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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Office of the Governor  
State Capitol, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Attn: Ms. Kristin Stauffacher, Appointments Advisor

RE: Support Nomination of Fort Bragg Mayor William Lee to California Coastal Commission

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors recommends and supports the nomination of Fort Bragg Mayor Will Lee to the California Coastal Commission's North Coast Representative seat.

Mayor Lee has been an elected official in Fort Bragg for two and a half years. He has participated in many land use decisions directly involving coastal projects.

A notable project on which Mayor Lee has been actively involved for several years is the privately owned 400-plus acre former lumber mill site. That site now has more than 100 acres of ocean-front parkland and over the coming years will fill-in with well-planned private development. Neither Humboldt nor Del Norte Counties has a site of this magnitude and importance here on the North Coast. This opportunity and experience makes Mayor Lee's nomination unique to all others seeking your appointment.

Mayor Lee is also actively involved in the issue of sea level rise and its impact on coastal communities. Mayor Lee is a dedicated public servant and he looks forward to contributing his skillsets and energy to applying the Coastal Commission's Strategic Plan.

Mayor Lee believes in the preservation and protection of our precious California coastline. He also understands California law as it relates property rights and the delicate balance between protecting our coast and individual property rights. Mayor Lee believes the Commission should be viewed as an enhancer to coastal projects and development rather than a barrier. His priorities as a Commissioner would be to focus on beach erosion, storm surges and salt water intrusion – all effects of climate change.

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Due to Mayor Lee's passion, extensive experience and unbridled dedication not only to the preservation and protection of Fort Bragg's coastline, but to the entire California coast, we strongly recommend his nomination to the Commission.

We understand serving on the Commission can be demanding and, at times, contentious. We are confident Mayor Lee will serve as ably on the Commission as he does on the Fort Bragg City Council.

On behalf of the entire Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, thank you for your consideration of Will Lee for the seat of North Coast Representative to the California Coastal Commission.

Best regards,



Carre Brown, Chair  
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

cc: Mona Pasquil Rogers  
Appointments Secretary  
Office of the Governor

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Assembly Member Jim Woods