



## CITY OF FORT BRAGG

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Assembly Member Jimmy Gomez  
State Capitol, Room 2176  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: HR 29 (Gomez) Pledges Affecting Future Legislation  
Notice of Opposition**

Dear Assembly Member Gomez:

The Fort Bragg City Council regrets to inform you that it has reviewed your HR 29 and has taken an **oppose** position on this measure.

We have grave concerns about this resolution considering, in its resolved clauses, it would have legislators take a form of a pledge that would potentially restrict their votes on future legislation consistent with the political agenda of an outside national organization. Such efforts undermine the democratic process and representative government, because legislators lose the opportunity to make an informed decision about the specific impacts of legislation.

Municipalities have a long history of addressing service delivery challenges with creativity, self-reliance and innovation. Part of this involves public/private partnerships and competitive bidding processes for services. A resolution such as this threatens local business climates by tying hands of governments that are simply trying to provide the best services possible to their residents and within the financial means of that municipality.

For the reasons stated above, the Fort Bragg City Council respectfully **opposes** this resolution, and urges legislators to preserve their flexibility to make informed decisions on specific legislation.

Sincerely,

Dave Turner  
Mayor

Meg Courtney  
Vice Mayor

Scott Deitz  
Councilmember

Doug Hammerstrom  
Councilmember

Heidi Kraut  
Councilmember

Cc: Honorable Members of the Assembly  
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