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To: All members of the City of Capitola Ca. City Council

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To all members of the Capitola City Council. I am gravely concerned by the outside interference being run by the group known as the friends of the Rail Trail or more commonly known as FORT.

Measure L is a LAW that was passed by the residents of the City of Capitola to ensure that the Rail Trail Stayed on the Rail and that all of the costs associated with it would not be incurred by the City of Capitola.

Some Highlights from this law

1. Taken from the City Attorney's impartial analysis by then city attorney Anthony Condottii "Second, it prohibits the expenditure of City any "funds or resources related to the construction, reconstruction, operation, maintenance, financing, marketing, or signage for a detour of the Trail onto Capitola streets or sidewalks."

October 26, 2023 Capitola City Council Agenda Report.

Role of the City under Measure L: During the 2018 General Municipal Election, Measure L, a citizen ballot initiative, passed adding Chapter 8.72 Greenway Capitola Corridor to the Capitola Municipal Code. Measure L was drafted to keep the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail within the Santa Cruz Branch Line Rail Corridor, and not allow a detour around the Capital Trestle. The code includes language on implementation stating that the City shall take all steps necessary to preserve and utilize the corridor and trestle for active transportation and recreation; and further states no City of Capitola department, agency, or employee shall expend any funds or resources related to the construction, reconstruction, operation, maintenance, financing, marketing, or signage for a detour of the Trail onto Capitola streets or sidewalks.

Measure L text

Section G.

Stated Preference. 82% of residents who provided input supported using the trail for active transportation rather than a Train.

8.72.050

THIS CHAPTER SHALL NOT BE AMENDED OR REPEALED EXCEPT BY A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE!

We the residents of Capitola are the ones who voted you into office to represent us the citizens of Capitola. Listen to your residents and not the outside influence of FORT or the RTC tell them to stick to their rail corridor and stay off our streets we do not want a trail on Park Ave nor through the village. We want what was promised to us from Day 1. A trail in the Rail corridor not diverting to the streets of Capitola because they did not due their due diligence the beginning by hiring competent engineers and now are trying to come back and correct their mistakes by threatening the City of Capitola.

You must uphold your oath of office to Speak for the residents of the City of Capitola Ca. and our wishes and support Measure L and tell the RTC to Stay on the Rail Trail and not our city Streets

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