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Fort Bragg City Council

As owners and operators of the Forrester Building, an 11,000 square foot mixed-use property located in the Central Business District of Fort Bragg since 2019, we have developed a vested interest in the region's development. Although our primary residence is situated along the Russian River, we maintain a part-time presence in Fort Bragg and are committed to fostering community growth through honest communication and mutual respect.

It is our understanding that development of the Mill Site is an inevitable occurrence, and that the current owner's status as a federally regulated railroad may serve as a deterrent to large-scale national or global development. The City of Fort Bragg faces pressing needs for housing across all economic levels and the establishment of a diversified and sustainable economic base. We believe that these objectives can only be achieved through collaborative efforts towards a long term vision that provides for its residents and the environment. Therefore, we respectfully request the City of Fort Bragg to: 1) Issue a formal statement of facts addressing the recurring public concerns regarding the Mill Site, thereby mitigating the dissemination of divisive misinformation, and 2) Publicly acknowledge the necessary symbiotic relationship between the City and the Mill Site owner, emphasizing the importance of integrity and transparency to achieve a mutually beneficial, strong and sustainable future.

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