

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT
(Section 13307, Elections Code)

JUL 15 2026

Name of Candidate	<u>Tess Albin-Smith</u>	Age	<u>75</u>	<u>City of Fort Bragg</u>
Occupation	<u>Incumbent</u>	Date of Election	<u>Nov. 3, 2026</u>	<u>City Clerk</u>
Name of Office	<u>City Council Member</u>	Name of District	<u></u>	

Statement of education & qualifications:

I believe the best way to serve a community is to get involved and help solve problems. That philosophy has guided my two terms on the Fort Bragg City Council and my service on more than 17 local, regional, and state committees and boards.

As a City Council member, I introduced the concept of city-owned affordable high-speed internet. I identified a funding opportunity for repairs to the middle school tennis courts and add new pickleball courts. I helped design improvements to Bainbridge Park and continue working to improve school athletic fields and community facilities. I support affordable workforce housing, skilled jobs with benefits, and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

During my career with CAL FIRE and the State Water Board, and through leadership in several nonprofit organizations, I developed expertise in budgeting, grant writing, project management, and collaborative problem-solving. I was one of the first two women hired as a CAL FIRE forester and continue mentoring young women in STEM fields.

Residents deserve a council member who listens, prepares thoroughly, acts with integrity, and makes thoughtful decisions. I am seeking a third term to continue providing practical leadership while preserving Fort Bragg's unique character and planning responsibly for future generations.

Dated

14 July 2026


Signature of Candidate

I do **not** elect to file a Candidate's Statement as permitted by Elections Code § 13307

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