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# Meeting Agenda Special Meetings

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 3:00 PM Via Video Conference

### **Special Visit Fort Bragg**

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

### **ROLL CALL**

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### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**1A.** 21-524 Approve Minutes of August 17, 2021

Attachments: VFBM 08172021

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

### 3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

**3A.** 21-526 Receive Update from Idea Cooperative on Visit Fort Bragg Efforts

Attachments: 10052021 Idea Cooperative

**3B.** 21-522 Receive Update From Special Events Subcommittee Regarding Sponsorship

and Re-Branding of "Magical Laurel Street Halloween Event"

**3C.** 21-527 City of Fort Bragg Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Update

**Attachments:** Monthly Summary Bedtax

**Bed Tax Historical Summary** 

**3D.** 21-528 Oral Updates from City Staff

**3E.** 21-529 Receive Report and Consider Appointing New Visit Fort Bragg Committee

Member

Attachments: 09212021 VFB Membership

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### 4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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COUNTY OF MENDOCINO	
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Cristal Munoz, Administrative	Anaylst

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### **Text File**

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Approve Minutes of August 17, 2021



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# Meeting Minutes Special Meetings

Tuesday, August 17, 2021 3:00 PM Via Video Conference

### **Visit Fort Bragg**

#### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chair Morsell-Haye called the meeting to order at 3:01PM.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: 7 - Tess Albin-Smith, Jessica Morsell-Haye, Nancy Bennett, Nicole Caito-Urbani,

Alison DeGrassi, Debra DeGraw and Megan Caron

Absent: 2 - Kelly Urbani-Freeland and Barbara Bruce

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**1A.** <u>21-448</u> Approve Minutes of July 20, 2021

These Minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

\* None

### 3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

**3A.** 21-442 Receive Update from Idea Cooperative on Visit Fort Bragg Efforts

Tom Kavanagh from The Idea Cooperative gave a marketing update. Tom and his team recently made a trip out to Fort Bragg and they were able to capture original photography along with some digital video and audio recordings. This will be great content that will lend its self to the storytelling of Fort Bragg. This month's analytics showed a drop in engagement and Tom stated it was due in part to no paid social advertising for that month. The eNewsletter made its debut and it had a great engagement with over 40% open rate. For the next couple of months, they will be focusing on increasing followers to all the social platforms and websites. In addition they will be adding a message from City Manager on the website about the current drought conditions.

### **Discussion:**

There was discussion about changes and improvements to the website. The committee agrees that there are more visitors to the area and the website has to do with it. The Idea Cooperative will also look into making sure the website is Americans with Disabilities Act

(ADA) complaint. The summer season is coming to a close and it is important to continue this progress for the shoulder months. The COVID-19 numbers continue to grow and people are staying closer to home when they travel.

#### Public Comment was received from:

\*None

**3B.** 21-445 Receive Update Regarding Central Business District Revitalization Efforts

Assistant to the City Manager Sarah McCormick gave an oral update on the Central Business District Revitalization Efforts. She demonstrated all the different tools that will be used to make these revitalization efforts successful. Also, she explained they are planning on revaluating the Allowable Land Use tables which can allow for the growth of alternative types of businesses in the central district. Looking into a grant to remodel the old Recreation center and can be used as a public gathering. Town Hall bathrooms are coming soon but due to the drought emergency, public works crews have been very busy. A Walking Tours Subcommittee was created along with a subcommittee for Public Art. Directional signage will start as a-frames for now and will evolve with time. City Council will discuss temporary waivers for capacity fees so more restaurants can come downtown. On September 11, 2021, there will be a meeting at Town Hall to get participation from all the downtown businesses on all these revitalization efforts.

#### Discussion:

There was much discussion about creating a public gathering space since that was not one currently. However, the grant application to update the Old Rec Center will take that on. The quick fix was also to remove overgrown vegetation next to the gazebo downtown.

### Public Comment was received from:

\*None

**3C.** 21-444 City of Fort Bragg Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Update

Assistant to the City Manager Sarah McCormick gave an oral update for information purposes regarding the City of Fort Bragg Bed Tax Revenues. The City is above \$550,000 from the best year received.

### **Public Comment:**

\*None

### Discussion:

This was just for informational purposes only

### **3D.** 21-447 Oral Updates from City Staff

Assistant to the City Manager Sarah McCormick promoted the Central Business District coffee meet and greet for Saturday, September 11th from 9-11am at Town Hall.

### **Public Comment:**

\*None

#### Discussion:

This was just for informational purposes only.

### 4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

- \* Megan Caron asked to promote campgrounds on the website.
- \* Nicki Caito-Urbani mentioned that the kiosks need some updating and that TOT monies can fund the position to keep them clean.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Morsell-Haye adjourned the meeting at 3:49 PM



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# Marketing Campaign Monthly Update

September 21, 2021 > October 5, 2021







# **Promotion Calendar**

# August > October 2021:

- Objective Grow Followers & Engagement
- Strategy Bring people closer, and make them feel more connected to, Fort Bragg through Stories and Journeys that bring the city to life.
- Tactics:
  - eNewsletter Content Launch
  - Ongoing Paid & Organic Social

August: Launch (engage subscribers)

### Newsletter:

- · Story: Princess Seafood
- Journey: Sacto To Sea Spray
- About town Photo Collection
- Forecast

Paid Social: Journey: Sacto To Sea Spray

September: New Stories (increase subscribers)

- · Story: Beautiful Earth
- Journey: Carpool To Tidepool (East Bay)
- About Town: Redwood Ave.

Paid Social: Journey Carpool To Tidepool

October: Fall Visit

Featured Story: Pacific Star Winery

Experience: Naturalist

· About Town: Franklin Ave.

**Paid Social:** Experience: Naturalist

### **November > December 2021:**

- Objective Holiday Merchant Support
- Concept Gift Guide & Basket

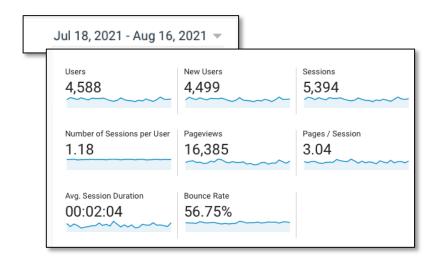
# **January > February 2022:**

• Objective – Drive Winter Visitation

### March 2022:

Restaurant Week



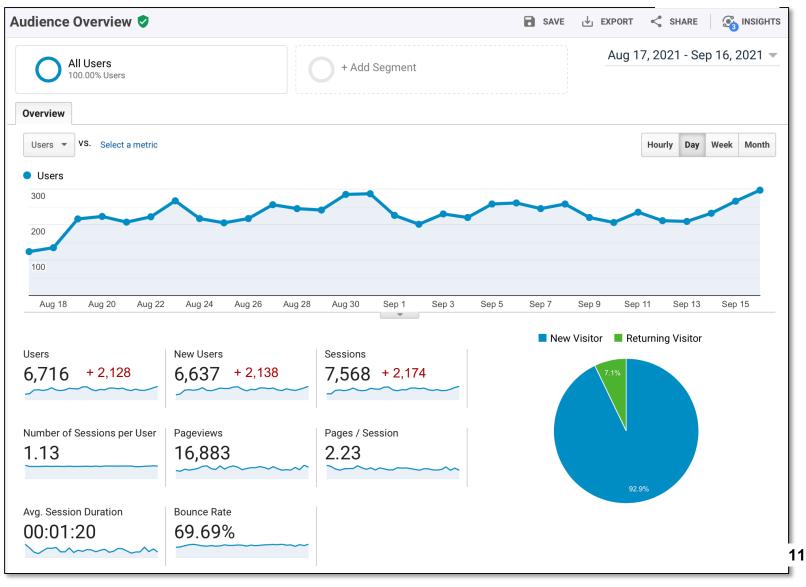


## **MONTHLY SITE TRAFFIC**



# VisitFortBraggCa.com









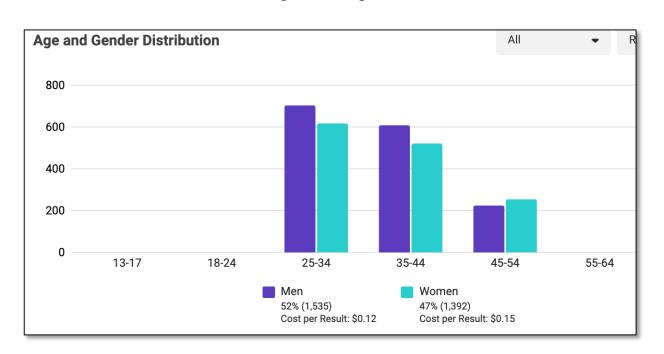
# **Paid Social**

## Aug > Sept. Paid Social

- Objective: New Followers, traffic to regionally targeted pages on VFB site
- Audience Set 1: Sac To Sea Sacramento +25mi
- Demographic: 21-54, men and women
- August 18-September 18th, \$400 lifetime budget
- Link to: Visit Fort Bragg Sac To Sea page

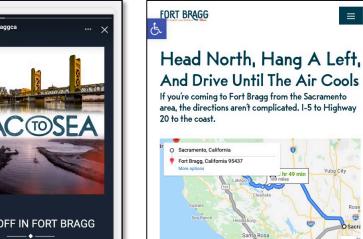
### **Results:**

Ad Set 1: Reached 65,863 accounts, generating 2,956 link clicks to VFB Sac To Sea page.









### When You Get Here







# VisitFortBraggCa.com

# Analytics

# **PAID SOCIAL DRIVES GEO**

Jul 18, 2021 - Aug 16, 2021 🔻

Pa	age ?	Pageviews ? ↓	Unique Pageviews	Avg. Time on Page	Entrances ?
		16,883 % of Total: 100.00% (16,883)	13,885 % of Total: 100.00% (13,885)	00:01:05 Avg for View: 00:01:05 (0.00%)	<b>7,568</b> % of Total: 100.00% (7,568)
1.	/ Æ	<b>3,705</b> (21.95%)	<b>2,922</b> (21.04%)	00:01:17	<b>2,868</b> (37.90%)
2.	/from-sac-to-sea-spray/	<b>2,996</b> (17.75%)	2,789 (20.09%)	00:01:00	<b>2,779</b> (36.72%)
3.	/plan-your-trip/	813 (4.82%)	<b>577</b> (4.16%)	00:00:28	<b>39</b> (0.52%)
4.	/events/	<b>812</b> (4.81%)	<b>450</b> (3.24%)	00:00:21	66 (0.87%)
5.	/plan-your-trip/stay/hotels/	<b>443</b> (2.62%)	<b>225</b> (1.62%)	00:00:43	15 (0.20%)
6.	/about-fort-bragg/	<b>428</b> (2.54%)	<b>371</b> (2.67%)	00:01:52	50 (0.66%)
7.	/a-message-from-the-city-manage	<b>328</b> (1.94%)	302 (2.18%)	00:02:00	82 (1.08%)
8.	/plan-your-trip/eat-drink/eat/	<b>289</b> (1.71%)	167 (1.20%)	00:00:54	<b>16</b> (0.21%)
9.	/our-stories/	<b>229</b> (1.36%)	<b>174</b> (1.25%)	00:00:51	19 (0.25%)
10.	/plan-your-trip/play/beaches/	<b>208</b> (1.23%)	<b>146</b> (1.05%)	00:00:27	13 (0.17%)

		Acquisition								
С	ity 🕜	Users ? ↓	New Users ?	<b>5,864</b> % of Total: 77.48% (7,568)						
		<b>5,157</b> % of Total: 76.79% (6,716)	<b>5,080</b> % of Total: 76.54% (6,637)							
1.	Sacramento	<b>1,177</b> (22.44%)	<b>1,164</b> (22.91%)	<b>1,246</b> (21.25%)						
2.	San Francisco	<b>676</b> (12.89%)	<b>642</b> (12.64%)	<b>742</b> (12.65%)						
3.	Fort Bragg	<b>299</b> (5.70%)	267 (5.26%)	500 (8.53%)						
4.	Roseville	203 (3.87%)	197 (3.88%)	214 (3.65%)						
5.	Elk Grove	193 (3.68%)	191 (3.76%)	199 (3.39%)						
6.	Los Angeles	<b>161</b> (3.07%)	<b>154</b> (3.03%)	170 (2.90%)						
7.	Citrus Heights	<b>116</b> (2.21%)	116 (2.28%)	<b>127</b> (2.17%)						
8.	Rancho Cordova	<b>110</b> (2.10%)	110 (2.17%)	<b>112</b> (1.91%)						
9.	Folsom	99 (1.89%)	98 (1.93%)	<b>101</b> (1.72%)						
10.	San Jose	<b>89</b> (1.70%)	81 (1.59%)	<b>103</b> (1.76%)						





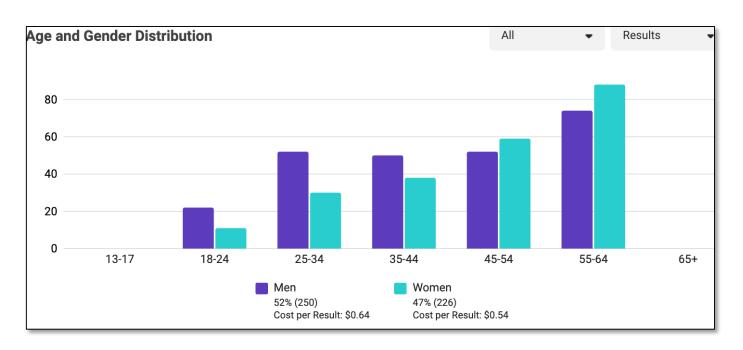
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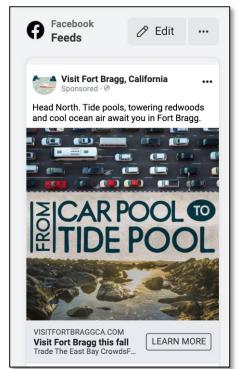
# Sept. > Oct. Paid Social (East Bay)

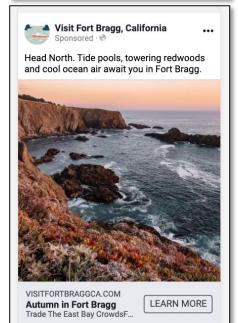
- Objective: New Followers, traffic to regionally targeted pages on VFB site
- Audience Set: Walnut Creek +25mi (Greater East Bay)
- Demographic: 21-55+, men and women
- September 18-30, \$25/day (in market 12 days v. 31 days with Sac campaign)
- Link to: Visit Fort Bragg Carpool To Tidepool page
- Updated creative on week two, because of weaker results

### Results

Ad Set 1: Reached 33,327 accounts, with 482 link clicks

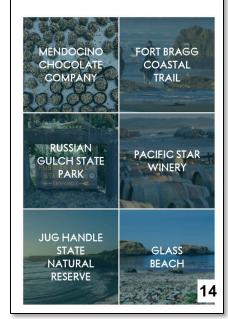








### When You Get Here







# **Paid Social**

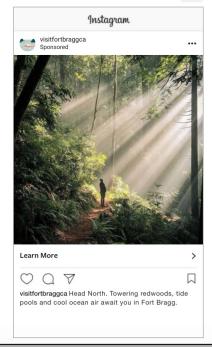
# Sept. > Oct. Paid Social (East Bay) - V2

- Objective: New Followers Traffic to regionally targeted pages on VFB site
- Audience Set: <u>Berkeley +10mi</u> (Western East Bay)
- Demographic: 21-54, men and women
- Scheduled: October 4-15th, \$25/day
- Link to: Visit Fort Bragg Carpool To Tidepool page
- Updated Creative, Copy and regional targeting, focus on inner East Bay Area

### Results

- Ongoing: FB Ad quality ranking and engagement rank are both above average after 12 hours in market.
- Ad is outperforming v1 with CTR

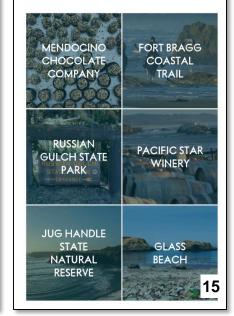
	Acquisition			Behavior			
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	<b>3,700</b> % of Total: 69.68% (5,310)	<b>3,621</b> % of Total: 69.33% (5,223)	<b>4,339</b> % of Total: 71.77% (6,046)	66.81% Avg for View: 69.19% (-3.43%)	2.30 Avg for View: 2.21 (4.33%)	00:01:28 Avg for View: 00:01:19 (11.98%)	
1. San Francisco	<b>617</b> (16.34%)	<b>586</b> (16.18%)	<b>689</b> (15.88%)	73.15%	2.03	00:01:21	
2. Sacramento	<b>583</b> (15.44%)	<b>573</b> (15.82%)	<b>616</b> (14.20%)	73.70%	1.94	00:00:45	
3. Fort Bragg	<b>258</b> (6.83%)	227 (6.27%)	<b>461</b> (10.62%)	69.85%	1.94	00:02:24	
4. Los Angeles	160 (4.24%)	154 (4.25%)	175 (4.03%)	66.29%	2.14	00:01:40	







### When You Get Here







# Campaigns

# Fort Bragg eNewsletter 2

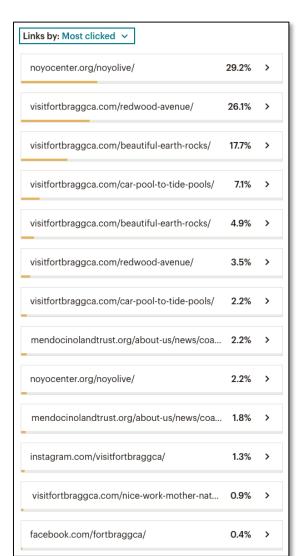
### Sent September 15, 2021

• Open Rate: 33.6% – 1,464

• Clicks: 18.6% – 226

## III Recent growth New contacts added to this audience in the last 30 days. 85 **New Contacts** 85 0 From Aug 18, 2021 to Sep 17, Subscribed 2021 Subscribed

### 2,335 Subscribers





Escape The East Bay Back-Up To The Cool Calm of Fort Bragg

Next time you're stuck on the 580 (or the 24 or the...you get the idea), imagine a secluded beach, silent but for the crash of waves. A hike through towering redwoods. Or a table on the harbor where the only traffic is the occasional fishing boat and a seal or two.



# Coastal Cleanup Day is September 18

If you're in Fort Bragg this coming weekend, join us at Glass Beach from 9AM to Noon to help beautify and protect our fragile marine environment. Visit the Mendocino Land Trust to sign up for a Coastal Cleanup at Glass Beach and other Mendocino beaches.



### Fall Calls

As the calendar clicks over to Autumn in Fort Bragg the marine layer tends to stay offshore, bringing plenty of sunshine and calmer winds. Plus, with school in the crowds are down.

Check out Noyo Marine Center's Crow's Nest Live Cam to see for













# Campaigns

# 2021 Holiday Gift Guide

### **Objective**

- Increase Merchant Participation
- Increase Purchase Options
- Reach More People
  - eNewsletter
  - Paid Social

### **Tactics**

- Early Merchant Notice
- Easy Merchant Participation
- Three Purchase Options
  - eCommerce-Capable
  - Shippable
  - In-Store only
- Online Promotions To Followers & Lookalikes
- On The Ground Cards, Posters & **Table Tents**

### 2021 - Merchant Email



### 2021 - Merchant Sign-Up



### 2021 - Merchant Card



### 2020 Guide





**QUESTIONS?** 

**COMMENTS?** 

THANK YOU.





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Receive Update From Special Events Subcommittee Regarding Sponsorship and Re-Branding

of "Magical Laurel Street Halloween Event"



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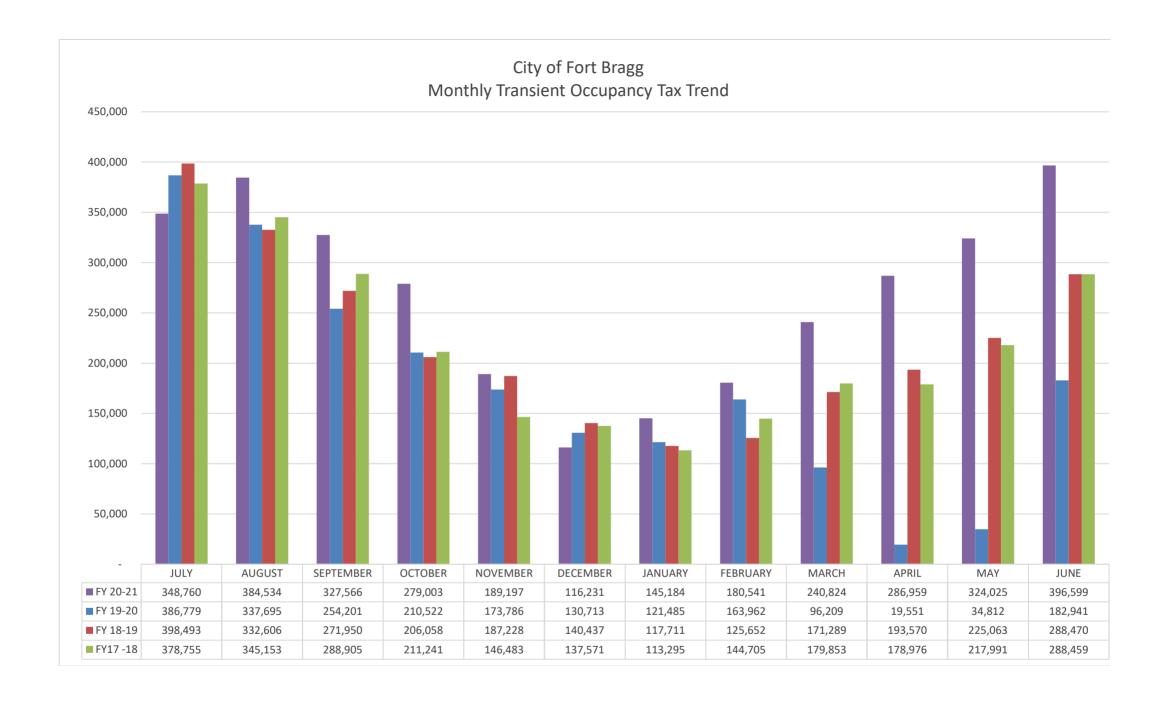
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City of Fort Bragg Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Update





# **CITY OF FORT BRAGG**

# **BED TAX REVENUES**

YEAR	FIRST QUARTER	SECOND QUARTER	THIRD QUARTER	FOURTH QUARTER	FISCAL TOTAL	% CHANGE	Tax Rate
	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun			6%
1982/83	\$ 69,914	\$ 30,623	\$ 20,177	\$ 52,093	\$ 172,807		8%
1983/84	\$ 105,128	\$ 43,009	\$ 39,275	\$ 83,859	\$ 271,271	56.98%	8%
1984/85	\$ 143,407	\$ 52,817	\$ 44,396	\$ 94,857	\$ 335,477	23.67%	8%
1985/86	\$ 150,788	\$ 56,827	\$ 43,296	\$ 96,909	\$ 347,820	3.68%	8%
1986/87	\$ 158,836	\$ 66,978	\$ 57,045	\$ 113,836	\$ 396,695	14.05%	8%
1987/88	\$ 176,327	\$ 76,957	\$ 66,063	\$ 131,868	\$ 451,215	13.74%	8%
1988/89	\$ 192,655	\$ 86,050	\$ 69,526	\$ 145,366	\$ 493,597	9.39%	8%
1989/90	\$ 202,869	\$ 93,330	\$ 74,495	\$ 150,363	\$ 521,057	5.56%	8%
1990/91	\$ 223,491	\$ 103,092	\$ 77,776	\$ 149,667	\$ 554,026	6.33%	8%
1991/92	\$ 263,999	\$ 129,657	\$ 103,870	\$ 193,722	\$ 691,248	24.77%	10%
1992/93	\$ 295,858	\$ 138,942	\$ 92,613	\$ 204,109	\$ 731,522	5.83%	10%
1993/94	\$ 305,512	\$ 137,812	\$ 116,035	\$ 205,579	\$ 764,938	4.57%	10%
1994/95	\$ 306,205	\$ 140,570	\$ 89,165	\$ 188,173	\$ 724,113	-5.34%	
1995/96	\$ 305,411	\$ 143,914	\$ 107,339	\$ 192,231	\$ 748,895	3.42%	10%
1996/97	\$ 302,596	\$ 139,149	\$ 117,852	\$ 219,924	\$ 779,521	4.09%	
1997/98	\$ 339,128	\$ 152,455	\$ 103,504	\$ 211,966	\$ 807,053	3.53%	10%
1998/99	\$ 362,977	\$ 162,363	\$ 123,459	\$ 250,147	\$ 898,946	11.39%	
1999/2000	\$ 432,433	\$ 196,053	\$ 154,124	\$ 310,626	\$ 1,093,236	21.61%	10%
2000/2001	\$ 489,102	\$ 224,690	\$ 178,874	\$ 346,961	\$ 1,239,627	13.39%	
2001//2002	\$ 511,428	\$ 252,250	\$ 210,345	\$ 370,563	\$ 1,344,586	8.47%	10%
2002/2003	\$ 547,908	\$ 234,494	\$ 196,058	\$ 320,010	\$ 1,298,471	-3.43%	10%
2003/2004	\$ 546,606	\$ 230,617	\$ 200,581	\$ 339,217	\$ 1,317,021	1.43%	
2004/2005	\$ 541,119	\$ 231,343	\$ 210,385	\$ 328,488	\$ 1,311,335	-0.43%	
2005/2006	\$ 575,861	\$ 256,873	\$ 195,090	\$ 367,975	\$ 1,395,799	6.44%	
2006/2007	\$ 620,771	\$ 270,758	\$ 217,471	\$ 394,898	\$ 1,503,899	7.74%	
2007/2008	\$ 638,936	\$ 283,809	\$ 239,849	\$ 394,470	\$ 1,557,064	3.54%	
2008/2009	\$ 637,197	\$ 269,197	\$ 214,411	\$ 371,637	\$ 1,492,443	-4.15%	
2009/2010	\$ 576,212	\$ 246,637	\$ 199,794	\$ 357,721	\$ 1,380,364	-7.51%	
2010/2011	\$ 572,437	\$ 247,980	\$ 182,107	\$ 360,625	\$ 1,363,148	-1.25%	10%
2011/2012	\$ 562,184	\$ 264,104	\$ 204,174	\$ 381,426	\$ 1,411,888	3.58%	
2012/2013	\$ 607,839	\$ 279,899	\$ 244,582	\$ 426,077	\$ 1,558,397	10.38%	
2013/2014	\$ 645,089	\$ 318,886	\$ 267,456	\$ 447,666	\$ 1,679,097	7.75%	
2014/2015	\$ 689,776	\$ 358,762	\$ 325,357	\$ 479,749	\$ 1,853,645	10.40%	
2015/2016	\$ 704,261	\$ 447,154	\$ 325,894	\$ 531,282	\$ 2,008,592	8.36%	
2016/2017	\$ 771,737	\$ 388,819	\$ 314,902	\$ 699,704	\$ 2,175,162	8.29%	
2017/2018	\$ 1,012,813	\$ 495,295	\$ 437,854	\$ 685,427	\$ 2,631,389	20.97%	
2018/2019	\$ 1,003,049	\$ 533,723	\$ 414,653	\$ 707,103	\$ 2,658,528	1.03%	
2019/2020	\$ 978,675	\$ 515,021	\$ 381,656	\$ 237,305	\$ 2,112,657	-20.53%	
2020/2021	\$ 1,060,860	\$ 584,431	\$ 566,549	\$ 1,007,582	\$ 3,219,422	52.39%	
Quarterly Change	8.4%	 13.5%	48.4%	324.6%	52.4%		

### Notes:

Revised 8/12/2021 BEDTAX

<sup>\*</sup> The City TOT Rate changed from 10% to 12% on April 1, 2017.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Data in this report does not represent audited results. For audited results please refer to the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports.



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Receive Report and Consider Appointing New Visit Fort Bragg Committee Member



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### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE ITEM SUMMARY REPORT**

Meeting Date: September 21, 2021

To: Visit Fort Bragg Committee

From: Tabatha Miller, City Manager

Agenda Item Title: Committee Membership

### **BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW:**

The Visit Fort Bragg Committee is comprised of five to seven members of the public and two Councilmembers, appointed in terms for continuity. The table below shows the current membership and terms of service:

Member	Affiliation	Term
Jessica Morsell-Haye	Vice-Mayor	Mayor Appointment
Tess Albin-Smith	Councilmember	Mayor Appointment
Nancy Bennett	Cowlick's Ice Cream	24 months - expires 12/31/22
Megan Caron	Lost Coast Found	24 months - expires 12/31/22
Nicki Caito	Retail Owner	24 months - expires 12/31/21
Debra DeGraw	North Coast Brewing Company	24 months – expires 12/31/21
Alison de Grassi	West Business Development Center	24 months – expires 12/31/21

The Visit Fort Bragg protocols states that the committee shall be composed of up to seven (7) community members, thus there is potentially two (2) open seats available.

Protocols of the Visit Fort Bragg Committee is provided as an attachment and the following excerpt is included herein, which provides guidance on membership:

### Members

1. The VFB Committee shall be composed of up to 9 members – 7 from the community and 2 councilmembers.

- Members should represent a cross section of the Fort Bragg tourism sector. Ideally (but not mandatory) the Committee would be comprised of a cross-section of the sectors below; achieving diversity of interests should be considered when reviewing applications for membership.
  - a. Lodging: representation from both large and small establishments; branded and not branded.
  - b. Retail
  - c. Dining
  - d. Recreation/Attraction
  - e. Art/Culture
  - f. Other
- 3. Members are not required to reside in the Fort Bragg city limits.
- 4. Members may be nominated by city representatives and Committee members. Members may be recommended to the Committee by community members
- 5. Potential members are required to complete the current VFB Committee Membership Interest form.
- Members are required to complete the current VFB Committee Member Conflict of Interest Disclosure form. The purpose of this form is to provide full transparency about Committee members' interest and affiliations. The forms will be reviewed by City staff.
- 7. If Committee membership is full, the Committee may consider rotating members or increasing membership.

Attached to this report is an application from Jason Hurst applications (redacted to protect privacy) submitted for Visit Fort Bragg membership. Mr. Hurst represents the lodging industry, a sector that is not currently represented on the Visit Fort Bragg Committee.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Visit Fort Bragg Committee review application and appoint new member to the Committee.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Application – Jason Hurst

Name: Jason Hurst
Company: Harbor Lite Lodge / Anchor Lodge
Mailing Address:
Email Address:
Phone Number:

APPLICATION

1. Why would you like to be on the Visit Fort Bragg Committee? I have been recruited by a few committee members

2. Briefly describe your vision for Fort Bragg's Tourism Economy over the next 3-5 years. promote outdoor activities and unique dining options, clean air

and temperate dimate (people come to coast in winter to warm up).

3. What are some of your prior board/committee experiences? Mendo County Lodging Assoc 3 terms, Jas President, Jas treasur. Director MERPO. I term. Coast York Societ League treasurer 3 years

4. What is your experience and expertise in strategic planning, budgeting and destination marketing? Strategic Planning and destination marketing

5. What does success for this Committee look like to you?

HB reeds to build its shoulder and off-season branding With oitdoor and food destination promotion. We should promote these things while everyone is here during the 6 weeks from July 4th through Mid. August when we typically say we don't "need" advertising "Come buch for an even better experience "