



## **CITY OF FORT BRAGG**

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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Office of the Governor  
State Capitol, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Attn: Ms. Kristin Stauffacher, Appointments Advisor

### **RE: Support Nomination of Fort Bragg City Councilmember Lindy Peters to California Coastal Commission**

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Fort Bragg City Council, on behalf of our esteemed Councilmember, Lindy Peters, highly recommends and supports his nomination to the California Coastal Commission's North Coast Representative seat.

Councilmember Peters has been an elected official in Fort Bragg for 17 years. He has participated in countless land use decisions directly involving coastal projects. His work during his first three City Council terms was instrumental in developing and adopting the City of Fort Bragg's General Plan and Local Coastal Program.

A notable project on which Councilmember Peters has been actively involved for many years, is the privately owned 400-plus acre parcel, site of the former lumber mill, that sits on the ocean bluff and will virtually double the geographical size of Fort Bragg as it is developed. Neither Humboldt nor Del Norte Counties has a site of this magnitude and importance to consider for development. This opportunity and experience makes his nomination unique to all others seeking confirmation.

Councilmember Peters has been involved with the Commission since 1972 when he joined a campus committee at UC Santa Barbara to lobby fellow students to support Proposition 20 establishing the Commission. Councilmember Peters is also actively involved in the issue of sea level rise and its impact on coastal communities. Two years ago, he participated on a

panel of elected officials from coastal cities who sat with the Commission in Half Moon Bay to discuss sea level rise and the need to update Local Coastal Programs in affected cities.

A lifelong Democrat, Councilmember Peters believes in the preservation and protection of our precious California coastline. He also understands the legality of property rights and the delicate balance between the two. Councilmember Peters believes the Commission should be viewed as an enhancer to coastal projects and development rather than a barrier. His priorities as a Commissioner would be to focus on beach erosion, storm surges and salt water intrusion – all effects of climate change.

Due to Councilmember Peters' passion, extensive experience and unbridled dedication not only to the preservation and protection of Fort Bragg's coastline, but to the entire California coast, we strongly recommend his nomination to the Commission.

We understand serving on the Commission can be demanding and, at times, contentious. We are confident Councilmember Peters will serve as ably on the Commission as he does on our City Council.

Yours in service,

Fort Bragg City Council

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