

# Fort Bragg Needs to decide its own future!

**Our City has a great deal to be proud of!**  
**Together we have the opportunity to:**

- ✓ expand and support our sustainable fishing economies
- ✓ introduce, design & establish ocean water infrastructure for aquariums, research, aquaculture, & to manage climate change resilience
- ✓ further support our downtown arts & business community
- ✓ to expand on preparations for climate change impact

I will work with the council & the public to build on these efforts and to:

- promote transparency,
- work on community response to mental health & shelter issues
- sustain diversity inclusion (including youth) input to the council
- spur housing investment, plan for water reclamation
- increase city revenue by attracting sustainable, innovative, & diverse businesses providing full-time living wages

**With my experience in routinely attending hearings & city council meetings and as a reporter, I will ask hard questions to sort out the facts. These meetings included:**

- City of Fort Bragg public outreach & scoping sessions, regarding city zoning, land use development & planning
- California Coastal Commission hearings/meetings, regarding local development projects
- CA Department of Toxic Substances Control's public outreach and scoping sessions on cleanup, disposal & permanently containing hazardous wastes at the former Georgia Pacific Mill Site.
- Coastal Development Permit (CDP) Hearings
- Mendocino Historical Review Board
- Mendocino Community Services District
- Fort Bragg Planning Commission
- Elk Community Services District
- Albion- Little River Community Services District

My academic training, my volunteer pro bono & paid work experience combined --all demonstrate my ability to navigate a wide range of analytical frameworks regarding the interpretation of federal, state and local ordinances, codes and policy.

Policies and programs dealing with development jeopardize their very effectiveness if they themselves are not analyzed across the existing regulatory frameworks.

Cities and towns across the U.S. are now embarking upon efforts where housing, environmental issues and climate adaption must be included in policies. This speaks to responsible good governance. I look to collaborate with the city council & the public to continue this work.



## *Mary Rose Kaczorowski for Ft. Bragg City Council*

I have previous experience as a candidate-- placed 4th in a 7 candidate race

I have 25 + years public policy and non-profit and advocacy experience as a non-governmental representative

I have 5+ years experience as a staff and freelance journalist, photographer, opinion columnist for local and regional print and on-line media

I first moved to the coast in 1994

I have experience in navigating statutes, legal codes and ordinances

I have helped local Ft. Bragg residents find agencies or directed them to Ft. Bragg City Staff to assist them with their concerns

### **connect with me at:**

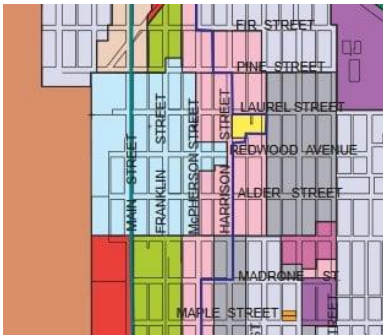
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# Focus on a livable, pedestrian friendly Ft. Bragg (letter-to-the-editor)

By [Mary Rose Kaczorowski](#) | February 13, 2021, The Mendocino Voice



To the Editor:

Many studies show that mixed-use developments weather rough economic periods significantly better than single-use properties. Ideally a mixed-use plan for the City of Fort Bragg would blend residential, commercial, cultural, and institutional uses. Nationwide there is an increasingly decrease in buying mass-produced, generic goods from impersonal chains. Access to small local businesses and service is key as we shift to environmental and pedestrian friendly Fort Bragg as the way of the future.

Baby Boomers are downsizing, and millennials tend to live leaner. Remote workers will be becoming the norm. Tourism and big box stores are not what the City should be looking at. Office space and residential properties are more strategic as real estate investment. Big Box Stores go out of business often. Mixed use development as I described has a better chance of not ending up as abandoned huge buildings that still haunt Fort Bragg. Empty lots wait for mixed use housing. Who's holding out and why?

Where is critical thinking and creative thinking? We have to move out of the 1960's developer mindset and steer away from Big Box stores especially when housing is a crisis here.

Facades and signs, hotels, and plans for tourism— does this really matter when we cannot even house our service workers and elders in decent housing?

Our post office, small specialty grocery stores, bookstores, restaurants, art galleries, craft shops, antiques and mini museums and a mix of services keep our town buzzing and more can if the routes to each are connected and walkable. Ft. Bragg is a hub for services for area residents on the Coast and we need to pay attention to that.

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