized parcels given known and likely environmental constraints. The majority of these units could be higher density multi-family units in very high density and mixed use zoning districts.~~

~~For complete details on all vacant properties including: parcel number, address, zoning, parcel size, max and min housing density requirements, likely CEQA analysis, site constraints, and maximum and minimum number of units, and minimum units given parcel constraints, on a per parcel basis please see Appendix B. The total acreage of available multi-family land and the total number of units has declined from the 2014 housing element, because the regulations for which constitutes an eligible vacant site have narrowed such that sites less than 0.5 acres and more than 10 acres can no longer be counted as available sites. Additionally, some parcels have been developed for housing and new environmental constraints have been discovered on some parcels. However, despite sufficient vacant and underdeveloped land, our remote location contributes to a relatively high cost of construction which when combined with relatively low wages actually limits the number of units built each year.~~

~~Typical mitigation measures to address site constraints include the following generic measures:~~

- ~~1. Exclude development within known ESHAs (Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area) which include: botanical, riparian, and special status animal habitat.~~
- ~~2. Require a 50 to 100 foot buffer area free of development surrounding the known ESHA per the requirements of Fish and Wildlife.~~
- ~~3. Exclude development from areas with known cultural resource areas and implement various mitigations such as Native American Monitoring during construction per CEQA document and consultation with the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo.~~
- ~~4. Street and transportation improvements such as: sidewalk installation, stop sign installation, turn pocket installation, etc. where required by a CEQA document.~~

As shown in Table 5.4, the City has an adequate array of sites which have the appropriate densities and are unencumbered by development constraints to meet the **current-remaining** Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requirements **as of 2025**. In total the City has sufficient vacant property that once developed would result in at least **233-106** low income units. The City's **remaining** RHNA low income unit allocation is **94 25** units.

**Table 5.4 Summary of Vacant Sites By Income Category In Comparison to the RHNA (2025)**

General Plan Designation	Likely Income Category	Likely Units, Given Density Requirements and Development Constraints	RHNA Requirements
Low Density Residential (RL)	Above Moderate Income	189	23
Central Business District (CBD)	Moderate Income	0	23
Medium Density Residential (RM)	Moderate Income	55	
<b>Subtotal Moderate &amp; Above</b>		<b>245</b>	<b>46</b>
High Density Residential (RH)	Low and Very Low Income	32	94 25
Very-High Density Residential (RVH)	Low and Very Low Income	112 48	
Highway Visitor Commercial (CH)	Low and Very Low Income	34	
Office Commercial (CO)	Low and Very Low Income	40	
General Commercial (CG)	Low and Very Low Income	13 25	
<b>Total Low and Very Low</b>		<b>233-106</b>	<b>94-25</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>478</b>	<b>137</b>

Source: Community Development Department, City of Fort Bragg 2025

State legislation (SB 1019) requires the City to zone an adequate number of sites that permit multi-family residential uses without a conditional use permit to allow the City to meet its housing need for very-low and low income households. The RVH zoning district permits multi-family housing without a conditional use permit, and these vacant sites would accommodate a minimum of **112 48** units. Additionally, the likely number of multi-family units to be built with a conditional use permit include: **32 5** units in the RH (high density) district, ~~and 55 units in the RM (medium density) District~~. A Use Permit is a relatively easy permit to obtain from the City of Fort Bragg; no specific studies are required to obtain a Use Permit. In the past 12 years, all multi-family projects which have applied for a Use Permit have received Use Permit approval from the Planning Commission within three months from the time of **complete** application. Even those projects proposed within the Coastal Zone (which require a Coastal Development Permit) received approval within three months of submittal of the **complete** application. All multi-family development of three or more units also require **ministerial** Design Review, ~~and all projects which have applied for approval within the past 12 years have also received Design Review approval within three months of submittal of all applications.~~

State law requires the City to have sufficient vacant land with zoning to accommodate housing for lower-income households (GC Section 65583.2 (c) (3)). State law allows the City to meet this requirement by zoning sufficient vacant land with default densities of 15 units per acre to encourage the development of housing for lower-income households. As shown in Table 5.3 above, there are ~~currently 35.6~~ **5.2** acres of vacant land **within City limits** zoned for 15 units per acre that are eligible to be applied to the RHNA. These properties can accommodate ~~288 likely~~ **106** units, which is adequate to accommodate the needed **94 25** units of **extremely low**, very low ~~and low~~ **affordable** housing mandated by our 2019 RHNA housing allocation.

Significant progress has been made toward alleviating the shortage of affordable housing through the collaborative efforts of the City and nonprofit housing organizations. Nonetheless, there continues to be a large unmet need for affordable housing in the community. ~~The City is currently working with three housing developers to develop additional affordable housing in Fort Bragg to meet the 2019 RHNA.~~

**Table 5.4—Pending Affordable Housing Projects for RHNA 2019**

	RHNA Number	Danco	Habitat for Humanity	Parents & Friends	2nd Units	Projects Approved as of July 2019	Remaining RHNA
Extremely Low (below 30% of area median income)	30	68				68	-38
Very low (31-50% of area of median income)	30			3		3	27
Low income (51-80% of area median income)	31					0	31
Moderate income (81-120% area median income)	23		2			2	21
Above moderate (over 120% area median income)	23	1			2	3	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>99</b>

- ~~Specifically, the City of Fort Bragg is working with the **Danco Communities**, which is an affordable housing development company. Danco Communities specializes in the use of tax credits, HOME funds, CDBG, and Redevelopment funds in order to offer rents that, combined with tenants' utilities, do not exceed one third of their monthly income. These projects can help cities and counties meet their state mandated housing element and contribute to a healthier local economy. Danco Communities' affiliates maintain ownership of these developments for a minimum of 55 years, ensuring that they are well-managed and well-maintained. Danco completed a 25-unit 100% affordable senior housing project in 2014 and is now seeking Tax Credit Financing to construct a 68-unit affordable housing project on South Street that would include 20 units of Permanently Supportive Housing (affordable to extremely low income households), 23 units of affordable family housing (affordable to extremely low income households) and 25 units of affordable senior housing (affordable to extremely low income households) and one manager's unit. The City has approved all permits for the project and secured \$3,250,000 in support of the project.~~
- ~~**Habitat for Humanity.** The City continues to work with Habitat for Humanity and has changed the zoning code to provide one planning incentive for sweat-equity affordable housing, such as that developed by Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity recently completed an eight-unit, in-fill, self-help affordable housing development in Fort Bragg and will soon construct an additional two units of in-fill self-help affordable housing.~~
- ~~**Parents & Friends.** The Parents & Friends project is entirely funded through City CDBG funds and would result in 3 units to serve 12 people with development disabilities.~~

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg, does hereby adopt the 2019 Housing Element Amendment to the Fort Bragg General Plan (GPA 1-26).

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on April 13, 2026, by the following vote:

- AYES:**
- NOES:**
- ABSENT:**
- ABSTAIN:**
- RECUSE:**

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**JASON GODEKE**  
**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**Diana Paoli**  
**City Clerk**

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October 7, 2025

Isaac Whippy, City Manager  
City of Fort Bragg  
416 N. Franklin St.  
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**RE: City of Fort Bragg 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Programs – Letter of Inquiry**

Dear Isaac Whippy:

The purpose of this letter is to inquire about the status of the City of Fort Bragg's (City) 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Implementation Programs pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (i). The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) sent the City a letter on December 12, 2019 finding the City's housing element in substantial compliance with Housing Element Law.<sup>1</sup> This was based on, among other reasons, the City's responsibility to complete programs according to timeline commitments.

Program H-2.5.8 (Maximize Housing Density By Right for Projects with 20 Percent Affordable Units) was due by 2020-2021. The program intends to allow the maximum density permissible within a zoning district by-right (no use permit) for all residential projects that include at least 20 percent of units deed restricted at rents affordable to low-income households and that have been listed in the last two housing elements as an eligible site in the vacant parcel inventory for the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). The City's 2024 Annual Progress Report states the program as not being entirely complete. As the commitment date has passed, HCD requests that the City provide a status update and provide the accompanying documentation (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, zoning codes, etc.) or provide an update on the status and timeline for completion.

**Consequences of Failure to Implement Programs**

Government Code section 65585, subdivision (i), grants HCD authority to review any action or failure to act by a local government that it determines is inconsistent with an adopted housing element or Housing Element Law. This includes failure to implement program actions included in the housing element. Failure to implement actions in Programs H-2.5.8 by the statutory deadline means the City's housing element will no

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<sup>1</sup> Gov. Code, § 65580 et seq.

longer substantially comply with Housing Element Law, and HCD may revoke its finding of substantial compliance.

Various consequences may apply if the City does not have a housing element in compliance with Housing Element Law, including ineligibility or delay in receiving certain state funds, referral to the California Office of the Attorney General, court-imposed financial penalties, the loss of local land use authority to a court-appointed agent, and the application of the “builder’s remedy.”<sup>2</sup>

## Conclusion

Housing elements are essential to developing a blueprint for growth and are a vital tool to address California’s prolonged housing crisis. Accordingly, state law has established clear disincentives for local jurisdictions that fail to comply with Housing Element Law. To ensure the City continues to meet the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle update requirements for a substantially compliant housing element, the City must submit any adopted ordinances or resolutions to HCD for review or documentation that demonstrates that housing element program commits have been met.<sup>3</sup>

HCD understands that the City has many commitments and recognizes the challenges of implementation. HCD will consider any written response before taking further action authorized by Government Code section 65585, subdivision (i), including issuance of a Corrective Action Letter and removal of HCD’s finding of housing element compliance.

Please provide a written response to this inquiry by November 7, 2025. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the content of this letter, please contact Melissa Vasquez of our staff at [Melissa.Vasquez@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:Melissa.Vasquez@hcd.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Melinda Coy  
Housing Accountability Unit Chief  
Division of Housing Policy Development

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<sup>2</sup> Gov. Code, §§ 65585, subs. (i)(1)(C), (j), (l)(1); 65589.5, subd. (d)(6) and (f)(11).

<sup>3</sup> Gov. Code, § 65585.

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**Subject:** City of Fort Bragg Housing Element  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 5, 2025 8:48:27 AM  
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[Parcel Analysis.xlsx](#)

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Dear Melissa Vasquez and Melinda Coy,

This email responds to your October 7<sup>th</sup> letter of inquiry to the City of Fort Bragg regarding compliance with Program H-2.5.8 of the City's 2019 Housing Element.

The City is dedicated to providing a prohousing environment in Fort Bragg and has worked diligently to implement the range of housing laws from the State including adopting new regulations regarding Accessory Dwelling Units, Urban Unit Development, Urban Lot Splits, Emergency Shelters, Group Homes, Low Barrier Navigation Centers, and Supportive Housing. This City has also adopted an ordinance that reduces parking requirements and an ordinance establishing Administrative Design Review for multifamily housing as part of its Prohousing Application.

With regard to implementation of Program H-2.5.8 of the City's 2019 Housing Element, the City would like to open a dialogue with this email by sharing information and asking some questions. Our hope is that we can follow this letter with a quick conference call to develop a strategy that meets HCD's requirements and the City's housing goals.

1. The City of Fort Bragg has already satisfied its 2019 Housing Element Cycle RHNA housing requirements. Our most recent annual progress report indicated only one deficit, namely a 33-unit deficit in the very low-income unit allocation. However, this year the City permitted the following additional multifamily housing projects:
  - Parcel Number 018-440- 58, 1151 S Main Street, an 80-unit multifamily project with 8 units deed restricted to very low-income households and the remainder 72 multifamily units for moderate income households.
  - Parcel number 018-210-29, 860 Hazelwood St, a 49-unit low-income affordable deed restricted senior project.
  - A market rate 4-unit apartment building on South Franklin street.

These new projects have been included for the year 2025 in the table below and have reduced the net deficit to 25 units of housing for very low-income households. As noted in the table below, the City has significantly exceeded RHNA requirements for both low- and moderate-income housing by very wide margins of 300% and 570% respectively.

Income Level		RHNA Allocation by Income Level	2019 - 2024	2025	Total Units to Date (all years)	Total Remaining RHNA by Income Level
Very Low	Deed Restricted	60	27	8	35	25
	Non-Deed Restricted		0	-		
Low	Deed Restricted	31	50	48	101	-
	Non-Deed Restricted		0	-		
Moderate	Deed Restricted	23	6	-	132	-
	Non-Deed Restricted		43	76		
Above Moderate		23	22	5	28	-
Total RHNA		<b>137</b>				
Total Units			148	<b>137</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>25</b>

**Question:** Given that the City has already more than satisfied all income levels except extremely low/low income, may we reduce the housing inventory sites to only those necessary to satisfy the remaining need of 25 units? We would propose doing this on approximately three sites which have not yet been developed that are already zoned for a density of 24 du/acre maximum, which were identified for lower income housing in Appendix B, and which do not have any known constraints. (APN 008-172-09 [251 S. Franklin Street], APN 018-150-61 [1190 S. Main Street], and APN 018-150-58 [no address].) These three sites could support a total of 104 units by the allowed zoning. As shown on the attached chart, many of the other sites that were listed in Appendix B have either been developed or have biological constraints.

**Question:** Would it be necessary to revise Appendix B of the Housing Element, or may we just include findings in an Ordinance that this would satisfy the remaining RHNA?

2. In the 2014 and 2009 Housing Element cycles the City included many more parcels in the vacant parcel inventory than was required for the RHNA allocation for each of those Housing Elements.
  - In 2009 the City included sufficient land to accommodate a maximum of 2,869 units and 1,618 likely units, while the RHNA allocation only required land for **256** units. In other words, the City included sufficient parcels in its inventory to provide housing for 6 times its RHNA requirement in the 2009 Housing Element.
  - In 2014 the City included sufficient land to accommodate a maximum of 2,396 units and 1,595 likely units while the RHNA only required land for **20** units. The City included sufficient parcels in its inventory to provide housing for 79 times its RHNA requirement in the 2014 Housing Element.

The City was trying to conscientiously illustrate that it easily met RHNA requirements. The City did not know that the consequence of identifying all potential vacant land would eventually result in a requirement to make multifamily projects permissible by right on these parcels. Additionally, many of the parcels identified in the land inventory are not suitable for low-income multifamily units as described below. Is it possible for the City to amend our vacant parcel inventory to address the issues described below?

Six parcels are constrained by sensitive biological resources. If these parcels are included in a rezoning effort, The CEQA analysis for the rezone would remove them from the rezoning because it is not possible to develop these parcels without having a significant effect on rare plants, wetlands and coastal bluffs. The vacant land inventories of 2009, 2014 and 2019 indicated that these parcels include biological constraints. However, since that time the extent of the biological constraints has been further documented and three of the parcels are undevelopable, while the remaining would require a CEQA analysis to set buffers and mitigation measures for development. Consequently, all six parcels would be excluded as a mitigation measure of the CEQA analysis to adopt the required zoning overlay. In the attached table, these parcels are noted with orange highlight.

**Question:** Can these parcels be removed from the Vacant Land Inventory and be excluded from the implementation of Program H-2.5.8 since they are not developable and not required to meet the City's RHNA requirements?

- Six of the parcels have already been developed or have been fully entitled for multifamily development.

**Question:** Can these six parcels be excluded from the implementation of Program H-2.5.8 since they are already developed and have already been utilized to meet the City's RHNA allocation? These parcels are highlighted in green on the attached table.

3. Can you confirm that Program H-2.5.8 does not require the City to allow by-right development on the parcels which were identified for moderate income housing with densities of less than 15 du/acre? The City has four parcels totaling 7.3 acres that are developable and which currently allow less than 15 units per acre. These parcels are small (average of 1.3 acres), which makes them unlikely candidates for multifamily development.

Please see the attached tables and thanks for your consideration of these questions. We look forward to hearing from you and setting up a meeting to discuss this further. Please call me at 707-357-6480 to set up a meeting or to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Marie Jones  
Consulting Planner  
City of Fort Bragg  
707-357-6480

Attachment B: PARCEL-SPECIFIC INVENTORY OF VACANT AND UNDERUTILIZED LANDS												
APN	Address	General Plan Designation	Zoning	Max Density (Units/Acre)	Total Acres	Coastal	Anticipated Level of Environmental Review	Rezoning Required	Existing Use	Target Income Category	Listed in 2014 and 2009 Housing	Potential Development Constraints
008-172-09	251 SO FRANKLIN ST	CG	CG	24	1.06	Yes	Infill	No	Vacant	Low	Yes	No known constraints
018-150-61	1190 S MAIN ST	CH	CH	24	1.95	Yes	MND	No	Vacant	Low	Yes	No known constraints
018-150-58	No Address Boatyard Dr	RVH	RVH	24	1.32	Yes	Cat Ex	No	Vacant	Low	Yes	No known constraints
018-440-58	1151 S Main Street	CH	CH	24	2.60	Yes	Infill	Permitted for 72 Moderate & 8 Very Low Income Units	Vacant	Mod	Yes	80 unit multifamily project has been permitted with 8 units affordable to very low income households. Remaining units are for moderate income.
018-090-02	700 RIVER DR	CO	CO	24	2.45	Yes	MND	No	Vacant	Low	Yes	Approximately half of the parcel may be constrained by biological resources.
018-090-16	700 RIVER DR	CO	CO	24	2.77	Yes	MND	No	Vacant	Low	Yes	Approx. 0.6 acre is roadway/sidewalk associated with healthcare facility. Approx 1.25 acres unencumbered, some may have biological constraints.
008-010-31	1020 GLASS BEACH DR	RH	RH	15	3.30	Yes	EIR	Not feasible	Vacant	Low	Yes	Parcel is constrained by rare plant communities and the prior subdivision requires a 100 foot geotech setback from the river bluff edge. Parcel is not developable.
008-010-33	1080 GLASS BEACH DR	RL	RL	6	3.00	Yes	MND	Not Feasible	Vacant	above Mod	Yes	Parcel is heavily constrained by rare plant communities. About 10% of site is developable.
018-210-29	860 HAZELWOOD ST	RH	RH	15	2.98	Yes	Infill	Permitted for 48 units of Low Income Senior	1 SFH	above Mod	Yes	This site has been permitted for a 49 units very low income affordable senior project
018-440-50	200 W OCEAN VIEW DR	RM	RM	12	1.01	Yes	Infill	Maybe	Vacant	Mod	Yes	No known constraints
018-440-38	350 W OCEAN VIEW DR	RM	RM	12	0.93	Yes	infill	Maybe	Vacant	Mod	Yes	No known constraints
018-440-49	250 W OCEAN VIEW DR	RM	RM	12	0.74	Yes	Infill	Maybe	Vacant	Mod	Yes	No known constraints
018-150-55	100 E Ocean View Dr.	RVH	RVH	24	0.69	Yes	Infill	No	Vacant	Mod	Yes	No known constraints
NA	441 South Street	RVH	RVH	24	NA	Yes	Infill	Developed	Developed	Low	Yes	Parcel has been subdivided and developed with 69 units of very low income affordable housing.
018-340-03	601 CYPRESS ST	RVH/OS	RVH/OS	24	9.08	Yes	MND	Not Feasible	Vacant	Low	Yes	About 2/3 of the parcel is dedicated as open space with steep slopes, riparian and wetland vegetation leaving about
008-350-60	920 STEWART ST	RVH	RVH	24	3.51	Yes	MND	Not Feasible	Vacant	Low	Yes	Parcel is constrained by rare plant communities and has a required geological setback from the river bluff edge
018-150-59	No Address Boatyard Dr	RVH	RVH	24	5.86	Yes	MND	No	Vacant	Low	Yes	Parcel has some steep slopes toward river. A small mobile home park is located on a portion of the parcel. About 2 acres of the site is developable
018-113-03	970 CHESTNUT ST	RH	RH	15	2.14	No	Infill	No	Vacant	Low	Yes	No known constraints
008-290-73	1329 CEDAR ST	RL	RL	6	1.97	No	Infill	Developed	Developed	above Mod	Yes	Developed with Single Family Home.
008-302-28	1328 CEDAR ST	RL	RL	6	0.57	No	Cat Ex	Subdivided & Developed	Developed	above Mod	Yes	Subdivided and developed with three single family homes.
008-290-34	1325 CEDAR ST	RL	RL	6	0.57	No	Cat Ex	Developed	Developed	above Mod	Yes	Developed with Single Family Home.
018-100-74	485 SO LINCOLN ST	RL	RL	6	0.92	No	Cat Ex	Maybe	Vacant	above Mod	Yes	No known constraints. Developed with industrial shop use.
018-113-01	552 S Lincoln St	RM	RM	12	3.68		Infill	Maybe	1 SFH	Mod	Yes	No known constraints. The single family home is in fair condition. This parcel can be subdivided into six parcels and accommodate 12 units. The existing unit could remain as part of that subdivision.
020-520-22	1600 OAK ST	RL	RL	6	5.10		MND/EIR	Not Feasible	Vacant	above Mod	Yes	Parcel is wooded with an environmentally sensitive tree community (bishop pine forest)
Total All Sites					60							

**Unconstrained and Undeveloped Parcels by Zoning**

	Acres	Units
Parcels with zoning of 24 units/acre	8.2	198
Parcels with zoning of up to 15 units/acre	2.1	32
Parcels with zoning of 12 units per acre.	6.4	76
Parcels with zoning of 6 units or more	0.9	6
Total	17.7	311

**RESOLUTION NO. PC 04-2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG PLANNING COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION  
OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FORT BRAGG  
INLAND GENERAL PLAN BY ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
2019 HOUSING ELEMENT (GPA 1-26)**

**WHEREAS**, California Constitution Article XI, Section 7, enables the City of Fort Bragg (the “City”) to enact local planning and land use regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the authority to adopt and enforce zoning regulations is an exercise of the City’s police power to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Bragg (“City”) adopted a General Plan in 2002 which established policies for all lands within Fort Bragg city limits and its sphere of influence; and

**WHEREAS**, the City adopted a Coastal General Plan (“Coastal GP”) as the Land Use Plan portion of the Local Coastal Program on May 12, 2008 which established policies for all land within the Fort Bragg Coastal Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2008 the California Coastal Commission certified the City’s Local Coastal Program (LCP) which includes the Coastal GP as the Land Use Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the availability of housing is a substantial concern for individuals of all demographics, ages, and economic backgrounds in communities throughout the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council’s 2024-2028 Strategic Plan includes the goal of adding 200+ housing units by 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, Housing affordability has become a significant challenge, and many residents find it increasingly difficult to purchase and/or rent a home; and

**WHEREAS**, the project is exempt from CEQA under the “Common Sense Exemption” (Section 15061b3); and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on February 25, 2026, to consider the Housing Element Amendment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Fort Bragg Planning Commission, based on the entirety of the record before it, which includes without limitation, CEQA, Public Resources Code §21000, et seq. and the CEQA Guidelines, 14 California Code of Regulations §15000, et seq.; the Fort Bragg Coastal General Plan; the Fort Bragg Coastal Land Use and Development Code; the Project application; all reports and public testimony submitted as part of the Planning Commission meeting of February 25, 2026, and Planning Commission deliberations; and any other evidence (within the meaning of Public Resources Code §21080(e) and §21082.2), the Planning Commission of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby make the following findings and determinations:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following findings are the Planning Commission's reasons for recommending amendments to the Fort Bragg **Housing Element**:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and made a part of this Ordinance.

2. On February 25, 2026, the Planning Commission held a properly noticed public hearing and adopted a resolution in support of the City Council’s adoption of the proposed amendments to the Inland Land Use and Development Code.
3. The proposed General Plan amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City, as the amendments will make the zoning code consistent with adopted State laws; and
4. The proposed amendment is consistent with the General Plan and any applicable specific plan.
5. The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City.
6. The proposed amendment is mandated by State Law as such it is in the public interest and will provide for better convenience and welfare for the residents of the City of Fort Bragg. The proposed amendment requires conformance with all applicable building codes which will ensure healthy and safe housing.
7. The proposed amendment is internally consistent with other applicable provisions of this Development Code.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Fort Bragg Planning Commission does hereby recommend the City Council adopt:

- A RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FORT BRAGG INLAND GENERAL PLAN BY ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 HOUSING ELEMENT (GPA 1-26)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Stavely, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 25th day of February 2026, by the following vote:**

**AYES: Turner, Stavely, Jensen**  
**NOES: None.**  
**ABSENT: Neils, Bushnell**  
**ABSTAIN: None.**  
**RECUSE: None.**

Signed by:  
  
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**David Jensen, Chair**

**ATTEST:**

Signed by:  
  
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**Lisa Horstman, Administrative Assistant**



# CITY OF FORT BRAGG

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fort Bragg City Council will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:00 PM** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard at Town Hall, at the corner of Main and Laurel Streets (363 North Main Street), Fort Bragg, California. The public hearing will concern the following item:

APPLICATION: Inland General Plan Amendment 1-26 (GP 1-26)  
 FILING DATE: 1/7/2026  
 APPLICANT: City of Fort Bragg  
 PROJECT: Housing Element Amendment to reduce the number of properties listed in the Vacant Parcel Inventory and Housing Element Program H-2.5.8.  
 LOCATION: 251 S. Franklin St., 180 Boatyard Dr, 100 E Ocean View Dr., 970 Chestnut St.  
 APN: 008-172-09, 018-150-58, 018-150-55, 018-113-03  
 LOT SIZE: 1.06 acres, 1.32 acres, 0.69 acres, 2.14 acres  
 ZONING: General Commercial, Very High Density Residential, High Density Residential  
 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Consider Adoption of a Resolution Amending the 2019 Housing Element Amendment (GPA 1-26).  
 ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed amendment is Statutorily Exempt from CEQA per Government Section 15061.b.3 the Commonsense Exemption.

Public Comment regarding this Public Meeting may be made in any of the following ways: (1) Emailed to [cityclerk@fortbraggca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@fortbraggca.gov) (2) Written comments delivered to City Hall, 416 N. Franklin Street before 2:00 PM on the day of the meeting; or (3) Verbal comments made during the meeting, either in person at Town Hall or virtually using Zoom if a Zoom link is provided at the time of agenda publication. Comments received via email will be provided to the City Council and reflected in the packet. Comments will not be read verbally at the meeting. All comments received after 2:00 PM on the day of the meeting will become a permanent part of the agenda packet on the day after the meeting or as soon thereafter as possible, exempt comments are those in an unrecognized file type or too large to upload to City Agenda software.

Staff reports and other documents that will be considered by City Council will be made available for review on the City's website: <https://cityfortbragg.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>, at least 72 hours prior to the City Council meeting, and are also available for review and/or copying during normal office hours at Fort Bragg City Hall, 416 N. Franklin Street. To obtain more information,

please contact the City Clerk, via email at [cityclerk@fortbraggca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@fortbraggca.gov). At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council will consider a decision on the above matter.



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Diana Paoli, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO        )

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the City of Fort Bragg; and that I caused this notice to be posted in the City Hall Notice case on or before March 19, 2026.



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Diana Paoli, City Clerk



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## AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que el Concejo Municipal de Fort Bragg llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el lunes 13 de abril de 2026 a las 6:00 p. m. o tan pronto como se escuche el asunto en el Ayuntamiento, en la esquina de las calles Main y Laurel (363 North Main Street), Fort Bragg, California.

La audiencia pública tratará el siguiente tema:

**SOLICITUD:** Enmienda 1-26 al Plan General del Interior (GP 1-26)  
**FECHA DE PRESENTACIÓN:** 1/7/2026  
**SOLICITANTE:** Ciudad de Fort Bragg  
**PROYECTO:** Enmienda al Elemento de Vivienda para reducir el número de propiedades incluidas en el Inventario de Parcelas Vacías y el Programa de Elementos de Vivienda H-2.5.8.

**UBICACIÓN:** 251 S. Franklin St., 180 Boatyard Dr, 100 E Ocean View Dr., 970 Chestnut St.

**APN:** 008-172-09, 018-150-58, 018-150-55, 018-113-03  
**TAMAÑO DEL LOTE:** 1,06 acres, 1,32 acres, 0,69 acres, 2,14 acres  
**ZONIFICACIÓN:** Comercial general, Residencial de muy alta densidad, Residencial de alta densidad

**DESCRIPCIÓN DEL PROYECTO:** Considerar la adopción de una resolución que modifique la Ley de Vivienda de 2019 Enmienda de elementos (GPA 1-26).

**AMBIENTAL**  
**DETERMINACIÓN:** La enmienda propuesta está exenta estatutariamente de la CEQA según la Sección 15061.b.3 del Gobierno, la Exención de Sentido Común.

Los comentarios públicos sobre esta reunión pública se pueden realizar de cualquiera de las siguientes maneras: (1) Enviados por correo electrónico a [cityclerk@fortbraggca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@fortbraggca.gov) (2) Comentarios escritos entregados en el Ayuntamiento, 416 N. Franklin Street antes de las 14:00 h del día de la reunión; o (3) Comentarios verbales realizados durante la reunión, ya sea en persona en el Ayuntamiento o virtualmente por Zoom, si se proporciona un enlace de Zoom al momento de la publicación de la agenda. Los comentarios recibidos por correo electrónico se enviarán al Ayuntamiento y se reflejarán en el paquete. Los comentarios no se leerán verbalmente en la reunión. Todos los comentarios recibidos después de las 14:00 h del día de la reunión se incluirán permanentemente en el paquete de la agenda al día siguiente o lo antes posible. Se exceptúan los comentarios en un tipo de archivo desconocido o demasiado grande para cargarlo en el software City Agenda.

Los informes del personal y otros documentos que el Ayuntamiento considerará estarán disponibles para su consulta en el sitio web de la Ciudad: <https://cityfortbragg.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>, al menos 72 horas antes de la reunión del Ayuntamiento, y también están disponibles para su consulta o copia durante el horario de oficina habitual en el Ayuntamiento de Fort Bragg, 416 N. Franklin Street. Para obtener más información,

Por favor, contacte con el Secretario Municipal por correo electrónico a [cityclerk@fortbraggca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@fortbraggca.gov). Al finalizar la audiencia pública, el Ayuntamiento considerará una decisión sobre el asunto mencionado.



Diana Paoli, Secretaria Municipal

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Declaro, bajo pena de perjurio, que soy empleado de la Ciudad de Fort Bragg y que hice que este aviso se publicara en la caja de Avisos del Ayuntamiento el 19 de marzo de 2026 o antes.



Diana Paoli, Secretaria Municipal



# City of Fort Bragg

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## Text File

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Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Assembly Bill 2494, Modernizing Our Forest System

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2494**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Rogers**  
(Coauthor: Senator McGuire)

February 20, 2026

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An act to amend Sections 4629.6, 4629.8, 4629.9, 4631, 4631.5, 4639, 4651, 4652, and 4656 of, and to add Section 4649.5 to, the Public Resources Code, relating to state forests.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2494, as introduced, Rogers. State forests: forest management.

(1) Existing law authorizes the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to engage in management of state forests and defines “management” for purposes of the state forests as a means of handling forest crop and forest soil to achieve maximum sustained production of high-quality forest products while giving consideration to values relating to, among other values, recreation, watershed, and wildlife, as provided.

This bill would redefine “management” for purposes of state forests as the handling of forest vegetation and soils within state forests for biodiversity conservation and fire resilience, while maximizing the promotion of durable onsite carbon storage and sequestration, climate resiliency goals, equitable forest access, wildlife and recreation opportunities, and compatible research efforts.

(2) Existing law declares it is in the interest of the welfare of the people of the state and their industries and other activities involving the use of wood, lumber, poles, piling, wood pulp, and other forest products that desirable cutover forest lands be made fully productive and that the holding and reforestation of such lands is a necessary

measure predicated on waning supplies of original old growth timber, as provided. Existing law further declares it is in the interest of the welfare of the people of the state that the state retain the existing land base of state forests in timber production for research and demonstration.

This bill would instead declare that desirable forest lands should be restored to fulfill ecological conditions and processes, and managed consistent with the definition of management, and would further declare policy of the state to be to respect California Native American tribal sovereignty and to seek opportunities for comanagement and integration of indigenous traditional ecological knowledge in forest management. The bill would instead declare that the state should retain the existing land base of state forests primarily for research and demonstration purposes and allow the sale of timber and other forest products only when harvest occurs for ecological restoration or research purposes.

(3) Existing law requires the management of state forests and the cutting and sale of timber and other forest products from state forests to conform with regulations prepared by the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection and approved by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. Existing law requires the regulations to conform with forest management practices designed to achieve maximum sustained production of high-quality forest products while giving consideration to values relating to, among other values, recreation, watershed, and wildlife, as specified. Existing law authorizes state forest lands to be used for grazing and mining purposes pursuant to regulations established by the board. Under existing law, a person who violates the rules and regulations pertaining to the state forests established by the board is guilty of a misdemeanor.

The bill would prohibit the sale of timber and other forest products from state forests unless harvest occurs for ecological restoration or research purposes in a manner consistent with the definition of management, as provided. The bill would repeal the authorization for state forest lands to be used for mining purposes. The bill would require the regulations concerning the management of state forests and the cutting and sale of timber and other forest products to prioritize management practices, as specified. The bill would require the regulations permitting grazing on state forest lands to be updated to reflect the redefinition of management. Because a violation of these regulations would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(4) Existing law requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, in consultation with the Secretary for Environmental Protection, to submit a report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee on the activities of all state departments, agencies, and boards relating to forest and timberland regulation, as specified.

This bill would, among other changes to the report, require the report include additional information including, among other things, any identified staffing needs, by department, and costs per position, to support a more efficient review of timber harvest plans.

(5) Existing law authorizes the department to collect recreational user fees for overnight camping and reserved group activities in a demonstration state forest. Existing law requires all user fees collected by the department to be deposited into the Forest Resources Improvement Fund and requires the fees to be used, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to reimburse the department's cost of maintaining and improving the campground facilities, associated recreational facilities, natural environment, and access thereto. Under existing law, the Forest Resources Improvement Fund is the depository for all revenue derived from the receipts from the sale of forest products, as defined, from state forests to support specified operations. Existing law authorizes money in the Forest Resource Improvement Fund to only be expended, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the cost of operations associated with management of lands held in trust by the state and operated as demonstration state forests, as specified.

Existing law creates the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund in the State Treasury and requires that specified revenues received from a lumber or engineered wood products assessment, less amounts deducted for refunds and reimbursements, be deposited in the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund and, upon appropriation by the Legislature, be used for specified purposes, including for forest resources improvement grants and projects administered by the department.

This bill would instead require that all recreational user fees received by the department be deposited into the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund, as provided. The bill would instead also require that all revenue derived from the receipts from the sales of forest products, and any other funds generated by a demonstration state forest, be deposited in the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund, except as provided. The bill would require moneys deposited in the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund to, upon appropriation by the

Legislature, be expended to support demonstration state forests, as provided.

(6) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 4629.6 of the Public Resources Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 4629.6. Moneys deposited in the fund shall, upon appropriation  
4 by the Legislature, only be expended for the following purposes:

5 (a) To reimburse the State Board of Equalization for its  
6 administrative costs associated with the administration, collection,  
7 audit, and issuance of refunds related to the lumber products and  
8 engineered wood assessment established pursuant to Section  
9 4629.5.

10 (b) To pay refunds issued pursuant to Part 30 (commencing  
11 with Section 55001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation  
12 Code.

13 (c) To support the activities and costs of the department, the  
14 Department of Conservation, the Department of Fish and Wildlife,  
15 the State Water Resources Control Board, and regional water  
16 quality control boards associated with the review of projects or  
17 permits necessary to conduct timber operations. On or after July  
18 1, 2013, except for fees applicable for fire prevention or protection  
19 within state responsibility area classified lands or timber yield  
20 assessments, no currently authorized or required fees shall be  
21 charged by the agencies listed in this subdivision for activities or  
22 costs associated with the review of a project, inspection and  
23 oversight of projects, and permits necessary to conduct timber  
24 operations of those departments and boards.

25 (d) For transfer to the department’s Forest Improvement Program  
26 for forest resources improvement grants and projects administered  
27 by the department pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section

1 4790) and Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 4799.06) of Part  
2 2.5.

3 (e) To fund existing restoration grant programs, with priority  
4 given to the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program administered by  
5 the Department of Fish and Wildlife and grant programs  
6 administered by state conservancies.

7 (f) (1) As a loan to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for  
8 activities to address environmental damage occurring on forest  
9 lands resulting from marijuana cultivation. Not more than five  
10 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) may be loaned from the fund  
11 in a fiscal year pursuant to this paragraph. This paragraph shall  
12 become inoperative on July 1, 2017.

13 (2) Any funds deposited into the fund pursuant to subdivision  
14 (d) or (f) of Section 12025 or subdivision (b), (c), (e), or (f) of  
15 Section 12025.1 of the Fish and Game Code shall be credited  
16 toward loan repayment.

17 (3) Moneys from the General Fund shall not be used to repay  
18 a loan authorized pursuant to this subdivision.

19 (g) *To support demonstration state forests.*

20 ~~(g)~~

21 (h) To the department for fuel treatment grants and projects  
22 pursuant to authorities under the Wildland Fire Protection and  
23 Resources Management Act of 1978 (Article 1 (commencing with  
24 Section 4461) of Chapter 7).

25 ~~(h)~~

26 (i) To the department to provide grants to local agencies  
27 responsible for fire protection, qualified nonprofits, recognized  
28 tribes, local and state governments, and resources conservation  
29 districts, undertaken on a state responsibility area (SRA) or on  
30 wildlands not in an SRA that pose a threat to the SRA, to reduce  
31 the costs of wildland fire suppression, reduce greenhouse gas  
32 emissions, promote adaptation of forested landscapes to changing  
33 climate, improve forest health, and protect homes and communities.

34 ~~(i)~~

35 (j) To the Natural Resources Agency to provide a reasonable  
36 per diem for attendance at a meeting of the advisory body for the  
37 state's forest practice program by a member of the body who is  
38 not an employee of a government agency.

39 SEC. 2. Section 4629.8 of the Public Resources Code is  
40 amended to read:

1 4629.8. (a) Funds deposited in the fund shall be appropriated  
2 in accordance with the following priorities:

3 (1) First priority shall be for funding associated with the  
4 administration and delivery of responsibilities identified in  
5 subdivisions (a) to (c), inclusive, of Section 4629.6.

6 (2) Only after paragraph (1) is funded, the second priority shall  
7 be, if deposits are sufficient in future years to maintain the fund,  
8 by 2016, at a minimum reserve of four million dollars (\$4,000,000),  
9 for use and appropriation by the Legislature in years during which  
10 revenues to the account are projected to fall short of the ongoing  
11 budget allocations for support of the activities identified in  
12 paragraph (1).

13 (3) Only after paragraphs (1) and (2) are funded, the third  
14 priority shall be in support of activities designated in subdivisions  
15 (d) to (f), inclusive, of Section 4629.6.

16 (4) Only after paragraphs (1) to (3), inclusive, are funded, the  
17 fourth priority shall be to support the activities designated in  
18 subdivisions (g) to ~~(i)~~, (j), inclusive, of Section 4629.6.

19 (b) Funds shall not be used to pay for or reimburse any  
20 requirements, including mitigation of a project proponent or  
21 applicant, as a condition of any permit.

22 SEC. 3. Section 4629.9 of the Public Resources Code is  
23 amended to read:

24 4629.9. (a) ~~On or before January 10, 2013, and on each January~~  
25 ~~10 thereafter 10, and annually thereafter on January 10,~~ in  
26 conjunction with the ~~2014-15 Governor's Budget and each~~  
27 ~~Governor's Budget thereafter, Budget,~~ the Secretary of the Natural  
28 Resources Agency, in consultation with the Secretary for  
29 Environmental Protection, shall submit to the Joint Legislative  
30 Budget Committee a report on the activities of all state  
31 departments, agencies, and boards relating to forest and timberland  
32 regulation. This report shall include, at a minimum, all of the  
33 following:

34 (1) A listing, by organization, of the proposed total costs  
35 associated with the review, approval, and inspection of timber  
36 harvest plans and associated ~~permits~~. *permits and agreements.*

37 (2) The number of timber harvest plans, and acreage covered  
38 by the plans, reviewed ~~in the 2011-12 fiscal year, or~~ *and approved*  
39 *in the most recent fiscal year.*

1 (3) To the extent feasible, a listing of activities, personnel, and  
2 funding, by department, for the forest practice program for  
3 ~~2012-13~~, or the most recent fiscal year, and the preceding 10 fiscal  
4 ~~years~~: *years, including, but not limited to, any other expenditures*  
5 *or transfers from the fund.*

6 (4) The number of staff in each organization dedicated fully or  
7 partially to (A) review of timber harvest plans, and (B) other  
8 forestry-related activities, by geographical location in the state.

9 (5) The costs of other forestry-related activities undertaken.

10 (6) A summary of any process improvements identified by the  
11 administration as part of ongoing review of the timber harvest  
12 process, including data and technology improvement needs.

13 (7) ~~Workload analysis for the forest practice program in each~~  
14 ~~organization~~: *department, including, but not limited to, an*  
15 *assessment of whether there is adequate staff to efficiently and*  
16 *effectively review plans.*

17 (8) *Any identified staffing needs, by department, and costs per*  
18 *position, to support a more efficient review of timber harvest plans.*

19 ~~(8)~~

20 (9) In order to assess efficiencies in the program and the  
21 effectiveness of spending, a set of measures for, and a plan for  
22 collection of data on, the program, including, but not limited to:

23 (A) ~~The number of timber harvest plans reviewed~~: *submitted,*  
24 *returned for incompleteness, accepted, reviewed, and approved.*

25 (B) ~~Average and median time for plan review~~: *review and time*  
26 *of review for any subsequent agreements or permits to support the*  
27 *conduct of timber operations under an approved timber harvest*  
28 *plan.*

29 (C) ~~Number of field inspections per inspector~~: *and percentage*  
30 *of preharvest inspections attended by each review team agency.*

31 (D) Number of acres under active plans.

32 (E) Number of violations.

33 (F) Evaluating ecological performance.

34 (b) A report required to be submitted pursuant to subdivision  
35 (a) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the  
36 Government Code.

37 SEC. 4. Section 4631 of the Public Resources Code is amended  
38 to read:

39 4631. ~~It is hereby declared to be in the interest of the welfare~~  
40 ~~of the people of this state and their industries and other activities~~

1 involving the use of wood, lumber, poles, piling, and other forest  
 2 products; ~~The Legislature finds and declares that desirable cutover~~  
 3 forest lands, including those having young and old timber growth,  
 4 ~~should be made fully productive and that the holding and~~  
 5 ~~reforestation of such lands is a necessary measure predicated on~~  
 6 ~~waning supplies of original old growth timber.~~ *restored to fulfill*  
 7 *ecological conditions and processes, and managed consistent with*  
 8 *the definition of “management” in Section 4639. It is further*  
 9 *declared to be the policy of the state to respect California Native*  
 10 *American tribal sovereignty and to seek opportunities for*  
 11 *comanagement and integration of indigenous traditional ecological*  
 12 *knowledge in forest management.* It is further declared to be the  
 13 policy of the state to acquire by purchase, exchange, lease, or grant  
 14 all of the following:

15 (a) ~~Such cutover lands, the reforestation or restoration of which~~  
 16 ~~is not assured under private ownership, to reforest or restore such~~  
 17 ~~lands during periods of unemployment and at other times.~~ *with*  
 18 *locally appropriate species.*

19 (b) ~~Liquidating Disposal of forest lands primarily suitable for~~  
 20 ~~timber production production, which may be acquired under~~  
 21 ~~precutting agreements.~~

22 (c) ~~Demonstration forests of 2,000 acres or less adapted to~~  
 23 ~~furnish local needs of investigation, demonstration, and education~~  
 24 ~~in those timber counties where the ownership pattern is such that~~  
 25 ~~management of small areas is an important problem.~~ *throughout*  
 26 *the state.*

27 (d) ~~One area, not to exceed approximately 40,000 acres, in each~~  
 28 ~~of the following forest districts, Coast Range Pine and Fir District,~~  
 29 ~~North Sierra Pine District and the South Sierra Pine District, for~~  
 30 ~~the purpose of demonstration of economical forest management.~~  
 31 ~~These areas shall not include virgin timber except that which is~~  
 32 ~~incidental to areas previously harvested.~~

33 SEC. 5. Section 4631.5 of the Public Resources Code is  
 34 amended to read:

35 4631.5. ~~It is further declared to be in the interest of the welfare~~  
 36 ~~of the people of this state that the state do all~~ *The Legislature*  
 37 *further declares that the state should do both of the following:*

38 (a) ~~Retain the existing land base of state forests in timber~~  
 39 ~~production for research and demonstration purposes.~~ *primarily for*  
 40 *research and demonstration purposes and allow the sale of timber*

1 *and other forest products only when harvest occurs for ecological*  
2 *restoration or research purposes.*

3 (b) Cooperate with local governments in mitigating the impacts  
4 on school enrollment of geothermal development ~~which that~~ occurs  
5 in proximity to state-owned forest lands.

6 SEC. 6. Section 4639 of the Public Resources Code is amended  
7 to read:

8 4639. “Management” means the handling of forest ~~crop and~~  
9 ~~forest soil so as to achieve maximum sustained production of high~~  
10 ~~quality forest products while giving consideration to values relating~~  
11 ~~to recreation, watershed, wildlife, range and forage, fisheries, and~~  
12 ~~aesthetic enjoyment. vegetation and soils within state forests,~~  
13 ~~including, but not limited to, demonstration state forests, for~~  
14 ~~biodiversity conservation and fire resilience, while maximizing~~  
15 ~~the promotion of durable onsite carbon storage and sequestration,~~  
16 ~~climate resiliency goals, equitable forest access, wildlife and~~  
17 ~~recreation opportunities, and compatible research efforts.~~

18 SEC. 7. Section 4649.5 is added to the Public Resources Code,  
19 to read:

20 4649.5. The sale of timber and other forest products shall be  
21 prohibited unless harvest occurs for ecological restoration or  
22 research purposes in a manner consistent with the definition of  
23 “management” in Section 4639.

24 SEC. 8. Section 4651 of the Public Resources Code is amended  
25 to read:

26 4651. The management of state forests and the cutting and sale  
27 of timber and other forest products from state forests shall conform  
28 to regulations prepared by the director and approved by the board.  
29 These regulations shall ~~be in conformity with forest management~~  
30 ~~practices designed to achieve maximum sustained production of~~  
31 ~~high-quality forest products while giving consideration to values~~  
32 ~~relating to recreation, watershed, wildlife, range and forage,~~  
33 ~~fisheries, and aesthetic enjoyment. The sale of timber and other~~  
34 ~~forest products is limited to raw materials only. prioritize~~  
35 ~~management practices consistent with the definition of~~  
36 ~~“management” in Section 4639.~~

37 SEC. 9. Section 4652 of the Public Resources Code is amended  
38 to read:

39 4652. (a) The department may collect recreational user fees  
40 for overnight camping and reserved group activities in a

1 demonstration state forest. The department shall not charge a fee  
 2 that exceeds the amount necessary to reimburse the department’s  
 3 costs for maintenance and improvement of campground facilities,  
 4 associated recreational facilities, natural environment, and access  
 5 thereto.

6 (b) All recreational user fees received by the department during  
 7 each fiscal year shall be deposited into the ~~Forest Resources~~  
 8 ~~Improvement Fund~~ *Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration*  
 9 *Fund established pursuant to Section 4629.3* and shall be used,  
 10 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to reimburse the  
 11 department’s cost of maintaining and improving the campground  
 12 facilities, associated recreational facilities, natural environment,  
 13 and access thereto.

14 (c) ~~Receipts~~ *Notwithstanding Section 4799.13, receipts* from  
 15 the sales of forest products and recreational user fees shall be  
 16 deposited monthly with the State Treasurer in the ~~Forest Resources~~  
 17 ~~Improvement Fund~~ *Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration*  
 18 *Fund*. The Controller shall keep a record of accounts of such  
 19 receipts separately.

20 (d) *Any other funds generated by a demonstration state forest,*  
 21 *including, but not limited to, any funds that are deposited into the*  
 22 *Forest Resources Improvement Fund, shall be transferred to the*  
 23 *Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund.*

24 SEC. 10. Section 4656 of the Public Resources Code is  
 25 amended to read:

26 4656. (a) This chapter does not interfere with the reasonable  
 27 use of state forests for hunting, fishing, ~~recreation~~ *foraging,*  
 28 *recreation,* and camping, except as otherwise provided by law.

29 ~~The~~

30 (b) *The use of state forest lands for grazing and mining purposes*  
 31 *shall be permitted pursuant to regulations established by the board*  
 32 *in accordance with Chapter 3.5 3.5 (commencing with Section*  
 33 *11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.*  
 34 *Code, and reflect the definition of “management” in Section 4639.*  
 35 *The use and development of water facilities for irrigation and*  
 36 *power shall be permitted as provided by law.*

37 SEC. 11. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
 38 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
 39 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
 40 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or

1 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
2 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
3 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
4 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
5 Constitution.

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## Assembly Bill 2494 – Modernizing Our State Forests System

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conservation framework. This initiative aims to conserve 30% of the State’s lands and coastal waters by 2030 to meet three objectives: conserve and restore biodiversity, expand access to nature, and mitigate and build resilience to climate change.

### Bill Summary

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AB 2494 redefines management of forest lands to include maximizing the promotion of climate resiliency goals, enhanced outdoor access, protecting biodiversity, and compatible research efforts. Under AB 2494, the sale of timber and other forest products will be allowed only when the harvest occurs for ecological restoration or research purposes. This bill will also allow the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund to spend funds for the state demonstration forest system.

### Background

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The State of California owns and operates 14 demonstration state forests, spanning approximately 85,000 acres of land and including both old and young timber growth. The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is authorized to manage demonstration state forest lands and prepare regulations for the cutting and sale of timber within demonstration state forest lands.

Under existing law, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection uses forest management practices to achieve maximum sustained production of high-quality forest products, while giving some consideration to recreation, watershed, and wildlife values. On average, 20 million board feet are harvested from demonstration forest lands each year. Maximum sustained production is achieved often by preparing a timber harvest plan, a sustained yield plan, or following a set of prescriptive silvicultural requirements.

Revenue generated by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection from timber harvesting on demonstration state forest land is required to be spent on demonstration state forests, such as funding for research, infrastructure, recreation, and administration. Research is conducted in all 14 demonstration state forests and ranges from watershed protection, preservation of fish and wildlife habitat to forest health and fire resilience.

In 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-82-20 which establishes California’s 30x30

### Solution

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This bill removes the requirement for management of demonstration state forest lands to achieve maximum sustained production of high-quality forest products, and instead declares that demonstration state forest lands be managed to be restored to fulfill ecological conditions and processes. AB 2494 establishes that demonstration state forest lands be used primarily for research and demonstration purposes and allow the sale of forest products only when harvest occurs for ecological restoration or research purposes.

This bill would also redefine “management” of demonstration state forests as the handling of forest vegetation and soils within state forests for biodiversity conservation and fire resilience, while maximizing the promotion of durable onsite carbon storage and sequestration, climate resiliency goals, equitable outdoor access, wildlife and recreation opportunities, and compatible research efforts. This is critical to support rural economies to transition away from dwindling extractive economies and help enhance ecotourism in these communities. The updated management principles in this bill align with Executive Order N-82-20 and help meet California’s 30x30 initiative by encouraging ecological restoration and building resilience to climate change within demonstration state forests.

AB 2494 would allow the demonstration state forest system to receive funding from the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund and any income generated by the system would go back into that Fund.

AB 2494 establishes that the State of California shall seek opportunities for co-management of demonstration state forest lands with Native American Tribes and integration of indigenous traditional ecological knowledge in forest management to achieve restoration.



**Assemblymember Chris Rogers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District**  
**Assembly Bill 2494 – Modernizing Our State Forests System**

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Lastly, AB 2494 would enact clearer requirements on AB 1492 reporting requirements. AB 1492 was enacted over a decade ago and requires additional guidance on how annual reports are released and what content is required to be a part of these annual reports.

**For More Information:**

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**Support**

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Environmental Protection Information Center  
(sponsor)  
California Outdoor Recreation Partnership  
Coalition to Save Jackson State Forest  
Mendocino Trail Stewards  
Grassroots Institute, Pro-Democracy Workgroup



## CITY OF FORT BRAGG

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April 13, 2026

The Honorable  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Assembly Bill 2494

Dear Assembly:

We are writing this letter in support of Assembly Bill 2494. Our Assemblyman Chris Rogers has introduced this piece of legislation which seeks to enhance protections for Jackson State Forest in Mendocino County. This bill will ensure the preservation of one of California's most treasured public forests, safeguarding old-growth ecosystems, wildlife habitats, and recreational opportunities for future generations.

Jackson State Forest is not only an ecological gem, but also a critical natural resource that supports biodiversity, carbon sequestration, and local communities. AB 2494 reflects a responsible and forward-thinking approach by aligning forest management with environmental stewardship and public interest.

We are urging the Legislature to pass AB 2494 so that Jackson State Forest is managed in a way that reflects its diverse ecological and cultural value as one of our County's greatest natural resources.

We are depending on your leadership and commitment to environmental issues to help protect California's natural heritage.

Sincerely,

Jason Godeke, Mayor

Vice Mayor Marcia Rafanan, Council members Lindy Peters, Tess Albin-Smith, and Scott Hockett

**Paoli, Diana**

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**From:** ms.marsha-v-l@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2026 12:20 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Re: AB2494

Subject: Public Comment on AB 2494

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This is a bill with great support from many of us living on the Mendocino Coast. I hope you can join us in support of this bill by submitting your letter of support. Thank you for your time and for your dedication to our community.

Respectfully,  
Marsha Lowry

**From:** Paul Reiber <preiber@mcn.org>  
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**Subject:** public comment on AB 2494

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**Paul Reiber**  
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**From:** Roo Harris <rooharris1946@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2026 4:39 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Please support AB 2494

*Dear City Council Members,*

*I am writing to request that you send a letter of support for AB 2494 on behalf of the Fort Bragg City Council.*

*According to Mendocino County's legislative platform, the county aims to "support policies to advance tribal stewardship, ecological restoration, and outdoor access at State Demonstration Forests." Mendocino County has submitted a letter of support in favor of AB 2494, in recognizing the need to address climate change, biodiversity loss, and supporting rural economies. Over 10 tribal nations, nearly 50 environmental organizations, and thousands of constituents have also voiced support for AB 2494. In light of this movement and the upcoming Assembly Appropriations Committee hearing, I request that the City of Fort Bragg also submit a formal letter of support to advance this important bill.*

*For several years, the Fort Bragg community has urged CAL FIRE to adopt a management approach that centers tribal co-management, biodiversity, climate mitigation and resiliency, and outdoor access as opposed to profit-driven logging. This bill provides a clear pathway to providing a much-needed update to the framework of management for all Demonstration State Forests. AB 2494 would also provide a stable source of funding for CAL FIRE's Demonstration Forest operations through the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund and allow lands to count towards California's 30x30 conservation goals. Finally, the bill would stimulate rural economic development by increasing tourism through enhanced recreation opportunities and increased restoration projects.*

*This is a bill with great support from many of us living on the Mendocino Coast. I hope you can join us in support of this bill by submitting your letter of support.*

*Thank you for your time and for your dedication to our community.*

*Sincerely,  
Roo Harris and Mary Kay Murche  
Little River*

*"The reason I talk to myself is because I'm the only one whose answers I accept."*

*— George Carlin*

**Paoli, Diana**

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**From:** Laura Bianchi Limbird <limbird95482@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 21, 2026 6:30 PM  
**To:** Godeke, Jason; Paoli, Diana  
**Subject:** Please endorse AB 2494 - "Modernizing Our Forest System"  
**Attachments:** AB 2494 Summary.pdf

Dear Mayor Godeke and Members of the City Council,

I am writing as your constituent and a lifelong resident of Mendocino County to respectfully ask the Fort Bragg City Council to endorse Assembly Bill 2494 (AB 2494), "Modernizing Our Forest System." A summary of the bill, prepared by Assemblymember Chris Rogers' office, is attached.

Jackson Demonstration State Forest, the largest demonstration forest in California, is a vital public resource. AB 2494 responds to strong community interest by updating how these forests are managed.

I appreciate Assemblymember Rogers for introducing this important legislation. AB 2494 redefines forest management to prioritize biodiversity, carbon storage, climate resilience, recreation, wildlife habitat, and research—benefits that directly support both residents and visitors.

The bill also ensures that timber harvests occur only when tied to ecological restoration or research, allowing forests like Jackson Demonstration State Forest to serve as true demonstration sites for sustainable practices.

With the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors considering endorsement on March 24, this is an important moment for local leadership. Passing AB 2494 is vital to our community, and I respectfully urge the City Council to support this legislation.

Sincerely,  
Laura Bianchi Limbird  
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Discussion and Possible Action Regarding H.R. 22, Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act (SAVE Act)

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 22

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## AN ACT

To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require proof of United States citizenship to register an individual to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Safeguard American  
3 Voter Eligibility Act” or the “SAVE Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ENSURING ONLY CITIZENS ARE REGISTERED TO**  
5 **VOTE IN ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE.**

6 (a) DEFINITION OF DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF  
7 UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP.—Section 3 of the National  
8 Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20502) is  
9 amended—

10 (1) by striking “As used” and inserting “(a) IN  
11 GENERAL.—As used”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(b) DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF UNITED STATES  
14 CITIZENSHIP.—As used in this Act, the term ‘documen-  
15 tary proof of United States citizenship’ means, with re-  
16 spect to an applicant for voter registration, any of the fol-  
17 lowing:

18 “(1) A form of identification issued consistent  
19 with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005  
20 that indicates the applicant is a citizen of the United  
21 States.

22 “(2) A valid United States passport.

23 “(3) The applicant’s official United States mili-  
24 tary identification card, together with a United  
25 States military record of service showing that the  
26 applicant’s place of birth was in the United States.

1           “(4) A valid government-issued photo identifica-  
2           tion card issued by a Federal, State or Tribal gov-  
3           ernment showing that the applicant’s place of birth  
4           was in the United States.

5           “(5) A valid government-issued photo identifica-  
6           tion card issued by a Federal, State or Tribal gov-  
7           ernment other than an identification described in  
8           paragraphs (1) through (4), but only if presented to-  
9           gether with one or more of the following:

10           “(A) A certified birth certificate issued by  
11           a State, a unit of local government in a State,  
12           or a Tribal government which—

13           “(i) was issued by the State, unit of  
14           local government, or Tribal government in  
15           which the applicant was born;

16           “(ii) was filed with the office respon-  
17           sible for keeping vital records in the State;

18           “(iii) includes the full name, date of  
19           birth, and place of birth of the applicant;

20           “(iv) lists the full names of one or  
21           both of the parents of the applicant;

22           “(v) has the signature of an individual  
23           who is authorized to sign birth certificates  
24           on behalf of the State, unit of local govern-

1           ment, or Tribal government in which the  
2           applicant was born;

3           “(vi) includes the date that the certifi-  
4           cate was filed with the office responsible  
5           for keeping vital records in the State; and

6           “(vii) has the seal of the State, unit  
7           of local government, or Tribal government  
8           that issued the birth certificate.

9           “(B) An extract from a United States hos-  
10          pital Record of Birth created at the time of the  
11          applicant’s birth which indicates that the appli-  
12          cant’s place of birth was in the United States.

13          “(C) A final adoption decree showing the  
14          applicant’s name and that the applicant’s place  
15          of birth was in the United States.

16          “(D) A Consular Report of Birth Abroad  
17          of a citizen of the United States or a certifi-  
18          cation of the applicant’s Report of Birth of a  
19          United States citizen issued by the Secretary of  
20          State.

21          “(E) A Naturalization Certificate or Cer-  
22          tificate of Citizenship issued by the Secretary of  
23          Homeland Security or any other document or  
24          method of proof of United States citizenship

1 issued by the Federal government pursuant to  
2 the Immigration and Nationality Act.

3 “(F) An American Indian Card issued by  
4 the Department of Homeland Security with the  
5 classification ‘KIC’.”.

6 (b) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 of the National Voter  
7 Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20503) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “subsection  
9 (b)” and inserting “subsection (c)”;

10 (2) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-  
11 section (c); and

12 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
13 lowing new subsection:

14 “(b) REQUIRING APPLICANTS TO PRESENT DOCU-  
15 MENTARY PROOF OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP.—  
16 Under any method of voter registration in a State, the  
17 State shall not accept and process an application to reg-  
18 ister to vote in an election for Federal office unless the  
19 applicant presents documentary proof of United States  
20 citizenship with the application.”.

21 (c) REGISTRATION WITH APPLICATION FOR MOTOR  
22 VEHICLE DRIVER’S LICENSE.—Section 5 of the National  
23 Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20504) is  
24 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “Each  
2 State motor vehicle driver’s license application” and  
3 inserting “Subject to the requirements under section  
4 8(j), each State motor vehicle driver’s license appli-  
5 cation”;

6 (2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “Each  
7 State shall include” and inserting “Subject to the  
8 requirements under section 8(j), each State shall in-  
9 clude”;

10 (3) in subsection (c)(2)(B)—

11 (A) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the  
12 end;

13 (B) in clause (ii), by adding “and” at the  
14 end; and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
16 clause:

17 “(iii) verify that the applicant is a citizen  
18 of the United States;”;

19 (4) in subsection (c)(2)(C)(i), by striking “(in-  
20 cluding citizenship)” and inserting “, including the  
21 requirement that the applicant provides documentary  
22 proof of United States citizenship”; and

23 (5) in subsection (c)(2)(D)(iii), by striking “;  
24 and” and inserting the following: “, other than as  
25 evidence in a criminal proceeding or immigration

1 proceeding brought against an applicant who know-  
2 ingly attempts to register to vote and knowingly  
3 makes a false declaration under penalty of perjury  
4 that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements  
5 to register to vote in an election for Federal office;  
6 and”.

7 (d) REQUIRING DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF UNITED  
8 STATES CITIZENSHIP WITH NATIONAL MAIL VOTER  
9 REGISTRATION FORM.—Section 6 of the National Voter  
10 Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20505) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

12 (A) by striking “Each State shall accept  
13 and use” and inserting “Subject to the require-  
14 ments under section 8(j), each State shall ac-  
15 cept and use”; and

16 (B) by striking “Federal Election Commis-  
17 sion” and inserting “Election Assistance Com-  
18 mission”;

19 (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the  
20 following: “The chief State election official of a  
21 State shall take such steps as may be necessary to  
22 ensure that residents of the State are aware of the  
23 requirement to provide documentary proof of United  
24 States citizenship to register to vote in elections for  
25 Federal office in the State.”;

1 (3) in subsection (c)(1)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
3 “and” at the end;

4 (B) in subparagraph (B) by striking the  
5 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
7 subparagraph:

8 “(C) the person did not provide documentary  
9 proof of United States citizenship when registering  
10 to vote.”; and

11 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
12 section:

13 “(e) ENSURING PROOF OF UNITED STATES CITIZEN-  
14 SHIP.—

15 “(1) PRESENTING PROOF OF UNITED STATES  
16 CITIZENSHIP TO ELECTION OFFICIAL.—An applicant  
17 who submits the mail voter registration application  
18 form prescribed by the Election Assistance Commis-  
19 sion pursuant to section 9(a)(2) or a form described  
20 in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a) shall not  
21 be registered to vote in an election for Federal office  
22 unless—

23 “(A) the applicant presents documentary  
24 proof of United States citizenship in person to  
25 the office of the appropriate election official not

1 later than the deadline provided by State law  
2 for the receipt of a completed voter registration  
3 application for the election; or

4 “(B) in the case of a State which permits  
5 an individual to register to vote in an election  
6 for Federal office at a polling place on the day  
7 of the election and on any day when voting, in-  
8 cluding early voting, is permitted for the elec-  
9 tion, the applicant presents documentary proof  
10 of United States citizenship to the appropriate  
11 election official at the polling place not later  
12 than the date of the election.

13 “(2) NOTIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT.—Upon  
14 receiving an otherwise completed mail voter registra-  
15 tion application form prescribed by the Election As-  
16 sistance Commission pursuant to section 9(a)(2) or  
17 a form described in paragraph (1) or (2) of sub-  
18 section (a), the appropriate election official shall  
19 transmit a notice to the applicant of the requirement  
20 to present documentary proof of United States citi-  
21 zenship under this subsection, and shall include in  
22 the notice instructions to enable the applicant to  
23 meet the requirement.

24 “(3) ACCESSIBILITY.—Each State shall, in con-  
25 sultation with the Election Assistance Commission,

1 ensure that reasonable accommodations are made to  
2 allow an individual with a disability who submits the  
3 mail voter registration application form prescribed  
4 by the Election Assistance Commission pursuant to  
5 section 9(a)(2) or a form described in paragraph (1)  
6 or (2) of subsection (a) to present documentary  
7 proof of United States citizenship to the appropriate  
8 election official.”.

9 (e) REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION  
10 AGENCIES.—Section 7 of the National Voter Registration  
11 Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20506) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a)—

13 (A) in paragraph (4)(A), by adding at the  
14 end the following new clause:

15 “(iv) Receipt of documentary proof of United  
16 States citizenship of each applicant to register to  
17 vote in elections for Federal office in the State.”;  
18 and

19 (B) in paragraph (6)—

20 (i) in subparagraph (A)(i)(I), by strik-  
21 ing “(including citizenship)” and inserting  
22 “, including the requirement that the ap-  
23 plicant provides documentary proof of  
24 United States citizenship”; and

1 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph  
2 (B) as subparagraph (C); and

3 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph  
4 (A) the following new subparagraph:

5 “(B) ask the applicant the question, ‘Are you a  
6 citizen of the United States?’ and if the applicant  
7 answers in the affirmative require documentary  
8 proof of United States citizenship prior to providing  
9 the form under subparagraph (C);”; and

10 (2) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “who are  
11 citizens of the United States” after “for persons”.

12 (f) REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRA-  
13 TION OF VOTER REGISTRATION.—Section 8 of the Na-  
14 tional Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20507)  
15 is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)—

17 (A) by striking “In the administration of  
18 voter registration” and inserting “Subject to  
19 the requirements of subsection (j), in the ad-  
20 ministration of voter registration”; and

21 (B) in paragraph (3)—

22 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
23 “or” at the end; and

24 (ii) by adding at the end the following  
25 new subparagraphs:

1           “(D) based on documentary proof or  
2           verified information that the registrant is not a  
3           United States citizen; or

4           “(E) the registration otherwise fails to  
5           comply with applicable State law;”;

6           (2) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-  
7           section (l); and

8           (3) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-  
9           lowing new subsections:

10          “(j) ENSURING ONLY CITIZENS ARE REGISTERED  
11          TO VOTE.—

12           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
13           provision of this Act, a State may not register an in-  
14           dividual to vote in elections for Federal office held  
15           in the State unless, at the time the individual ap-  
16           plies to register to vote, the individual provides docu-  
17           mentary proof of United States citizenship.

18           “(2) ADDITIONAL PROCESSES IN CERTAIN  
19           CASES.—

20           “(A) PROCESS FOR THOSE WITHOUT DOC-  
21           UMENTARY PROOF.—

22           “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to any rel-  
23           evant guidance adopted by the Election As-  
24           sistance Commission, each State shall es-  
25           tablish a process under which an applicant

1 who cannot provide documentary proof of  
2 United States citizenship under paragraph  
3 (1) may, if the applicant signs an attesta-  
4 tion under penalty of perjury that the ap-  
5 plicant is a citizen of the United States  
6 and eligible to vote in elections for Federal  
7 office, submit such other evidence to the  
8 appropriate State or local official dem-  
9 onstrating that the applicant is a citizen of  
10 the United States and such official shall  
11 make a determination as to whether the  
12 applicant has sufficiently established  
13 United States citizenship for purposes of  
14 registering to vote in elections for Federal  
15 office in the State.

16 “(ii) AFFIDAVIT REQUIREMENT.—If a  
17 State or local official makes a determina-  
18 tion under clause (i) that an applicant has  
19 sufficiently established United States citi-  
20 zenship for purposes of registering to vote  
21 in elections for Federal office in the State,  
22 such determination shall be accompanied  
23 by an affidavit developed under clause (iii)  
24 signed by the official swearing or affirming  
25 the applicant sufficiently established

1 United States citizenship for purposes of  
2 registering to vote.

3 “(iii) DEVELOPMENT OF AFFIDAVIT  
4 BY THE ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMIS-  
5 SION.—The Election Assistance Commis-  
6 sion shall develop a uniform affidavit for  
7 use by State and local officials under  
8 clause (ii), which shall—

9 “(I) include an explanation of the  
10 minimum standards required for a  
11 State or local official to register an  
12 applicant who cannot provide docu-  
13 mentary proof of United States citi-  
14 zenship to vote in elections for Fed-  
15 eral office in the State; and

16 “(II) require the official to ex-  
17 plain the basis for registering such  
18 applicant to vote in such elections.

19 “(B) PROCESS IN CASE OF CERTAIN DIS-  
20 CREPANCIES IN DOCUMENTATION.—Subject to  
21 any relevant guidance adopted by the Election  
22 Assistance Commission, each State shall estab-  
23 lish a process under which an applicant can  
24 provide such additional documentation to the  
25 appropriate election official of the State as may

1           be necessary to establish that the applicant is  
2           a citizen of the United States in the event of a  
3           discrepancy with respect to the applicant’s doc-  
4           umentary proof of United States citizenship.

5           “(3) STATE REQUIREMENTS.—Each State shall  
6           take affirmative steps on an ongoing basis to ensure  
7           that only United States citizens are registered to  
8           vote under the provisions of this Act, which shall in-  
9           clude the establishment of a program described in  
10          paragraph (4) not later than 30 days after the date  
11          of the enactment of this subsection.

12          “(4) PROGRAM DESCRIBED.—A State may meet  
13          the requirements of paragraph (3) by establishing a  
14          program under which the State identifies individuals  
15          who are not United States citizens using information  
16          supplied by one or more of the following sources:

17                  “(A) The Department of Homeland Secu-  
18                  rity through the Systematic Alien Verification  
19                  for Entitlements (‘SAVE’) or otherwise.

20                  “(B) The Social Security Administration  
21                  through the Social Security Number  
22                  Verification Service, or otherwise.

23                  “(C) State agencies that supply State iden-  
24                  tification cards or driver’s licenses where the

1 agency confirms the United States citizenship  
2 status of applicants.

3 “(D) Other sources, including databases,  
4 which provide confirmation of United States  
5 citizenship status.

6 “(5) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—At the request of a  
8 State election official (including a request re-  
9 lated to a process established by a State under  
10 paragraph (2)(A) or (2)(B)), any head of a  
11 Federal department or agency possessing infor-  
12 mation relevant to determining the eligibility of  
13 an individual to vote in elections for Federal of-  
14 fice shall, not later than 24 hours after receipt  
15 of such request, provide the official with such  
16 information as may be necessary to enable the  
17 official to verify that an applicant for voter reg-  
18 istration in elections for Federal office held in  
19 the State or a registrant on the official list of  
20 eligible voters in elections for Federal office  
21 held in the State is a citizen of the United  
22 States, which shall include providing the official  
23 with such batched information as may be re-  
24 quested by the official.

1           “(B) USE OF SAVE SYSTEM.—The Sec-  
2           retary of Homeland Security may respond to a  
3           request received under paragraph (1) by using  
4           the system for the verification of immigration  
5           status under the applicable provisions of section  
6           1137 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
7           1320b–7), as established pursuant to section  
8           121(c) of the Immigration Reform and Control  
9           Act of 1986 (Public Law 99–603).

10           “(C) SHARING OF INFORMATION.—The  
11           heads of Federal departments and agencies  
12           shall share information with each other with re-  
13           spect to an individual who is the subject of a  
14           request received under paragraph (A) in order  
15           to enable them to respond to the request.

16           “(D) INVESTIGATION FOR PURPOSES OF  
17           REMOVAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
18           rity shall conduct an investigation to determine  
19           whether to initiate removal proceedings under  
20           section 239 of the Immigration and Nationality  
21           Act (8 U.S.C. 1229) if it is determined pursu-  
22           ant to subparagraph (A) or (B) that an alien  
23           (as such term is defined in section 101 of the  
24           Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.

1           1101)) is unlawfully registered to vote in elec-  
2           tions for Federal office.

3           “(E) PROHIBITING FEES.—The head of a  
4           Federal department or agency may not charge  
5           a fee for responding to a State’s request under  
6           paragraph (A).

7           “(k) REMOVAL OF NONCITIZENS FROM REGISTRA-  
8           TION ROLLS.—A State shall remove an individual who is  
9           not a citizen of the United States from the official list  
10          of eligible voters for elections for Federal office held in  
11          the State at any time upon receipt of documentation or  
12          verified information that a registrant is not a United  
13          States citizen.”.

14          (g) CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY OF STATE TO  
15          REMOVE NONCITIZENS FROM OFFICIAL LIST OF ELIGI-  
16          BLE VOTERS.—

17               (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8(a)(4) of the Na-  
18          tional Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.  
19          20507(a)(4)) is amended—

20                       (A) by striking “or” at the end of subpara-  
21                       graph (A);

22                       (B) by adding “or” at the end of subpara-  
23                       graph (B); and

24                       (C) by adding at the end the following new  
25                       subparagraph:

1           “(C) documentary proof or verified infor-  
2           mation that the registrant is not a United  
3           States citizen;”.

4           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
5           8(c)(2)(B)(i) of such Act (52 U.S.C.  
6           20507(c)(2)(B)(i)) is amended by striking “(4)(A)”  
7           and inserting “(4)(A) or (C)”.

8           (h) REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO FEDERAL  
9           MAIL VOTER REGISTRATION FORM.—

10           (1) CONTENTS OF MAIL VOTER REGISTRATION  
11           FORM.—Section 9(b) of such Act (52 U.S.C.  
12           20508(b)) is amended—

13           (A) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “(in-  
14           cluding citizenship)” and inserting “(including  
15           an explanation of what is required to present  
16           documentary proof of United States citizen-  
17           ship)”;

18           (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at  
19           the end;

20           (C) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-  
21           riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

22           (D) by adding at the end the following new  
23           paragraph:

24           “(5) shall include a section, for use only by a  
25           State or local election official, to record the type of

1 document the applicant presented as documentary  
2 proof of United States citizenship, including the date  
3 of issuance, the date of expiration (if any), the office  
4 which issued the document, and any unique identi-  
5 fication number associated with the document.”.

6 (2) INFORMATION ON MAIL VOTER REGISTRA-  
7 TION FORM.—Section 9(b)(4) of such Act (52  
8 U.S.C. 20508(b)(4)) is amended—

9 (A) by redesignating clauses (i) through  
10 (iii) as subparagraphs (A) through (C), respec-  
11 tively; and

12 (B) in subparagraph (C) (as so redesign-  
13 ated and as amended by paragraph (1)(C)), by  
14 striking “; and” and inserting the following: “,  
15 other than as evidence in a criminal proceeding  
16 or immigration proceeding brought against an  
17 applicant who attempts to register to vote and  
18 makes a false declaration under penalty of per-  
19 jury that the applicant meets the eligibility re-  
20 quirements to register to vote in an election for  
21 Federal office; and”.

22 (i) PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.—Section 11(b)(1) of  
23 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.  
24 20510(b)(1)) is amended by striking “a violation of this  
25 Act” and inserting “a violation of this Act, including the

1 act of an election official who registers an applicant to  
2 vote in an election for Federal office who fails to present  
3 documentary proof of United States citizenship,”.

4 (j) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—Section 12(2) of such  
5 Act (52 U.S.C. 20511(2)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph  
7 (A);

8 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as sub-  
9 paragraph (D); and

10 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-  
11 lowing new subparagraphs:

12 “(B) in the case of an officer or employee  
13 of the executive branch, providing material as-  
14 sistance to a noncitizen in attempting to reg-  
15 ister to vote or vote in an election for Federal  
16 office;

17 “(C) registering an applicant to vote in an  
18 election for Federal office who fails to present  
19 documentary proof of United States citizenship;  
20 or”.

21 (k) APPLICABILITY OF REQUIREMENTS TO CERTAIN  
22 STATES.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 4  
24 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52  
25 U.S.C. 20503), as redesignated by subsection (b), is

1 amended by striking “This Act does not apply to a  
2 State” and inserting “Except with respect to the re-  
3 quirements under subsection (i) and (j) of section 8  
4 in the case of a State described in paragraph (2),  
5 this Act does not apply to a State”.

6 (2) PERMITTING STATES TO ADOPT REQUIRE-  
7 MENTS AFTER ENACTMENT.—Section 4 of such Act  
8 (52 U.S.C. 20503) is amended by adding at the end  
9 the following new subsection:

10 “(d) PERMITTING STATES TO ADOPT CERTAIN RE-  
11 QUIREMENTS AFTER ENACTMENT.—Subsections (i) and  
12 (j) of section 8 shall not apply to a State described in  
13 subsection (c)(2) if the State, by law or regulation, adopts  
14 requirements which are identical to the requirements  
15 under such subsections not later than 60 days prior to  
16 the date of the first election for Federal office which is  
17 held in the State after the date of the enactment of the  
18 SAVE Act.”.

19 **SEC. 3. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION GUIDANCE.**

20 Not later than 10 days after the date of the enact-  
21 ment of this Act, the Election Assistance Commission shall  
22 adopt and transmit to the chief State election official of  
23 each State guidance with respect to the implementation  
24 of the requirements under the National Voter Registration

1 Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.), as amended by  
2 section 2.

3 **SEC. 4. INAPPLICABILITY OF PAPERWORK REDUCTION**  
4 **ACT.**

5 Subchapter I of chapter 35 of title 44 (commonly re-  
6 ferred to as the “Paperwork Reduction Act”) shall not  
7 apply with respect to the development or modification of  
8 voter registration materials under the National Voter Reg-  
9 istration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.), as  
10 amended by section 2, including the development or modi-  
11 fication of any voter registration application forms.

12 **SEC. 5. DUTY OF SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO**  
13 **NOTIFY ELECTION OFFICIALS OF NATU-**  
14 **RALIZATION.**

15 Upon receiving information that an individual has be-  
16 come a naturalized citizen of the United States, the Sec-  
17 retary of Homeland Security shall promptly provide notice  
18 of such information to the appropriate chief election offi-  
19 cial of the State in which such individual is domiciled.

20 **SEC. 6. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING PROVI-**  
21 **SIONAL BALLOTS.**

22 Nothing in this Act or in any amendment made by  
23 this Act may be construed to supercede, restrict, or other-  
24 wise affect the ability of an individual to cast a provisional  
25 ballot in an election for Federal office or to have the ballot

1 counted in the election if the individual is verified as a  
2 citizen of the United States pursuant to section 8(j) of  
3 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (as added  
4 by section 2(f)).

5 **SEC. 7. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING EFFECT ON**  
6 **STATE EXEMPTIONS FROM OTHER FEDERAL**  
7 **LAWS.**

8 Nothing in this Act or in any amendment made by  
9 this Act may be construed to affect the exemption of a  
10 State from any requirement of any Federal law other than  
11 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.  
12 20501 et seq.).

13 **SEC. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall  
15 take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act, and  
16 shall apply with respect to applications for voter registra-  
17 tion which are submitted on or after such date.

Passed the House of Representatives April 10, 2025.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

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# H. R. 22

## AN ACT

To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require proof of United States citizenship to register an individual to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

## H.R.22 - SAVE Act

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**Sponsor:** [Rep. Roy, Chip \[R-TX-21\]](#) (Introduced 01/03/2025)  
**Committees:** House - House Administration  
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### Shown Here:

#### Introduced in House (01/03/2025)

#### Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act or the SAVE Act

This bill requires individuals to provide documentary proof of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote in federal elections.

Specifically, the bill prohibits states from accepting and processing an application to register to vote in a federal election unless the applicant presents documentary proof of U.S. citizenship. The bill specifies what documents are considered acceptable proof of U.S. citizenship, such as identification that complies with the REAL ID Act of 2005 that indicates U.S. citizenship.

Further, the bill (1) prohibits states from registering an individual to vote in a federal election unless, at the time the individual applies to register to vote, the individual provides documentary proof of U.S. citizenship; and (2) requires states to establish an alternative process under which an applicant may submit other evidence to demonstrate U.S. citizenship.

Each state must take affirmative steps on an ongoing basis to ensure that only U.S. citizens are registered to vote, which shall include establishing a program to identify individuals who are not U.S. citizens using information supplied by certain sources.

Additionally, states must remove noncitizens from their official lists of eligible voters.

The bill allows for a private right of action against an election official who registers an applicant to vote in a federal election who fails to present documentary proof of U.S. citizenship.

The bill establishes criminal penalties for certain offenses, including registering an applicant to vote in a federal election who fails to present documentary proof of U.S. citizenship.



3/24/2026

Honorable Senator Alex Padilla  
Honorable Senator Adam Schiff  
Hart Senate Building (331, 112)  
Washington, DC 20510

Senators Padilla and Schiff,

We, the City Council of Fort Bragg, California, write to you to voice our opposition to the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act, along with its new iteration: the SAVE America Act. The SAVE Act will make it more difficult for millions of citizens to register to vote and cast a ballot, regardless of their party affiliation.

- The SAVE Act would require every American citizen to bring specific documentation—like a passport or original copy of a birth certificate—in person to register to vote or update their voter registration. This would apply to people who move, change their name, or change party affiliation.
- Many citizens do not have readily available access to the documents that would be permissible under the SAVE Act.
- Research indicates that more than nine percent of voting-age citizens, 21.3 million Americans, do not have proof of citizenship readily available, while at least 3.8 million do not have these documents at all due to loss, damage, or theft.
- It is already illegal for non-citizens to cast a ballot in federal elections, and states have secure systems in place to prevent non-citizens from voting. Those who violate the law already face severe penalties.
- Approximately 69 million female citizens nationwide do not have a birth certificate with their current legal name on it, meaning they may face additional hurdles to register to vote.
- Working-class Americans who have completed less education or have lower income are also far less likely to have a passport, so the SAVE Act would disproportionately impact working-class Americans.
- Older Americans, who are more likely to register to vote and vote at higher rates, are less likely than younger citizens to have a passport.

We urge you to oppose the SAVE Act and, instead, support legislation that will strengthen our elections and ensure that all eligible voters have access to the ballot box.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Godeke", written over a horizontal line.

Jason Godeke, Mayor

Vice Mayor Marcia Rafanan, Council Members Tess Albin-Smith, Scott Hockett, and Lindy Peters



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Receive Report and Consider Adopting City Council Resolution Establishing the "Leading the Next Wave of Leaders" Youth Internship and Youth Council Program



## CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** City Council **DATE:** April 13, 2026

**DEPARTMENT:** City Manager's Office

**PREPARED BY:** Isaac Whippy, City Manager

**PRESENTER:** Isaac Whippy, City Manager

**AGENDA TITLE:** Consideration of Establishing the “Leading the Next Wave of Leaders” Youth Internship and Council Program

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### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution establishing the “Leading the Next Wave of Leaders” Youth Internship and Youth Council Program beginning Summer 2026, including a paid internship component and a Youth Council with a \$3,000 Youth Impact Fund, and authorize the City Manager to implement the program.

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### BACKGROUND

The City of Fort Bragg continues to prioritize workforce development, community engagement, and long-term organizational sustainability as part of its Strategic Plan. Investing in local youth presents a meaningful opportunity to advance these priorities while building a pipeline of future leaders and public servants.

Currently, the City does not have a formal internship or youth advisory program. Establishing a structured program will provide students with hands-on experience in local government while also creating opportunities for youth to engage directly in civic processes and decision-making.

The proposed program—Leading the Next Wave of Leaders—is designed to combine workforce experience with leadership development, positioning Fort Bragg as a forward-thinking and community-driven organization.

### DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### Program Overview

The Leading the Next Wave of Leaders Program is a two-part initiative:

1. Paid Summer Internship Program

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2. Youth Council and Youth Impact Fund (Civic Engagement and Leadership Component)

Together, these components create a well-rounded program that introduces participants to public service while empowering them to contribute meaningfully to their community.

## **1. Paid Summer Internship Program**

The internship program will provide students with direct, hands-on experience working within City departments, helping them build practical skills while supporting City operations.

### **A. Program Structure**

- Duration: Summer 2026 (8–10 weeks)
- Hourly Rate: \$16.50/hour
- Total Budget: \$12,000 (General Fund and Asset Forfeiture Funds)
- Estimated Interns: 5-7 positions (depending on hours and scheduling)

Interns will be placed across a range of City departments, including:

- Finance
- Planning / Community Development
- City Manager’s Office
- Public Works
- Police Department
- Information Technology (IT)
- Municipal Broadband (MCN)
- Parks & Recreation

### **Program Objectives**

- Introduce students to careers in local government
- Provide workforce development and job readiness skills
- Support departmental operations during peak summer months
- Build a pipeline for future City employment opportunities

### **B. Leadership Development**

Participants will engage in structured sessions led by City staff, including:

- Overview of local government operations
- Budgeting and financial decision-making
- Planning and development processes
- Public safety and infrastructure services

Each intern will be assigned a staff mentor and will participate in regular check-ins, as well as a final presentation summarizing their experience and contributions.

## **2. Youth Council + Youth Impact Fund**

The Youth Council and Youth Impact Fund will operate as a collaborative, community-driven program that combines student leadership with broad youth participation designed to give participants both a voice in local government and real responsibility in decision-making.

### **Youth Council Selection**

Students from both local high schools will participate in a student-led selection process to elect or nominate 3–5 representatives to serve on the Youth Council.

The Youth Council will:

- Serve as the primary student leadership body
- Observe City Council meeting
- Help facilitate the Youth Impact Fund process
- Represent the broader student voice in coordination with City staff

The program includes a \$3,000 Youth Impact Fund to support youth-driven ideas that benefit the Fort Bragg community.

### **Program Structure and Process**

#### **A . Open Idea Submission**

- Students from both high schools—including interns and non-intern participants—will be invited to submit project ideas
- This approach expands participation and ensures broader youth engagement

#### **B. Pitch Session**

- Students (individually or in teams) will present their ideas in a structured setting
- Youth Council members will help facilitate the process alongside staff
- Proposals will be evaluated based on:
  - Community/Youth benefit
  - Feasibility
  - Alignment with Program priorities

#### **C. Project Selection (Top Two)**

- Through a structured and facilitated process, participants will narrow proposals to the top two projects

- The Youth Council will play a leadership role in guiding discussion and selection
- City Staff provides guidance to ensure feasibility and alignment with City policies

**D. Presentation to City Council (Final Consideration)**

- The top two selected projects will be formally presented to the City Council
- Youth participants will:
  - Present each project
  - Explain the selection process
  - Provide rationale for advancing the two proposals
- The City Council will provide feedback and determine final approval of one or both projects within the available funding

**E. Implementation & Final Report Back**

- Upon Council direction:
  - Youth participants will assist in implementation
  - City staff will provide oversight and logistical support
- Participants will present outcomes, lessons learned, and recommendations to the City Council at the conclusion of the program

**Eligible Use Categories for Youth Impact Fund**

Projects funded through the Youth Impact Fund may include, but are not limited to:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Examples of Eligible Projects</b>
<b>Community Pride &amp; Beautification</b>	Public art, murals, or placemaking. Park or public space enhancements. Community cleanup initiatives
<b>Youth Events &amp; Programming</b>	Youth-focused events, activities, or gatherings. Recreation, arts, or cultural programming
<b>Downtown Activation</b>	Pop-up events or temporary activations. Initiatives supporting local businesses and increasing foot traffic
<b>Public Awareness &amp; Education</b>	Social media or outreach campaigns. Civic engagement or community awareness efforts
<b>Health, Wellness &amp; Recreation</b>	Mental health or wellness initiatives. Fitness or outdoor programming
<b>Innovation &amp; Technology</b>	Digital tools or engagement platforms. Technology-based community solutions
<b>Environmental &amp; Sustainability Initiatives</b>	Coastal or environmental stewardship projects. Sustainability or climate-focused efforts

The Leading the Next Wave of Leaders Program represents a strategic investment in Fort Bragg's future. By combining paid internships with a Youth Council and a community-driven Youth Impact Fund, the City is creating a program that is both inclusive and impactful.

This initiative goes beyond participation. It empowers youth to contribute ideas, engage in decision-making, and present directly to City Council, creating a meaningful and lasting connection between the City and the next generation of leaders.

## **CONSISTENCY**

The proposed program is consistent with the City of Fort Bragg's adopted Strategic Plan and organizational priorities, including:

- **Economic Development:** Supports workforce development and creates pathways for local youth to explore careers within the community, strengthening the local talent pipeline.
- **Organizational Excellence:** Advances succession planning efforts by exposing participants to municipal operations and cultivating future public sector professionals.
- **Community Engagement:** Enhances civic participation by providing youth with direct involvement in City processes, including engagement with the City Council and participation in decision-making through the Youth Impact Fund.
- **Quality of Life:** Promotes community pride, inclusivity, and opportunity by investing in youth leadership and supporting projects that positively impact the community.

Additionally, the program aligns with the City's broader goals of fostering a business-friendly, innovative, and forward-thinking organization by creating opportunities for mentorship, skill-building, and community connection.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Included already in the FY 2025-26 Budget allocation:

- Internship Program: \$12,000 (existing allocation)
- Youth Impact Fund: \$3,000

Total Program Cost: \$15,000

No additional staffing costs are anticipated.

## **IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:**

- April–May 2026: Program development and outreach
- May 2026: Application and selection process
- Summer 2026: Program implementation
- Late Summer: Youth Council presentation to City Council

- End of Program: Project completion and final report

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Staff has coordinated with local school district counselors and principals to introduce the program and gather initial feedback. Through this collaboration, the City will actively engage high school students and ensure awareness of the opportunity across the student population.

Outreach efforts will focus on creating equitable access and encouraging participation from a diverse group of students. Recruitment will include direct engagement through schools, as well as promotion through City communication channels and community partners.

This approach is intended to build strong connections between the City and local youth while ensuring the program reflects the interests and needs of the Fort Bragg student community

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution

Program Framework Overview

**RESOLUTION NO. xxxx-2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL  
ESTABLISHING THE “LEADING THE NEXT WAVE OF LEADERS” YOUTH  
INTERNSHIP AND YOUTH COUNCIL PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Bragg is committed to fostering workforce development, civic engagement, and leadership opportunities consistent with the City’s Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, investing in youth provides meaningful opportunities to build a pipeline of future leaders, strengthen community connections, and support long-term organizational sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to establish a structured program that provides students with hands-on experience in local government while also engaging youth in civic processes and community-based decision-making; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed “Leading the Next Wave of Leaders” Program includes both a paid internship component and a Youth Council with a Youth Impact Fund to support youth-driven community projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Council will be selected through a student-led process involving local high schools and will serve as a leadership body representing youth perspectives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Impact Fund will provide financial resources to support youth-generated project ideas, with projects to be developed, evaluated, and presented by youth participants; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council will review and consider the final project proposals submitted by youth participants prior to implementation, ensuring alignment with City priorities and community benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, the total program cost of approximately \$15,000, including \$12,000 for internships and \$3,000 for the Youth Impact Fund, is available within existing budget allocations or as otherwise approved by the City Council;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The City Council of the City of Fort Bragg hereby approves the establishment of the “Leading the Next Wave of Leaders” Youth Internship and Youth Council Program to be implemented beginning Summer 2026.
2. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to develop program guidelines, coordinate outreach and selection processes, and administer the program consistent with this Resolution.

3. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to make minor administrative updates to program materials and processes necessary to improve clarity, incorporate future regulatory requirements, and respond to operational feedback from City departments, participants, or the public, provided such changes are consistent with the intent of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, by the following vote:

**AYES:**  
**NOES:**  
**ABSENT:**  
**ABSTAIN:**  
**RECUSED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**JASON GODEKE**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Diana Paoli**  
City Clerk



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Receive Report and Consider Adopting City Council Resolution Approving Waiver of Limited Term Permit Fees for Events in the Central Business District (CBD)



## CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** City Council

**DATE:** April 13, 2026

**DEPARTMENT:** City Manager's Office

**PREPARED BY:** Isaac Whippy, City Manager

**PRESENTER:** Isaac Whippy, City Manager

**AGENDA TITLE:** Adoption of the “First Year Free: Downtown Activation Initiative” Including Waiver of Limited Term Permit Fees

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### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution establishing the “First Year Free: Downtown Activation Initiative”, including a 12-month pilot program waiving Limited Term Permit (LTP) fees for qualifying events within the Central Business District (CBD), and authorizing staff to implement supporting activation measures.

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### BACKGROUND

Downtown Fort Bragg is the heart of our community—and its continued vitality is essential to our local economy, small business success, and overall quality of life.

Over the past two years, the City has made meaningful investments in revitalization, including the launch of the Entertainment Zone, required vacancy registry, façade improvement programs, public space enhancements, and increased focus on economic development. These efforts are beginning to build momentum. The next step is to accelerate activation—making it easier, faster, and more affordable for people to bring energy, events, and new ideas into downtown.

Across California and the nation, cities are shifting toward activation-focused strategies that reduce barriers and encourage participation. A consistent theme has emerged:

When cities reduce friction—cost, complexity, and uncertainty—activity follows.

Permitting costs, even when modest, can disproportionately impact small businesses, nonprofits, and first-time event organizers. More importantly, the perception of complexity can discourage participation altogether.

This initiative also reflects a broader organizational shift underway at City Hall. The City is intentionally evolving from a traditional regulatory approach to a more proactive, facilitator-

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oriented model—one that focuses on helping ideas move forward rather than identifying reasons they cannot. By reducing barriers and improving the customer experience, the City is positioning itself as a partner in bringing community-driven activity and economic opportunity to life.

## **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

Staff recommends launching a coordinated pilot program designed to lower barriers, encourage experimentation, and increase downtown activity.

### **1. Limited Term Permit Fee Waiver (Core Action)**

- Waive all or a portion of Limited Term Permit (LTP) fees and Technical Advisory Committee fees for qualifying events within the CBD
- Applies to community events organized by local nonprofits and pop-ups and temporary activations which support local businesses or activate underutilized spaces
- Removes a key financial barrier to entry

### **2. Streamlined Event Permitting**

To complement the fee waiver, the City Manager will work with Staff to streamline the event permitting process in a way that improves efficiency while maintaining appropriate review standards.

As part of this effort, staff will:

- Continue to simplify and clarify application requirements to make the process more user-friendly
- Enhance coordination across departments to reduce redundancies and improve internal communication
- Work toward improving overall processing timelines, with a general target of approximately 10–15 business days for City of Fort Bragg review of qualifying events, where feasible

This timeframe reflects the City’s internal review process and may vary depending on the scope and complexity of the event. Applicants may also be subject to additional timelines associated with external agencies, such as County Health and Environmental Health, which are outside of the City’s control.

### **3. Downtown Activation Support (Program Elements)**

In addition to fee waivers, staff will initiate supportive measures to make activation easier:

- Marketing Support: Promotion through City channels, Visit Fort Bragg, and community calendars

- Event Templates & Guidance: Pre-designed event formats (e.g., live music, night markets, EZ Zone activation, outdoor gatherings) to simplify planning
- Pop-Up Flexibility: Encourage temporary use of vacant or underutilized storefronts, consistent with the City’s vacant property strategies
- Business Engagement: Direct outreach to downtown businesses and entrepreneurs to encourage participation

**Eligibility Criteria**

To qualify for the program, events must:

- Be located within the Central Business District
- Comply with all applicable safety, insurance, and operational requirements
- Be consistent with community standards and compatible with surrounding uses

Priority will be given to public-facing and community-oriented events, first-time event organizers, and activities that support local businesses or activate vacant or underutilized spaces.

For events that are primarily fundraising in nature, the City may limit fee waivers to up to 30% of applicable permit costs, ensuring the program remains focused on broad community activation while still providing partial support for fundraising efforts.

**Pilot Program Duration and Performance Metrics**

The proposed program will be implemented as a 12-month pilot period from the date of adoption, allowing the City to test, evaluate, and refine the initiative over time. Throughout the pilot, staff will monitor program effectiveness and track key performance indicators, including the number of events facilitated, attendance and participation levels, business engagement and feedback, and observed impacts on downtown foot traffic and overall economic activity. Staff will report back to the City Council at the conclusion of the pilot period with findings and recommendations regarding the program’s continuation, modification, or expansion.

**CONSISTENCY**

This proposed program directly supports multiple adopted City priorities, including:

- 2025–2028 Strategic Plan – Economic Development Goal: Revitalize the Central Business District by reducing vacancies and encouraging active use of commercial spaces.
- City Council Goal – Downtown Vitality: Improve the pedestrian experience, strengthen the business climate, and attract investment by addressing visible vacancies.

- Public Safety and Quality of Life Initiatives: Reduce vandalism, illegal dumping, and nuisance activity in vacant properties, thereby improving neighborhood appearance and safety.

By focusing on commercial zones, this ordinance targets the most visible and economically critical areas of Fort Bragg, ensuring a cleaner, safer, and more vibrant downtown for residents, visitors, and investors.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The fiscal impact of the proposed fee waiver is expected to be minimal.

- Current LTP fee (without TAC Committee Review): approximately \$165 per permit
- TAC Committee Review- Minor: \$750
- TAC Committee Review- Major: \$750+/Cost incurred
- Estimated revenue loss: modest and dependent on participation levels

This initiative is intended as a targeted economic development investment, where increased activity is expected to generate broader economic benefits, including increased sales tax, Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), and local business revenue.

## **IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:**

The Downtown Activation Initiative will be implemented immediately upon City Council approval. Staff will begin outreach and program rollout in coordination with existing economic development and downtown revitalization efforts.

Key implementation milestones include:

- Immediate (May 2026):  
Program launch, internal coordination, and outreach to downtown businesses, property owners, and community organizations
- Short-Term (June-August):  
Initial events and activations, promotion through City and partner channels, and early program participation
- Mid-Term (September-December):  
Continued program expansion, increased frequency of events, and alignment with seasonal programming and downtown initiatives
- May 2027:  
Staff evaluation and report back to City Council with recommendations for continuation, modification, or expansion

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Community engagement will be a key component of the program's success. Beginning in May and continuing throughout the pilot period, the City will conduct targeted outreach to

downtown businesses, event organizers, nonprofits, and property owners to encourage participation and gather feedback.

Engagement efforts will include:

- Direct outreach to downtown stakeholders
- Promotion through City communication channels and Visit Fort Bragg
- Collaboration with community partners and local organizations
- Ongoing feedback collection to inform program improvements

These efforts will ensure the program remains responsive to community needs while building momentum and participation over time.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution

**RESOLUTION NO. -2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE  
“FIRST YEAR FREE: DOWNTOWN EVENTS ACTIVATION INITIATIVE,”  
AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY WAIVER OF LIMITED TERM PERMIT FEES  
WITHIN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, AND ADVANCING THE  
CITY’S 2024–2026 DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION EFFORTS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Bragg recognizes that a vibrant and active downtown is essential to the economic health, community identity, and overall quality of life of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has identified economic development, downtown revitalization, and community vibrancy as key priorities within its Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has initiated a series of coordinated Downtown Revitalization efforts for 2024–2026, including public space improvements, façade enhancement programs, the establishment of an Entertainment Zone, and policies to support business attraction and retention; and

**WHEREAS**, events, pop-ups, and temporary activations are a key component of these revitalization efforts, serving to increase foot traffic, support local businesses, and enhance the experience of residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, permitting costs and administrative processes, even when modest, can create barriers for small businesses, nonprofits, and community members seeking to organize events or activate downtown spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, cities throughout California and the nation have successfully implemented fee waivers, streamlined permitting, and activation programs to encourage economic activity and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Bragg is committed to advancing a facilitator-oriented approach to governance, focused on reducing barriers, improving customer experience, and partnering with the community to bring ideas to life; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has implemented complementary initiatives, including the Entertainment Zone and the Vacant Registry Commercial Program, which together support the City’s broader downtown revitalization strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to establish a pilot program as part of its 2024–2026 Downtown Revitalization efforts to encourage increased activity and evaluate program effectiveness over time;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg hereby approves:

### **Section 1. Program Establishment**

The City Council hereby establishes the “First Year Free: Downtown Activation Initiative” as part of the City’s broader 2024–2026 Downtown Revitalization efforts, intended to encourage events, pop-ups, and community programming within the Central Business District (CBD) excluding highway one.

### **Section 2. Fee Waiver**

For a period of twelve (12) months from the effective date of this Resolution, Limited Term Permit (LTP) fees and Technical Advisory Committee fees shall be waived for qualifying events located within the Central Business District, as follows:

1. For events that are primarily fundraising in nature and organized and operated by a 501(c) non-profit with their principal office located within the City of Fort Bragg, the City may waive up to a maximum of 30% of applicable permit fees, as determined by the City Manager or designee in his or her sole discretion.
2. For first-time events, events organized for the purpose of or having the effect of materially supporting local businesses, and events which activate vacant or underutilized spaces as determined by the City Manager or designee in his or her sole discretion, the City may waive up to a maximum of 100% of applicable permit fees.

### **Section 3. Eligibility Requirements:**

To qualify for participation in the program, an event shall satisfy all of the following in the City’s Manager or designees sole and absolute discretion:

- Be located within the Central Business District
- Comply with all applicable City requirements and regulations, including health and safety, insurance, and operational standards
- Be open to the public and community
- Be subject to a validly issued Limited Term Permit or an application therefore

### **Section 4. Implementation and Administration**

The City Manager, or their designee, is hereby authorized to:

- Develop and implement administrative procedures necessary to carry out this program
- Work to streamline event permitting processes to improve efficiency and accessibility
- Coordinate with related City initiatives, including the Vacant Registry Commercial Program and other Downtown Revitalization efforts

- Conduct outreach and engagement with businesses, property owners, and community organizations
- Make minor administrative adjustments to program implementation consistent with the intent of this Resolution

**Section 5. Program Duration and Evaluation**

This program shall be implemented as a twelve (12) month pilot as part of the City’s 2024–2026 Downtown Revitalization efforts. City staff shall monitor program performance and return to the City Council at the conclusion of the pilot period with a report summarizing outcomes, including participation levels, community feedback, and observed impacts on downtown activity, along with recommendations for continuation, modification, or expansion.

**Section 6. CEQA Determination:**

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

**Section 7. Effective Date**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, by the following vote:**

- AYES:**
- NOES:**
- ABSENT:**
- ABSTAIN:**
- RECUSED:**

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**JASON GODEKE**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Diana Paoli**  
**City Clerk**

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

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## AN ACT

To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require proof of United States citizenship to register an individual to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Safeguard American  
3 Voter Eligibility Act” or the “SAVE Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ENSURING ONLY CITIZENS ARE REGISTERED TO**  
5 **VOTE IN ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE.**

6 (a) DEFINITION OF DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF  
7 UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP.—Section 3 of the National  
8 Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20502) is  
9 amended—

10 (1) by striking “As used” and inserting “(a) IN  
11 GENERAL.—As used”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(b) DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF UNITED STATES  
14 CITIZENSHIP.—As used in this Act, the term ‘documen-  
15 tary proof of United States citizenship’ means, with re-  
16 spect to an applicant for voter registration, any of the fol-  
17 lowing:

18 “(1) A form of identification issued consistent  
19 with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005  
20 that indicates the applicant is a citizen of the United  
21 States.

22 “(2) A valid United States passport.

23 “(3) The applicant’s official United States mili-  
24 tary identification card, together with a United  
25 States military record of service showing that the  
26 applicant’s place of birth was in the United States.

1           “(4) A valid government-issued photo identifica-  
2           tion card issued by a Federal, State or Tribal gov-  
3           ernment showing that the applicant’s place of birth  
4           was in the United States.

5           “(5) A valid government-issued photo identifica-  
6           tion card issued by a Federal, State or Tribal gov-  
7           ernment other than an identification described in  
8           paragraphs (1) through (4), but only if presented to-  
9           gether with one or more of the following:

10           “(A) A certified birth certificate issued by  
11           a State, a unit of local government in a State,  
12           or a Tribal government which—

13           “(i) was issued by the State, unit of  
14           local government, or Tribal government in  
15           which the applicant was born;

16           “(ii) was filed with the office respon-  
17           sible for keeping vital records in the State;

18           “(iii) includes the full name, date of  
19           birth, and place of birth of the applicant;

20           “(iv) lists the full names of one or  
21           both of the parents of the applicant;

22           “(v) has the signature of an individual  
23           who is authorized to sign birth certificates  
24           on behalf of the State, unit of local govern-

1           ment, or Tribal government in which the  
2           applicant was born;

3           “(vi) includes the date that the certifi-  
4           cate was filed with the office responsible  
5           for keeping vital records in the State; and

6           “(vii) has the seal of the State, unit  
7           of local government, or Tribal government  
8           that issued the birth certificate.

9           “(B) An extract from a United States hos-  
10          pital Record of Birth created at the time of the  
11          applicant’s birth which indicates that the appli-  
12          cant’s place of birth was in the United States.

13          “(C) A final adoption decree showing the  
14          applicant’s name and that the applicant’s place  
15          of birth was in the United States.

16          “(D) A Consular Report of Birth Abroad  
17          of a citizen of the United States or a certifi-  
18          cation of the applicant’s Report of Birth of a  
19          United States citizen issued by the Secretary of  
20          State.

21          “(E) A Naturalization Certificate or Cer-  
22          tificate of Citizenship issued by the Secretary of  
23          Homeland Security or any other document or  
24          method of proof of United States citizenship

1 issued by the Federal government pursuant to  
2 the Immigration and Nationality Act.

3 “(F) An American Indian Card issued by  
4 the Department of Homeland Security with the  
5 classification ‘KIC’.”.

6 (b) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 of the National Voter  
7 Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20503) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “subsection  
9 (b)” and inserting “subsection (c)”;

10 (2) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-  
11 section (c); and

12 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
13 lowing new subsection:

14 “(b) REQUIRING APPLICANTS TO PRESENT DOCU-  
15 MENTARY PROOF OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP.—  
16 Under any method of voter registration in a State, the  
17 State shall not accept and process an application to reg-  
18 ister to vote in an election for Federal office unless the  
19 applicant presents documentary proof of United States  
20 citizenship with the application.”.

21 (c) REGISTRATION WITH APPLICATION FOR MOTOR  
22 VEHICLE DRIVER’S LICENSE.—Section 5 of the National  
23 Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20504) is  
24 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “Each  
2 State motor vehicle driver’s license application” and  
3 inserting “Subject to the requirements under section  
4 8(j), each State motor vehicle driver’s license appli-  
5 cation”;

6 (2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “Each  
7 State shall include” and inserting “Subject to the  
8 requirements under section 8(j), each State shall in-  
9 clude”;

10 (3) in subsection (c)(2)(B)—

11 (A) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the  
12 end;

13 (B) in clause (ii), by adding “and” at the  
14 end; and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
16 clause:

17 “(iii) verify that the applicant is a citizen  
18 of the United States;”;

19 (4) in subsection (c)(2)(C)(i), by striking “(in-  
20 cluding citizenship)” and inserting “, including the  
21 requirement that the applicant provides documentary  
22 proof of United States citizenship”; and

23 (5) in subsection (c)(2)(D)(iii), by striking “;  
24 and” and inserting the following: “, other than as  
25 evidence in a criminal proceeding or immigration

1 proceeding brought against an applicant who know-  
2 ingly attempts to register to vote and knowingly  
3 makes a false declaration under penalty of perjury  
4 that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements  
5 to register to vote in an election for Federal office;  
6 and”.

7 (d) REQUIRING DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF UNITED  
8 STATES CITIZENSHIP WITH NATIONAL MAIL VOTER  
9 REGISTRATION FORM.—Section 6 of the National Voter  
10 Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20505) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

12 (A) by striking “Each State shall accept  
13 and use” and inserting “Subject to the require-  
14 ments under section 8(j), each State shall ac-  
15 cept and use”; and

16 (B) by striking “Federal Election Commis-  
17 sion” and inserting “Election Assistance Com-  
18 mission”;

19 (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the  
20 following: “The chief State election official of a  
21 State shall take such steps as may be necessary to  
22 ensure that residents of the State are aware of the  
23 requirement to provide documentary proof of United  
24 States citizenship to register to vote in elections for  
25 Federal office in the State.”;

1 (3) in subsection (c)(1)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
3 “and” at the end;

4 (B) in subparagraph (B) by striking the  
5 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
7 subparagraph:

8 “(C) the person did not provide documentary  
9 proof of United States citizenship when registering  
10 to vote.”; and

11 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
12 section:

13 “(e) ENSURING PROOF OF UNITED STATES CITIZEN-  
14 SHIP.—

15 “(1) PRESENTING PROOF OF UNITED STATES  
16 CITIZENSHIP TO ELECTION OFFICIAL.—An applicant  
17 who submits the mail voter registration application  
18 form prescribed by the Election Assistance Commis-  
19 sion pursuant to section 9(a)(2) or a form described  
20 in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a) shall not  
21 be registered to vote in an election for Federal office  
22 unless—

23 “(A) the applicant presents documentary  
24 proof of United States citizenship in person to  
25 the office of the appropriate election official not

1 later than the deadline provided by State law  
2 for the receipt of a completed voter registration  
3 application for the election; or

4 “(B) in the case of a State which permits  
5 an individual to register to vote in an election  
6 for Federal office at a polling place on the day  
7 of the election and on any day when voting, in-  
8 cluding early voting, is permitted for the elec-  
9 tion, the applicant presents documentary proof  
10 of United States citizenship to the appropriate  
11 election official at the polling place not later  
12 than the date of the election.

13 “(2) NOTIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT.—Upon  
14 receiving an otherwise completed mail voter registra-  
15 tion application form prescribed by the Election As-  
16 sistance Commission pursuant to section 9(a)(2) or  
17 a form described in paragraph (1) or (2) of sub-  
18 section (a), the appropriate election official shall  
19 transmit a notice to the applicant of the requirement  
20 to present documentary proof of United States citi-  
21 zenship under this subsection, and shall include in  
22 the notice instructions to enable the applicant to  
23 meet the requirement.

24 “(3) ACCESSIBILITY.—Each State shall, in con-  
25 sultation with the Election Assistance Commission,

1 ensure that reasonable accommodations are made to  
2 allow an individual with a disability who submits the  
3 mail voter registration application form prescribed  
4 by the Election Assistance Commission pursuant to  
5 section 9(a)(2) or a form described in paragraph (1)  
6 or (2) of subsection (a) to present documentary  
7 proof of United States citizenship to the appropriate  
8 election official.”.

9 (e) REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION  
10 AGENCIES.—Section 7 of the National Voter Registration  
11 Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20506) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a)—

13 (A) in paragraph (4)(A), by adding at the  
14 end the following new clause:

15 “(iv) Receipt of documentary proof of United  
16 States citizenship of each applicant to register to  
17 vote in elections for Federal office in the State.”;  
18 and

19 (B) in paragraph (6)—

20 (i) in subparagraph (A)(i)(I), by strik-  
21 ing “(including citizenship)” and inserting  
22 “, including the requirement that the ap-  
23 plicant provides documentary proof of  
24 United States citizenship”; and

1 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph  
2 (B) as subparagraph (C); and

3 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph  
4 (A) the following new subparagraph:

5 “(B) ask the applicant the question, ‘Are you a  
6 citizen of the United States?’ and if the applicant  
7 answers in the affirmative require documentary  
8 proof of United States citizenship prior to providing  
9 the form under subparagraph (C);”; and

10 (2) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “who are  
11 citizens of the United States” after “for persons”.

12 (f) REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRA-  
13 TION OF VOTER REGISTRATION.—Section 8 of the Na-  
14 tional Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20507)  
15 is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)—

17 (A) by striking “In the administration of  
18 voter registration” and inserting “Subject to  
19 the requirements of subsection (j), in the ad-  
20 ministration of voter registration”; and

21 (B) in paragraph (3)—

22 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
23 “or” at the end; and

24 (ii) by adding at the end the following  
25 new subparagraphs:

1           “(D) based on documentary proof or  
2           verified information that the registrant is not a  
3           United States citizen; or

4           “(E) the registration otherwise fails to  
5           comply with applicable State law;”;

6           (2) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-  
7           section (l); and

8           (3) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-  
9           lowing new subsections:

10          “(j) ENSURING ONLY CITIZENS ARE REGISTERED  
11          TO VOTE.—

12           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
13           provision of this Act, a State may not register an in-  
14           dividual to vote in elections for Federal office held  
15           in the State unless, at the time the individual ap-  
16           plies to register to vote, the individual provides docu-  
17           mentary proof of United States citizenship.

18           “(2) ADDITIONAL PROCESSES IN CERTAIN  
19           CASES.—

20           “(A) PROCESS FOR THOSE WITHOUT DOC-  
21           UMENTARY PROOF.—

22           “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to any rel-  
23           evant guidance adopted by the Election As-  
24           sistance Commission, each State shall es-  
25           tablish a process under which an applicant

1 who cannot provide documentary proof of  
2 United States citizenship under paragraph  
3 (1) may, if the applicant signs an attesta-  
4 tion under penalty of perjury that the ap-  
5 plicant is a citizen of the United States  
6 and eligible to vote in elections for Federal  
7 office, submit such other evidence to the  
8 appropriate State or local official dem-  
9 onstrating that the applicant is a citizen of  
10 the United States and such official shall  
11 make a determination as to whether the  
12 applicant has sufficiently established  
13 United States citizenship for purposes of  
14 registering to vote in elections for Federal  
15 office in the State.

16 “(ii) AFFIDAVIT REQUIREMENT.—If a  
17 State or local official makes a determina-  
18 tion under clause (i) that an applicant has  
19 sufficiently established United States citi-  
20 zenship for purposes of registering to vote  
21 in elections for Federal office in the State,  
22 such determination shall be accompanied  
23 by an affidavit developed under clause (iii)  
24 signed by the official swearing or affirming  
25 the applicant sufficiently established

1 United States citizenship for purposes of  
2 registering to vote.

3 “(iii) DEVELOPMENT OF AFFIDAVIT  
4 BY THE ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMIS-  
5 SION.—The Election Assistance Commis-  
6 sion shall develop a uniform affidavit for  
7 use by State and local officials under  
8 clause (ii), which shall—

9 “(I) include an explanation of the  
10 minimum standards required for a  
11 State or local official to register an  
12 applicant who cannot provide docu-  
13 mentary proof of United States citi-  
14 zenship to vote in elections for Fed-  
15 eral office in the State; and

16 “(II) require the official to ex-  
17 plain the basis for registering such  
18 applicant to vote in such elections.

19 “(B) PROCESS IN CASE OF CERTAIN DIS-  
20 CREPANCIES IN DOCUMENTATION.—Subject to  
21 any relevant guidance adopted by the Election  
22 Assistance Commission, each State shall estab-  
23 lish a process under which an applicant can  
24 provide such additional documentation to the  
25 appropriate election official of the State as may

1           be necessary to establish that the applicant is  
2           a citizen of the United States in the event of a  
3           discrepancy with respect to the applicant’s doc-  
4           umentary proof of United States citizenship.

5           “(3) STATE REQUIREMENTS.—Each State shall  
6           take affirmative steps on an ongoing basis to ensure  
7           that only United States citizens are registered to  
8           vote under the provisions of this Act, which shall in-  
9           clude the establishment of a program described in  
10          paragraph (4) not later than 30 days after the date  
11          of the enactment of this subsection.

12          “(4) PROGRAM DESCRIBED.—A State may meet  
13          the requirements of paragraph (3) by establishing a  
14          program under which the State identifies individuals  
15          who are not United States citizens using information  
16          supplied by one or more of the following sources:

17                  “(A) The Department of Homeland Secu-  
18                  rity through the Systematic Alien Verification  
19                  for Entitlements (‘SAVE’) or otherwise.

20                  “(B) The Social Security Administration  
21                  through the Social Security Number  
22                  Verification Service, or otherwise.

23                  “(C) State agencies that supply State iden-  
24                  tification cards or driver’s licenses where the

1 agency confirms the United States citizenship  
2 status of applicants.

3 “(D) Other sources, including databases,  
4 which provide confirmation of United States  
5 citizenship status.

6 “(5) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—At the request of a  
8 State election official (including a request re-  
9 lated to a process established by a State under  
10 paragraph (2)(A) or (2)(B)), any head of a  
11 Federal department or agency possessing infor-  
12 mation relevant to determining the eligibility of  
13 an individual to vote in elections for Federal of-  
14 fice shall, not later than 24 hours after receipt  
15 of such request, provide the official with such  
16 information as may be necessary to enable the  
17 official to verify that an applicant for voter reg-  
18 istration in elections for Federal office held in  
19 the State or a registrant on the official list of  
20 eligible voters in elections for Federal office  
21 held in the State is a citizen of the United  
22 States, which shall include providing the official  
23 with such batched information as may be re-  
24 quested by the official.

1           “(B) USE OF SAVE SYSTEM.—The Sec-  
2           retary of Homeland Security may respond to a  
3           request received under paragraph (1) by using  
4           the system for the verification of immigration  
5           status under the applicable provisions of section  
6           1137 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
7           1320b–7), as established pursuant to section  
8           121(c) of the Immigration Reform and Control  
9           Act of 1986 (Public Law 99–603).

10           “(C) SHARING OF INFORMATION.—The  
11           heads of Federal departments and agencies  
12           shall share information with each other with re-  
13           spect to an individual who is the subject of a  
14           request received under paragraph (A) in order  
15           to enable them to respond to the request.

16           “(D) INVESTIGATION FOR PURPOSES OF  
17           REMOVAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
18           rity shall conduct an investigation to determine  
19           whether to initiate removal proceedings under  
20           section 239 of the Immigration and Nationality  
21           Act (8 U.S.C. 1229) if it is determined pursu-  
22           ant to subparagraph (A) or (B) that an alien  
23           (as such term is defined in section 101 of the  
24           Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.

1           1101)) is unlawfully registered to vote in elec-  
2           tions for Federal office.

3           “(E) PROHIBITING FEES.—The head of a  
4           Federal department or agency may not charge  
5           a fee for responding to a State’s request under  
6           paragraph (A).

7           “(k) REMOVAL OF NONCITIZENS FROM REGISTRA-  
8           TION ROLLS.—A State shall remove an individual who is  
9           not a citizen of the United States from the official list  
10          of eligible voters for elections for Federal office held in  
11          the State at any time upon receipt of documentation or  
12          verified information that a registrant is not a United  
13          States citizen.”.

14          (g) CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY OF STATE TO  
15          REMOVE NONCITIZENS FROM OFFICIAL LIST OF ELIGI-  
16          BLE VOTERS.—

17               (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8(a)(4) of the Na-  
18          tional Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.  
19          20507(a)(4)) is amended—

20                       (A) by striking “or” at the end of subpara-  
21                       graph (A);

22                       (B) by adding “or” at the end of subpara-  
23                       graph (B); and

24                       (C) by adding at the end the following new  
25                       subparagraph:

1           “(C) documentary proof or verified infor-  
2           mation that the registrant is not a United  
3           States citizen;”.

4           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
5           8(c)(2)(B)(i) of such Act (52 U.S.C.  
6           20507(c)(2)(B)(i)) is amended by striking “(4)(A)”  
7           and inserting “(4)(A) or (C)”.

8           (h) REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO FEDERAL  
9           MAIL VOTER REGISTRATION FORM.—

10           (1) CONTENTS OF MAIL VOTER REGISTRATION  
11           FORM.—Section 9(b) of such Act (52 U.S.C.  
12           20508(b)) is amended—

13                   (A) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “(in-  
14                   cluding citizenship)” and inserting “(including  
15                   an explanation of what is required to present  
16                   documentary proof of United States citizen-  
17                   ship)”;

18                   (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at  
19                   the end;

20                   (C) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-  
21                   riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

22                   (D) by adding at the end the following new  
23                   paragraph:

24                   “(5) shall include a section, for use only by a  
25                   State or local election official, to record the type of

1 document the applicant presented as documentary  
2 proof of United States citizenship, including the date  
3 of issuance, the date of expiration (if any), the office  
4 which issued the document, and any unique identi-  
5 fication number associated with the document.”.

6 (2) INFORMATION ON MAIL VOTER REGISTRA-  
7 TION FORM.—Section 9(b)(4) of such Act (52  
8 U.S.C. 20508(b)(4)) is amended—

9 (A) by redesignating clauses (i) through  
10 (iii) as subparagraphs (A) through (C), respec-  
11 tively; and

12 (B) in subparagraph (C) (as so redesign-  
13 ated and as amended by paragraph (1)(C)), by  
14 striking “; and” and inserting the following: “,  
15 other than as evidence in a criminal proceeding  
16 or immigration proceeding brought against an  
17 applicant who attempts to register to vote and  
18 makes a false declaration under penalty of per-  
19 jury that the applicant meets the eligibility re-  
20 quirements to register to vote in an election for  
21 Federal office; and”.

22 (i) PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.—Section 11(b)(1) of  
23 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.  
24 20510(b)(1)) is amended by striking “a violation of this  
25 Act” and inserting “a violation of this Act, including the

1 act of an election official who registers an applicant to  
2 vote in an election for Federal office who fails to present  
3 documentary proof of United States citizenship,”.

4 (j) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—Section 12(2) of such  
5 Act (52 U.S.C. 20511(2)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph  
7 (A);

8 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as sub-  
9 paragraph (D); and

10 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-  
11 lowing new subparagraphs:

12 “(B) in the case of an officer or employee  
13 of the executive branch, providing material as-  
14 sistance to a noncitizen in attempting to reg-  
15 ister to vote or vote in an election for Federal  
16 office;

17 “(C) registering an applicant to vote in an  
18 election for Federal office who fails to present  
19 documentary proof of United States citizenship;  
20 or”.

21 (k) APPLICABILITY OF REQUIREMENTS TO CERTAIN  
22 STATES.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 4  
24 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52  
25 U.S.C. 20503), as redesignated by subsection (b), is

1 amended by striking “This Act does not apply to a  
2 State” and inserting “Except with respect to the re-  
3 quirements under subsection (i) and (j) of section 8  
4 in the case of a State described in paragraph (2),  
5 this Act does not apply to a State”.

6 (2) PERMITTING STATES TO ADOPT REQUIRE-  
7 MENTS AFTER ENACTMENT.—Section 4 of such Act  
8 (52 U.S.C. 20503) is amended by adding at the end  
9 the following new subsection:

10 “(d) PERMITTING STATES TO ADOPT CERTAIN RE-  
11 QUIREMENTS AFTER ENACTMENT.—Subsections (i) and  
12 (j) of section 8 shall not apply to a State described in  
13 subsection (c)(2) if the State, by law or regulation, adopts  
14 requirements which are identical to the requirements  
15 under such subsections not later than 60 days prior to  
16 the date of the first election for Federal office which is  
17 held in the State after the date of the enactment of the  
18 SAVE Act.”.

19 **SEC. 3. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION GUIDANCE.**

20 Not later than 10 days after the date of the enact-  
21 ment of this Act, the Election Assistance Commission shall  
22 adopt and transmit to the chief State election official of  
23 each State guidance with respect to the implementation  
24 of the requirements under the National Voter Registration

1 Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.), as amended by  
2 section 2.

3 **SEC. 4. INAPPLICABILITY OF PAPERWORK REDUCTION**  
4 **ACT.**

5 Subchapter I of chapter 35 of title 44 (commonly re-  
6 ferred to as the “Paperwork Reduction Act”) shall not  
7 apply with respect to the development or modification of  
8 voter registration materials under the National Voter Reg-  
9 istration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.), as  
10 amended by section 2, including the development or modi-  
11 fication of any voter registration application forms.

12 **SEC. 5. DUTY OF SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO**  
13 **NOTIFY ELECTION OFFICIALS OF NATU-**  
14 **RALIZATION.**

15 Upon receiving information that an individual has be-  
16 come a naturalized citizen of the United States, the Sec-  
17 retary of Homeland Security shall promptly provide notice  
18 of such information to the appropriate chief election offi-  
19 cial of the State in which such individual is domiciled.

20 **SEC. 6. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING PROVI-**  
21 **SIONAL BALLOTS.**

22 Nothing in this Act or in any amendment made by  
23 this Act may be construed to supercede, restrict, or other-  
24 wise affect the ability of an individual to cast a provisional  
25 ballot in an election for Federal office or to have the ballot

1 counted in the election if the individual is verified as a  
2 citizen of the United States pursuant to section 8(j) of  
3 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (as added  
4 by section 2(f)).

5 **SEC. 7. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING EFFECT ON**  
6 **STATE EXEMPTIONS FROM OTHER FEDERAL**  
7 **LAWS.**

8 Nothing in this Act or in any amendment made by  
9 this Act may be construed to affect the exemption of a  
10 State from any requirement of any Federal law other than  
11 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.  
12 20501 et seq.).

13 **SEC. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall  
15 take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act, and  
16 shall apply with respect to applications for voter registra-  
17 tion which are submitted on or after such date.

Passed the House of Representatives April 10, 2025.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

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## AN ACT

To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require proof of United States citizenship to register an individual to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

**RESOLUTION NO. PC 04-2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG PLANNING COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION  
OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FORT BRAGG  
INLAND GENERAL PLAN BY ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
2019 HOUSING ELEMENT (GPA 1-26)**

**WHEREAS**, California Constitution Article XI, Section 7, enables the City of Fort Bragg (the “City”) to enact local planning and land use regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the authority to adopt and enforce zoning regulations is an exercise of the City’s police power to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Bragg (“City”) adopted a General Plan in 2002 which established policies for all lands within Fort Bragg city limits and its sphere of influence; and

**WHEREAS**, the City adopted a Coastal General Plan (“Coastal GP”) as the Land Use Plan portion of the Local Coastal Program on May 12, 2008 which established policies for all land within the Fort Bragg Coastal Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2008 the California Coastal Commission certified the City’s Local Coastal Program (LCP) which includes the Coastal GP as the Land Use Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the availability of housing is a substantial concern for individuals of all demographics, ages, and economic backgrounds in communities throughout the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council’s 2024-2028 Strategic Plan includes the goal of adding 200+ housing units by 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, Housing affordability has become a significant challenge, and many residents find it increasingly difficult to purchase and/or rent a home; and

**WHEREAS**, the project is exempt from CEQA under the “Common Sense Exemption” (Section 15061b3); and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on February 25, 2026, to consider the Housing Element Amendment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Fort Bragg Planning Commission, based on the entirety of the record before it, which includes without limitation, CEQA, Public Resources Code §21000, et seq. and the CEQA Guidelines, 14 California Code of Regulations §15000, et seq.; the Fort Bragg Coastal General Plan; the Fort Bragg Coastal Land Use and Development Code; the Project application; all reports and public testimony submitted as part of the Planning Commission meeting of February 25, 2026, and Planning Commission deliberations; and any other evidence (within the meaning of Public Resources Code §21080(e) and §21082.2), the Planning Commission of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby make the following findings and determinations:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following findings are the Planning Commission's reasons for recommending amendments to the Fort Bragg **Housing Element**:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and made a part of this Ordinance.

2. On February 25, 2026, the Planning Commission held a properly noticed public hearing and adopted a resolution in support of the City Council’s adoption of the proposed amendments to the Inland Land Use and Development Code.
3. The proposed General Plan amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City, as the amendments will make the zoning code consistent with adopted State laws; and
4. The proposed amendment is consistent with the General Plan and any applicable specific plan.
5. The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City.
6. The proposed amendment is mandated by State Law as such it is in the public interest and will provide for better convenience and welfare for the residents of the City of Fort Bragg. The proposed amendment requires conformance with all applicable building codes which will ensure healthy and safe housing.
7. The proposed amendment is internally consistent with other applicable provisions of this Development Code.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Fort Bragg Planning Commission does hereby recommend the City Council adopt:

- A RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FORT BRAGG INLAND GENERAL PLAN BY ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 HOUSING ELEMENT (GPA 1-26)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Stavely, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 25th day of February 2026, by the following vote:**

**AYES: Turner, Stavely, Jensen**  
**NOES: None.**  
**ABSENT: Neils, Bushnell**  
**ABSTAIN: None.**  
**RECUSE: None.**

Signed by:  
  
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**David Jensen, Chair**

**ATTEST:**

Signed by:  
  
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**Lisa Horstman, Administrative Assistant**