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FORT BRAGG CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Fort Bragg City Manager Linda Ruffing has announced her retirement, effective January 12, 2018. Ms. Ruffing has served as the City Manager of Fort Bragg since 2006. Prior to that, she served as Fort Bragg's Community Development Director for nearly seven years. According to Ms. Ruffing, "It has been a great honor to serve as Fort Bragg's City Manager and I am very proud of the work that we have accomplished over the years. That said, I'm looking forward to retiring from the City and starting the next chapter of my life."

City Manager Ruffing's many accomplishments include: negotiating the purchase of the recently-opened Noyo Headlands Park on Fort Bragg's coastline; negotiating the transfer of the \$25 million C.V. Starr Community Center to City ownership along with revenue measures to help fund operation of the facility; shepherding the Noyo Center for Marine Science from its inception in 2005 to its successful transition to a non-profit Board of Directors.

Ms. Ruffing has guided the City through many challenges during her tenure. She is credited for her successful efforts to maintain service levels and to stabilize and strengthen Fort Bragg's financial position during the Great Recession. She has been deeply involved in planning for reuse of the former Georgia-Pacific Mill Site property in Fort Bragg since the mill's closure in 2002 and has led the City's oversight process for the environmental remediation. She also served as the City's coordinator for the legal team which successfully defended the City in a multi-million dollar Superfund lawsuit related to remediation of the Mill Site.

Fort Bragg Mayor Lindy Peters states, "Fort Bragg has been very fortunate to have City Manager Linda Ruffing at the helm for the past 12 years. She is a talented and effective leader who has dedicated many years of her career to our community. I wish her all the best when she retires early next year."