

California State Senate

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Linda Penner, Chair
Board of State and Community Corrections
2590 Venture Oaks Way, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95833

Dear Chairwoman Penner:

I am writing to express my support for the City of Fort Bragg's Proposition 47 Cohort 4 application to the Board of State and Community Corrections.

The proposed project seeks to address issues of public safety and public mental health by expanding the Fort Bragg Police Department's Care Responsive Unit (CRU) into neighboring jurisdictions. If awarded, the funds would allow the CRU and the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center to hire additional staff, as well as increase their transitional housing capacity.

The three-pronged approach used by the CRU fosters collaboration amongst multiple governments and private organizations, and ensures that people in underserved, rural communities benefit from this program. By taking this multifaceted approach to address the homelessness crisis over the last three years, the Fort Bragg Police Department's Care Response Unit has demonstrated their ability to direct awarded grants and funds toward mental health, substance use, and criminal diversion to Fort Bragg.

I respectfully encourage you to support this proposal. This funding would help this successful program spread across Mendocino County, and serve as a model for other programs across the State. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 707-468-8914.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mike McGuire".

MIKE MCGUIRE

Senator