



**CITY OF FORT BRAGG, CALIFORNIA  
LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM 2019  
PURPOSE OF PLATFORM**

The primary objective of the Legislative Platform is for the City Council to adopt official City positions on specific legislative issues at the start of the legislative session. The legislative platform will streamline the approval process by providing staff clear direction on pertinent issues at the beginning of the legislative session. The Platform is developed and maintained using the goals and objectives adopted by the City Council, a review of legislative priorities from the League of California Cities, input from City Council and staff, research of current law and pending legislation, as well as discussions with local legislative staff and the City's legal counsel.

For proposed legislation, either consistent with the City's legislative priorities or consistent with legislative positions the City has taken in the past; the Mayor and the City Manager may send corresponding letters of opposition or support without further Council action. Items not addressed in the City's legislative priorities will require further Council direction, and staff will be required to submit a request to Council.

<b>LOCAL CONTROL</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The City support legislation that streamlines and simplifies the job of running a city and opposes efforts that erode the City's ability to control its own affairs.</li></ol>
<b>PRESERVE REVENUE SOURCES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The City supports legislation that preserves or increases funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program as provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The city supports legislation that expands the eligibility and allowable uses of CDBG funds. Oppose legislation that will reduce funds dedicated to the CDBG program.</li><li>2. The City opposes legislation that would impose State mandated costs for which there is no guarantee of local reimbursement or offsetting benefits. Support legislation that strengthens and expands ongoing revenue for the City.</li></ol>

<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City supports legislation that enhances the City's efforts to retain existing businesses and attract new businesses.</li> <li>2. The City supports efforts to reestablish the authority and financing capability previously afforded to local governments by redevelopment through legislation designed to support businesses through economic development and the City supports efforts to facilitate economic development efforts that enhance opportunities for local businesses.</li> </ol>
<b>LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City supports legislation to finance local and regional transportation programs and improvements, including alternative modes of transportation and transportation demand management systems.</li> </ol>
<b>HOMELESSNESS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City supports legislation and local, state, and federal programs that employ evidence-based best practice strategies to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness by: preventing homelessness for those at-risk; providing emergency and transitional housing; expanding affordable permanent housing; and promoting self-empowerment through counseling, job training, and other supportive services.</li> </ol>
<b>CLEAN RENEWABLE COST EFFECTIVE UTILITIES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City supports any legislative or regulatory action that increases the energy value for electric customers.</li> <li>2. The City opposes efforts to mandate a state water public benefits charge unless funds remain within the local community.</li> <li>3. The City opposes new regulations that do not allow appropriate time and resources for compliance.</li> <li>4. The City supports legislation and policy that advocates for clean environment and policy to improve environmental standards and promote sustainable energy policies.</li> </ol>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY RESOURCES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City supports federal and state local assistance for local police, fire, and homeland security initiatives, and any measures that will help contribute to local public safety.</li> <li>2. The City opposes legislation that would impede local law enforcement from addressing crime</li> </ol>

	<p>problems and recovering costs resulting from a crime committed by the guilty party.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. The City supports efforts that strengthen local law enforcement's ability to prevent and fight crime.</li> <li>4. Support legislation that minimizes alcohol-related criminal behavior and underage drinking.</li> </ol>
<b>DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, RECOVERY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City supports policy and legislation that helps improve disaster recovery preparedness, recovery, and climate resiliency.</li> </ol>
<b>SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC PENSION AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City supports policy and legislation that promotes sustainability of public pension and retirement health benefits.</li> </ol>
<b>SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City supports legislative efforts that would amend existing laws to ensure that prevailing wage rates do not impede its ability to pursue small-dollar projects and lower operating cost associated with routine maintenance services.</li> <li>2. The City supports legislative efforts that provide and distribute resources to local rural governments.</li> <li>3. The City supports legislative efforts that incentives and support expansion of infrastructure, including broad band and other communication channels into rural regions distribute resources to local rural governments.</li> </ol>