



# City of Fort Bragg

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## Meeting Minutes Special City Council

*THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL MEETS CONCURRENTLY AS  
THE FORT BRAGG MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1  
AND THE FORT BRAGG REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR  
AGENCY*

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Wednesday, May 2, 2018

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N Main Street

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### Special City Council CVRA District Elections

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peters called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 4 - Mayor Lindy Peters, Vice Mayor Will Lee, Councilmember Michael Cimolino and Councilmember Bernie Norvell

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Dave Turner

#### 1. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 1A. [18-162](#)** Receive Report and Provide Direction on Mr. Patterson's 45-Day Notice Letter Received April 17, 2018, the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 ("CVRA"), the California Elections Code "Safe-Harbor Provision" Capping Reimbursement of Prospective Plaintiff's Costs to Generate the 45-Day Notice Letter to \$30,000, and Possible Transition from At-Large to District-Based Elections

City Manager Miller presented a slide show regarding the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and the demand letter received from a local attorney. She responded to questions regarding hiring a demographer, the burden of proof in CVRA cases, the cost of transitioning to district elections, the \$30,000 to be paid to the attorney, and the possibility of the attorney withdrawing the demand letter. Public Comment was received from: Michelle Roberts, Andrew Gerhold, Susan Nutter, Kenneth Fennell, Ruben Alcala, Marie Jones, Cesar Yanez, Miranda Ramos, Cynthia Sharon, Rex Gressett, Timothy Perry, Carole White, Jim Britt, Meg Courtney, Scott Menzies, Jay McMartin Rosenquist, Judy Valadao and Ryan Perkins.

Discussion: After extensive discussion, the City Council directed staff to hire a demographer to prepare a demographic database for the last four City Council elections. The Council directed the ad hoc committee to meet with the local attorney and his committee to discuss the demand letter.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Norvell, seconded by Vice Mayor Lee, that the City hire a demographer to conduct a polarization analysis for the four prior City Council elections. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Mayor Peters, Vice Mayor Lee, Councilmember Cimolino and Councilmember Norvell

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Turner

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Peters adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM.

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WILL LEE, VICE MAYOR

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June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

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