

RESOLUTION NO. 3567-2012

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL AFFIRMING THE CITY'S INTENT TO CONTINUE ABIDING BY ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT (GOVT. CODE SECTION 54950 ET SEQ.)

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg ("City") is a general law City organized under the laws of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg ("City Council") wishes to affirm its support of sunshine laws which ensure public participation in the formulation of City policies and in the general conduct of City business; and

WHEREAS, the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code section 54950 et seq.) sets forth rules for the noticing and conduct of public agency meetings, the preparation of agendas for public meetings and inclusion of the public in public agency decision making; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act has been an indispensable tool for promoting open government and ensuring that the public is adequately informed of the matters being decided by City officials and officers in their name and with public dollars; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has recently decided that enforcement of certain provisions of the Brown Act are no longer mandatory or enforceable in so far as such provisions constitute an unfunded mandate upon local public agencies which the State of California ("State") is unable or at least unwilling to subsidize; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is steadfastly committed to the principles of transparency and public inclusion which are embodied in the Brown Act, notwithstanding State pronouncements that certain provisions of the Brown Act need not be enforced; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby affirm the City's intent to continue abiding by the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code section 54950 et seq.) regardless of whether the State reimburses the City for costs associated with the enforcement of the Brown Act.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Gjerde, seconded by Councilmember Courtney, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 27th day of August, 2012, by the following vote:

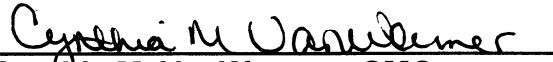
AYES: Councilmembers Courtney, Deitz, Gjerde, Hammerstrom, and Mayor Turner.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



**DAVE TURNER,
Mayor**

ATTEST:


**Cynthia M. VanWormer, CMC
City Clerk**