

Our Future:



The youth of a community are its future. The city council has provided leadership in reaching out to Mendocino College when College of the Redwoods failed to provide the educational opportunities our kids deserve. Classes continue this fall.



Trails and parkland will provide enjoyment and recreation to citizens and visitors alike. The City Council's plans for industrial, marine research and business possibilities on this land that once provided jobs for almost 2,000 is key to the economic future of Fort Bragg.

I am proud of our city council. We have worked together, seeking common ground and striving for what is best for the citizens of Fort Bragg. We are responsible and productive—we get things done!



When the CV Starr Community Center & Aquatic Facility was in trouble, the city responded. Working with the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Parks, we pulled together, and once again the citizens of Fort Bragg trusted us to take care of business.



As a businessman, I've got the perseverance, the resourcefulness & the forward focus that this city needs. Together, we can build a better future.

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Born in Fort Bragg's old Coast Hospital in 1951, I attended Stanford University where I majored in "Social Thought & Institutions," a political science honors program.

In 1992, my wife Anne and I returned to Fort Bragg to raise our 4 children: Katie, Dewey, Packie and Bryna. Anne and I celebrated our 35th anniversary this year.

I was first elected to council in 2002, and am currently serving my third term as mayor. Together with the council, our achievements over the past twelve years include:

- Balancing the budget for nine years.
- Repairing the Pudding Creek Trestle.
- Improving and maintaining city streets.
- Rescuing the CV Starr Community Center & Aquatic Facility from collapse.
- Partnering with Mendocino College to preserve education on the coast.
- Fighting to keep the Coastal Court alive.
- Acquiring coastal trail & parkland, and winning grant funding for construction.
- Planning for industrial, marine research, & business opportunities on the mill site.

Building a Better Future

BALANCED BUDGET



The City of Fort Bragg is, when compared to cities around the state, in great shape. While others are declaring bankruptcy, our city has had a balanced budget for the last 9 years. We reduced our workforce, tightened our belts, and have managed to continue to serve the community with no reductions in services, no furloughs or reduced work schedules. Our reserves are fully funded despite the recession.

Fought for Coast Court



When the judges in Ukiah moved to limit services at Ten Mile Court, the council joined our Police Chief, District Attorney and local attorneys to avoid making our police and citizens make thousands of trips to Ukiah court rooms.

Helped Revive Paul Bunyan Days



As President of Paul Bunyan Days in 2001 I worked to bring back the Logging Show. I served as President or Vice President until 2011.

Improved Streets



In 2004, the city council did what past councils had failed to do: we showed enough leadership to earn citizen trust with their money. Today our city streets reflect that trust.

Fort Bragg Fire Board



This is an amazing community with folks who do the unimaginable. As the chairman of the Fort Bragg Fire Board since 2011, I have been privileged to watch our astounding Volunteer Fire Department. This group of first responders has done what folks said couldn't be done: they created a track record that forced insurance companies to lower our ISO rating. Home-owners insurance cost less because Fort Bragg Fire did more in less time!

Worked to get Trestle Repaired



When I first ran for council, I was determined to get State Parks to keep their decades-old broken promise to repair the Pudding Creek trestle, opening it to bikes and pedestrians. Finally, after enlisting the help of Senator Chesbro, we got it done!