

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2018

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING IN CONCEPT AND ENDORSING THE HOMELESSNESS NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND ACTION STEPS FOR MENDOCINO COUNTY BY MARBUT REPORTING

WHEREAS, homelessness and transients within the City of Fort Bragg utilizes significant City and Community resources; and

WHEREAS, In October 2017, Mendocino County, through Health and Human Services contracted with homelessness expert Dr. Robert Marbut Jr. of Marbut Consulting to perform a homelessness assessment within Mendocino County (Marbut Report). The Marbut Report, provided estimated counts for the number of “street level” homeless in the County’s three most populated cities (Ukiah, Fort Bragg and Willits) and in the surrounding county. The Marbut Report provided twenty-eight (28) Recommended Action Steps; and

WHEREAS, the Marbut Report stated that the total number of street level homeless in Fort Bragg is eighty-one (81) individuals with an additional fifteen to seventeen (15-17) living just outside the City limits in the County but availing themselves of local services; and

WHEREAS, City staff invests significant time and resources responding to and handling transient and homeless related issues. The Police Department is the most impacted City department with an estimated seventy plus percent (70+ %) of officers’ time spent responding to service calls on transient issues; and

WHEREAS, two hundred and forty-one (241) individuals signed a petition stating that the transient population in Fort Bragg is a huge problem and asking the City of Fort Bragg to implement the recommended solutions provided in the Marbut Report. That petition cites such issues as panhandling, loitering, jumping in and out of traffic, blocking sidewalks, stealing shopping carts, encampments, shoplifting, trespassing and littering; and

WHEREAS, based on all the evidence presented, the City Council finds as follows:

1. Homelessness and Transients within the City of Fort Bragg has created a challenge that needs solutions.
2. The Marbut Report, attached hereto as Exhibit A, provides 28 Recommended Action Steps for Mendocino County and the Cities of Ukiah, Fort Bragg and Willits that provide an initial coordinated effort to better manage the homelessness and transient issues within the City and the County.
3. It is in the best interest of the City of Fort Bragg to actively participate in a coordinated effort to better manage and resolve issues surrounding homelessness and transients within the City and the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg hereby adopts and endorses in concept the Homelessness Needs Assessment and Action Steps for Mendocino County by Marbut Reporting.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 9th day of July, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSED:

LINDY PETERS
Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, CMC
City Clerk