



# CITY OF FORT BRAGG

## NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### NOMINATION PAPERS FOR CITY COUNCIL AVAILABLE JULY 18, 2016

The City of Fort Bragg will issue nomination papers for two City Council seats beginning July 18, 2016. Candidates should take note of the following important information:

**DATE OF ELECTION:** Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**POSITIONS FOR ELECTION:** City Council, two positions. The incumbents are Doug Hammerstrom and Scott Deitz.

**TERM OF OFFICE:** Four-year terms, beginning December 2016 and ending December 2020.

**CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS:** All candidates must be 18 years of age, a Citizen of the United States, and a registered voter residing within the city limits of Fort Bragg.

**NOMINATION PERIOD:** Opens: Monday, July 18, 2016. Closes: Friday, August 12, 2016, unless an incumbent does not file, then the period is extended to Wednesday, August 17, 2016.

**NOMINATION PAPERS AND CANDIDATE HANDBOOKS:** Nomination papers and handbooks will be available on the first day of the nomination period, Monday, July 18. "Pulling" nomination papers will take approximately 30 to 45 minutes, so an appointment is requested. **Please make an appointment with the City Clerk's office at 707.961.1694.** City Clerk's office hours are: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.).

**COST:** There is no cost to be issued nomination papers, receive a Candidate's Handbook, which is provided free to all persons considering becoming a candidate, nor is there a fee to file nomination papers. If a candidate chooses to submit a candidate statement, a deposit of \$400 (English only) or \$700 (English and Spanish) will apply.

**CAMPAIGN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) provides free, expert advice at their toll free number: (800) ASK FPPC (275-3772) or you may go to their website at: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov>. All campaign forms and most manuals and instructions are available on the FPPC website.

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**COUNCIL MEETINGS:** Regular City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Special, Closed, or Adjourned City Council meetings may be held as needed.

**MAYOR:** The Mayor is appointed every two years by the City Council.

**REGISTERED VOTERS:** Fort Bragg has 3,494 Registered Voters as of June 28, 2016, according to the Mendocino County Registrar of Voters. The last day to register to vote in the November 8, 2016 election is October 24, 2016.

Questions regarding this information should be directed to City Clerk June Lemos at (707) 961-1694.