

RESOLUTION NO. 4225-2020

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL ENDORING MEASURE C – MENDOCINO COAST HEALTH CARE DISTRICT’S LEASE TO STONE POINT HEALTH

WHEREAS, it is essential that our coastal community have a fully-staffed, quality hospital that is easily accessible to the City of Fort Bragg and surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, our geographically remote, isolated and rural community increases the need for a local hospital to provide essential care to residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino Coast District Hospital has operated since 1971 and provides services that include: a Rural Health Clinic; Home Health Hospice; Oncology; Emergency and Ambulance Services; Diagnostic Imaging; Laboratory Services; Outpatient and Inpatient Surgeries; Obstetrics, Delivery and Pediatrics; Inpatient Services; Critical Care Services; and Home Health Rehabilitation Services; and

WHEREAS, a local Critical Access Hospital is absolutely necessary for the social and economic welfare of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino Coast District Hospital is suffering from serious financial difficulties and would likely close if Measure C is not successful; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino Coast District Hospital expends approximately \$55.8 million in operating costs, including nearly \$26.9 million in salaries and benefits for approximately 350 employees, and these funds contribute to the financial well-being of the City; and

WHEREAS, a local hospital is a vital contributor to the local economy and without its financial contribution to the community the local economy will suffer and cause further hardship; and

WHEREAS, Adventist Health System/West through Stone Point Health a California nonprofit public benefit corporation will pay fair market value to lease and operate the hospital, clinics, and healthcare facilities, including ambulance services for up to thirty years; and

WHEREAS, such affiliation will increase the resources to recruit and retain high quality medical staff and provide much needed capital to upgrade equipment and facilities; and

WHEREAS, without affiliation with Stone Point Health, the Mendocino Coast District Hospital will likely have to eliminate a range of current services and may possibly need to close the hospital; and

WHEREAS, the lease payments to be made by Adventist Health ensure that MCDH will have sufficient funds in the future to either comply with the California's seismic requirements necessary to keep the hospital open or to construct new health facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby endorse and support the Mendocino Coast Health Care District Measure C to approve an up to thirty (30) year lease at fair market value with Stone Point Health, a subsidiary of Adventist Health Systems/West.

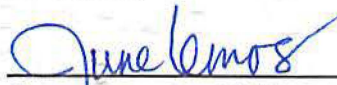
The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 27th day of January, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Albin-Smith, Morsell-Haye and Peters.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Mayor Lee.
ABSTAIN: None.
RECUSED: Mayor Pro Tem Norvell.



JESSICA MORSELL-HAYE
Councilmember

ATTEST:



June Lemos, CMC
City Clerk