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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 William Lee to California Coastal Commission

Dear Governor Newsom:

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

Mayor Lee has been an elected official in Fort Bragg for two and a half years. He has participated in many land use decisions directly involving coastal projects.

A notable project on which Mayor Lee has been actively involved, 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.

Mayor Lee is also actively involved in the issue of sea level rise and its impact on coastal communities. Mayor Lee is a dedicated public servant and he looks forward to contributing his skillsets and energy to applying the Coastal Commission's Strategic Plan.

A lifelong Democrat, Mayor Lee 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. Mayor Lee 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 Mayor Lee's 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 Mayor Lee will serve as ably on the Commission as he does on our City Council.

Yours in service,

Fort Bragg City Council

Bernie Norvell
Vice Mayor

Lindy Peters
Councilmember

Jessica Morsell-Haye
Councilmember

Teresa K. Albin-Smith
Councilmember

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