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To: Turner, Dave; Peters, Lindy; Cimolino, Michael; Deitz, Scott; Hammerstrom, Doug; Ruffing, Linda; VanWormer, Cindy
Subject: Goal-Setting Workshop comment

Dear Mayor Turner and Fort Bragg City Councilmembers,

I would like to make a public comment at your Goal-Setting Workshop, but I'm not able to attend the meeting. Here is my comment:

Regarding the Engaged Community area of your discussions, I'd like to request that the Mayor and City Councilmembers create a manner in which to acknowledge comments made via email from community members who would like to comment on agenda (or non-agenda) items but are unable to attend the meeting. I understand that a conversation might not ensue, but it would be considered courteous to acknowledge public comment emails. I hope you agree that it is a courtesy you would like to extend to your community. Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,
Kathy Silva

PUBLIC COMMENT: 3/30/2015

Council members,

After reading the Fort Bragg City Council's Goal Setting Retreat draft document of February 21, 2015, I must say that I'm impressed with the depth and breadth of the document and I hope that the council can come together and embrace it, and work towards solving the issues raised, however, I'm deeply concerned about one item in particular and feel that I must comment before the retreat.

This quote, "New city council members actually distrust and belittle staff, and pit staff against the public..." is the most disturbing thing in this document as far as I'm concerned, as it makes clear that whomever it is disparaging the city staff is apparently quite ignorant about how city government works, and that in itself makes me very suspicious of their place on the city council, and their motives in regards to the welfare of the City of Fort Bragg.

The city staff work at the behest of the city council, they follow the council's direction, so they certainly don't deserve any sort of derision or rude behavior pointed at them from council members, it's childish and disgusting behavior from whomever is acting that way, and it needs to STOP right now, and if they have any sort of moral compass, then I suggest that they make a sincere apology as well.

When they were elected to serve the citizens of Fort Bragg, they were expected to put their personal agendas aside, and to put anyone else's agenda aside as well, they are to be impartial, always looking towards the future, keeping an open mind, and helping guide the city staff in making Fort Bragg a better place to live, not to disrupt or destroy it's government for the benefit of special interests, and if that's their agenda, then they need to resign now, as they are not serving the citizens of the city, and they are a blight upon the good people of Fort Bragg.

I'm watching them very closely, and I'm far from alone, there are many eyes, and if those responsible for such callow behavior won't be able to refrain from doing so in the future, then they should resign now, and save the city the cost of a recall election, because I will most certainly organize a group and follow that path, unless they get it together and start acting like an adult and working with their fellow council members towards making Fort Bragg a better city for everyone, not just a few with special interests.

Derek Hoyle
Citizen of Fort Bragg