



CITY NOTES

January 12, 2017

After adopting the following resolution on Monday night, the Fort Bragg City Council requested that it be published in this column. It will be translated into Spanish and made available throughout the community. The City is also preparing a more condensed poster to communicate the same message regarding the City of Fort Bragg's commitment to non-discrimination and support for immigrants in our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 3972-2017

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL AFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO NON-DISCRIMINATION AND SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRANTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the diversity of backgrounds, perspectives and experiences of the American people—both native born and immigrants—makes our nation and communities richer and stronger; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg has a strong tradition of embracing and welcoming individuals of diverse racial, ethnic, religious, and national backgrounds, including a large immigrant population; and

WHEREAS, fostering a relationship of trust, respect, and open communication between City officials and residents is essential to the City's mission of delivering effective public services; and

WHEREAS, many local immigrants have concerns about their safety and security; and

WHEREAS, it is the City Council's desire to ensure that its immigrant residents participate in civic life and daily activities without fear of being arrested or reported to the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is intended to alleviate and respond to concerns and fears in the Fort Bragg community relating to possible changes in federal immigration policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby resolve and declare that:

1. The City of Fort Bragg works to ensure the equal protection and treatment of all persons without discrimination on the basis of factors including but not limited to: citizenship status, race, national origin, ethnicity, age, familial status, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, physical and intellectual abilities, religion, religious observance, political orientation, economic status, or other social status; and
2. The City of Fort Bragg has strong protections for non-discrimination in its interactions with all community members and these protections are enshrined in City practices, policies, ordinances, and resolutions, as well as in State law; and
3. The Fort Bragg Police Department's mission is to protect the safety of all members of our community, regardless of any of the aforementioned factors, including immigration status; and
4. The Fort Bragg Police Department understands that it relies upon community members to report crimes and speak to the police without fear of being arrested or reported to the United

States Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency and therefore the Department works to foster trust and cooperation with Fort Bragg's immigrant community; and

5. The Fort Bragg Police Department has a long-standing practice of never asking about a person's citizenship or immigration status when someone requests assistance, is stopped on the street, or is interviewed by a representative of the Department; and
6. The Fort Bragg Police Department has a long-standing practice of not participating or aiding in immigration raids, sweeps, or detentions of people solely to determine their immigration status; and
7. The Fort Bragg City Council affirms its commitment to helping our town continue to thrive as a culturally diverse community where all are welcome; where all respect the life and dignity of every human being without discrimination or prejudice; and where community interactions are built upon respect and compassion for others.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Turner, seconded by Councilmember Norvell, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 9th day of January 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Lee, Norvell, Turner and Mayor Peters.
NOES:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember Cimolino.
ABSTAIN:	None.
RECUSED:	None.

Mark Your Calendars>> Information on upcoming public meetings can be found on the "Upcoming Agenda Items" pages on the City's website or by signing up for meeting notifications using the "Notify Me" feature at <https://city.fortbragg.com>.

- **City Council Meeting** – Monday, January 23rd at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Tentative agenda topics include: Presentation from Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, Presentation of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY 2015-16, Report on Oversight Process for Measure AA Revenues, Report on Ordinance Amendments for Cannabis Retail Uses.
- **Finance & Administration Committee Meeting** – Wednesday, February 1st at 3 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Tentative topics include: Water and Sewer Connection and Capacity Fees for Accessory Dwelling Units; Cost Recovery for Appeals of Proposed Development Projects.
- **Special City Council Meeting** – Thursday, February 2nd at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Update from DTSC on Mill Site Remediation and Operable Unit E Feasibility Study, including Mill Pond.
- **Special City Council Meeting** – Monday, February 6th at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Work Session to consider issues and options for rezoning Georgia-Pacific Mill Site property.
- **Monday Morning Meetings with the Mayor** – Mayor Lindy Peters is available to meet with the public every Monday morning from 11 Am to noon in the downstairs conference room at Fort Bragg City Hall. No appointment is needed and all are welcome to meet directly with the Mayor in this informal setting. Please come to ask questions, share your concerns, and share your ideas and visions for Fort Bragg.

City Notes is published on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. If you have questions or suggestions regarding this column or any matter of City business, feel free to contact City Manager Linda Ruffing at LRuffing@fortbragg.com or (707)961-2829.