



# CITY OF FORT BRAGG

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### **CITY LAUNCHES NEW TECH COMMITTEE**

*“Economic Development through Enhanced Technology.”* This is the mission statement the newly formed Tech Committee approved in an effort to help make Fort Bragg a “tech-friendly city.”

Earlier this year, Vice Mayor Will Lee asked Mayor Lindy Peters to revive the Tech Ad Hoc Committee. Councilmember Dave Turner and Vice Mayor Lee serve on the committee.

Community members serving on the committee include: Trish Steel of the Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County, Sage Statham of MCN, Jacob Turner from SeaKay Broadband, Jeremy Logan from the Color Mill, Krish Kumar from Google, Andrew Jordan, and Lia Wilson.

The Tech Committee established several short term and long term goals at its first two meetings. Highlights include working to improve fiber infrastructure, partnering with local schools on educational opportunities, expanding the downtown Wi-Fi, researching grant opportunities and developing a shared work space accessible to the public for local tech innovation and to telecommuters from around Northern California.

The Tech Committee is excited to explore opportunities for Fort Bragg. “Fort Bragg has a real opportunity to be a leader in offering tech capabilities to the ever-growing mobile work force,” states Councilmember Turner. “The beauty this area offers combined with its remoteness is just what professionals from the Bay Area tech industry are looking for when considering telecommuting.” Vice Mayor Lee agrees. “This committee can help coordinate efforts up and down the Coast in attracting a new type of professional to work and live here full- or part-time. We are very excited to get the community involved in our many efforts. This includes working with local schools and the college in providing better education to our youth and adults in areas of technology.”

Questions regarding the tech ad hoc committee should be directed to Scott Schneider, Administrative Services Director, at (707) 961-2843.

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