

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2022

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed historic broadband legislation in July 2021 to help bridge the digital divide and provide reliable and affordable internet access to all Californians; and

WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is implementing \$50 million dollars to local governments to cover costs associated to prepare for broadband implementation through the Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg is an eligible local agency with an interest in establishing a municipal broadband utility to provide fast, reliable and affordable broadband connectivity for residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg will coordinate city-wide broadband infrastructure planning and deployment with other agencies and districts in our geographic area; and

WHEREAS, the LATA program is structured as a reimbursement to local agencies to cover pre-construction costs associated with planning and capacity building to implement broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Bragg City Council earmarked the City's allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to make strategic investments in broadband infrastructure, which are sufficient to cover costs while seeking LATA reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, a LATA application has been developed and requires the governing body of the grantee to provide a written letter of support; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is providing a letter of support, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and certifying through resolution approval to submit an application for LATA funding and authorizing the execution of agreement by a representative of the grantee on terms and conditions required by the CPUC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby provide a letter of support for, and approval of submission of a LATA application to the CPUC, execution of LATA program, and authorizes the City Manager to execute the same.

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 8th of August, 2022, by the following vote:

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

BERNIE NORVELL
Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, MMC
City Clerk