

***PROCLAMATION  
IN HONOR OF  
LARRY BRAGMAN***

WHEREAS, LARRY BRAGMAN has been a resident of Fairfax for over 35 years, and has been an active and concerned citizen since then, and

WHEREAS, Larry lives with his wife Holly and stepsons Trevor and Calvin; and

WHEREAS, Larry served on the Town Council for 11 years, twice as mayor and twice as vice mayor; and

WHEREAS, Larry is respected by the Town Council, his peers, the citizens of Fairfax and everyone who has worked with him, due to his commitment, dedication, and conscientiousness; and

WHEREAS, Larry has a keen legal mind and has provided incredible competency to his position with the Town of Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, within three months of being elected to the Town Council, Larry wrote the civility resolution for the Fairfax Town Council that is in place today, and served as a model of decorum throughout his tenure; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 Larry drafted the Council Public Issue Agenda Policy Ordinance allowing the public to put items on Town Council meeting agendas; and

WHEREAS, Larry has supported Fairfax's autonomy and independence, co-writing ballot measures and providing campaign leadership for local Fairfax revenue Measures F (2005), I (2009), D (2011), and J (2014), in support of public safety, public works, and youth and senior programs; and

WHEREAS, Larry is an advocate for open and transparent government, encouraging and supporting the recording, televising, and streaming of public meetings, and directing resources towards the Community Media Center of Marin; and

WHEREAS, Larry is passionate in his beliefs and has served the Fairfax community by his dedication to the health of the citizens and of the land, often guided by his green, progressive politics and his strong sense of justice; and

WHEREAS, as a lifelong environmental advocate, Larry has dedicated hundreds of hours to the protection of open space in Fairfax and in Marin county; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 Larry drafted the resolution establishing the Fairfax Open Space Committee, and provided leadership for the purchase of Sky Ranch for Open Space; and

WHEREAS, Larry, an avid cyclist, has always supported alternative transportation, and drafted the resolution for Complete Streets, obtained funding for the Fairfax Bike Spine, and grants for pedestrian and bicycle improvements for Fairfax through the Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Project funding; and

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WHEREAS, Larry co-founded the Fairfax Ecofest in 2004 and continues to contribute to its success each year; and

WHEREAS, Larry has advocated for recycling and reuse, drafting the Fairfax Zero Waste resolution in 2007, and negotiating a model franchise agreement with Marin Sanitary to include free compost and chipper days for residents; and

WHEREAS, Larry championed the reduction in use of plastic bags, and drafted the 2008 ballot measure for the Fairfax Plastic Bag Ban; and

WHEREAS, Larry strongly supported bans on the use of pesticides, herbicides, and rodenticides, and

WHEREAS, in 2010 Larry drafted the ordinance for a moratorium on the installation of Smart Meters in Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 Larry co-founded the Fairfax Food Bank with his wife Holly and Fairfax Community Pastor Katherine Harts, and has volunteered there every Saturday since its creation; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 Larry supported and drafted the Fairfax ordinance prohibiting smoking; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 Larry co-wrote the ballot initiative banning GMO's from being cultivated in Marin, and in 2012 wrote resolutions in support of GMO labeling (Prop 37); and

WHEREAS, Larry drafted resolutions opposing cuts to Social Security and to Food Stamps; opposing Proposition 8 and the National Defense Authorization Act ; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 Larry authored the resolution in support of the reclassification of marijuana as a drug with recognized medical benefits; and

WHEREAS, Larry devoted 11 years as a Fairfax Council Member and countless hours to the Town of Fairfax and its citizens and has made innumerable contributions to the Town of Fairfax, serving the public with integrity and intelligence,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED**, that, in acknowledgment of his dedication, commitment, exemplary service, and many contributions to the Town and to the community, the Town of Fairfax thanks **LARRY BRAGMAN** and wishes him success in his future endeavors; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that the Town of Fairfax is a much better place because Larry chose to live here, and that February 4, 2015 is hereby proclaimed **LARRY BRAGMAN DAY** in the Town of Fairfax.

Barbara Coler  
Mayor of Fairfax