

## MARY ROSE KACZOROWSKI IS A CANDIDATE

Mary Rose Kaczorowski is one of seven candidates for three seats on the Fort Bragg, CA City Council. Her candidate's statement is as follows:

I graduated from College of the Redwoods and hold degrees from Mills College, Oakland CA (B.A. Public Policy); Pacific School of Religion (Masters: Theological Studies) Berkeley CA; California State University (Certificate: Non-Profit Management). I studied at the Lorry I. Lokey Graduate School of Business, Mills College, San Francisco Art Institute and Rutgers University. I was invited to attend the 2011 Academy for International Conflict Management & Peacebuilding - George Mason University, Institute for Defense Analysis, Department of Defense, U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington D.C.'s Strategic Economic Needs/Security Exercise. I returned to Ft. Bragg several years ago to apply my experience and give back to the community.

I worked for the Ft. Bragg Main Street Program (1990's). I served on the Mendocino County Living Communities Executive Committee to help the community prepare for County General Plan updates. I worked at U.C. Berkeley as a Senior Survey Worker. I served on the AmeriCorps- Corporation for National Service Health/Garden Team (classroom instruction on ecology, gardens, nutrition for bilingual students in East Oakland CA (planted gardens & trees in school yards). I was employed as staff reporter for Digital First Media (Mendocino Beacon/F.B. Advocate News). I have volunteered for many local non-profits.

My experience is reflected in my participation as a credentialed Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) representative: U.N. Commission on the Status of Women - current; U.N. Commission on Sustainable Development 1997-2011; U.N. Commission on Human Settlements 1996-1999. As a graduate student I had a grant supported position at CARD-Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters, Oakland CA. I represented CARD at regional stakeholder planning meetings for (after the Chevron Fire) the 2012 Richmond Preparedness Expo in partnership with Chevron, 2-1-1 Contra Costa County & emergency responders.

I know what it is like to work multiple jobs to make ends meet. My father was given asylum here in the U.S. I lived the experience as a daughter of a refugee. I know the valuable sacrifice veterans make. My 4 uncles fought in WWII.

I will work to find opportunities that spur investment in housing and that create sustainable jobs/worker training. Youth and seniors have many needs that have to be addressed. I will outreach to artists and business owners. Their voices need to be heard. I will work to make sure the Mill Site ponds are cleaned up. We all need to work together. All solutions must be considered for the common good.

### Personal History

I was raised in New Jersey and I moved to California in 1985 and then to Fort Bragg in 1994. As have many others, I fell in love with the amazing Redwoods and the beautiful Mendocino Coast and this talented community. In between obtaining advanced training and degrees I always get back to my adopted home - the Coast! I reside in the heart of

Fort Bragg's downtown historic district.

I wear many hats--I am an artist and have worked as a journalist and in office administration and have exhibited here in Ft. Bragg as a local artist. I have been privileged to have worked with many organizations including National Council of Neighborhood Women, Huairou Commission, WEDO (Women's Environmental Development Organization), Sierra Club, U.S. Citizens Network for Sustainable Development and Common Ground-USA.

I volunteer for many community organizations including the Symphony of the Redwoods, the Mendocino Music Festival, The Kelley House Museum, etc. I am a member of the Fort Bragg Public Library Poets Monthly Open Mic and dabble in letterpress at Noyo Print Works.

I am proud to say that I have worked in collaboration over the years with many dedicated area residents to protect our precious coast and ecosystems. I am excited to be part of the next phase of Ft. Bragg's evolution.

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(Fort Bragg, CA's website has posted information on the City Council candidates at <https://city.fortbragg.com/140/City-Council-Elections>). (Mary Rose is the chairman of the California chapter of Common Ground USA.) <<

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