



City of Fort Bragg

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Meeting Agenda Special 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**

Monday, January 26, 2026

4:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N Main Street
and Via Video Conference

Special Closed Session

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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Topic: Special City Council Meeting

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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



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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



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CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Exposure to litigation pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of California Government Code Section 54956.9:
One (1) Case: Diana Sanchez

Paoli, Diana

From: Jacob Patterson <jacob.patterson.esq@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 3:14 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Whippy, Isaac
Subject: Public Comment -- 1/26/26 Special CC Mtg., Item No. 2C

City Council,

I am a little confused about why you are holding Agenda Item 2C because it is my understanding that the actual risk of litigation has passed. Diana filed a claim with the City alleging employment-related causes of action within the six-month window to do so. As is usual, the City had 45 days to reject the claim, which happened. Once that rejection occurred, she had a total of six months to actually file litigation or forever waive her claims as untimely. I believe the six-month window to file litigation has come and gone without her filing anything so there isn't really any legitimate exposure to litigation in this case and there shouldn't be any closed session discussion about it. Of course, I suppose someone could still commence litigation only for the City's insurance counsel to file a motion to dismiss the litigation as untimely but that seems like a bit of a stretch. Regardless, it is a good thing that we won't be dealing with arguably frivolous litigation. I am a little surprised you haven't consistently received closed session updates about other litigation that were or are actually in progress but that is an entirely different matter

Regards,

--Jacob