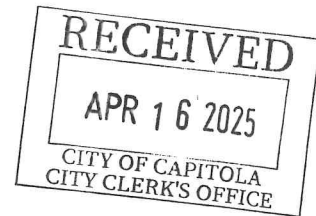


April 16, 2025



Dear Mayor Joe Clarke and City Council-members,

Earth Day is just around the corner - the 55th year that people will gather to vow their commitment to bringing changes that will protect our planet.

Earth Day 2025 in Santa Cruz County, though, comes with a certain urgency this year, as our remarkably blessed and scenic county has been hard hit in recent years by disasters likely affected by climate change.

It is critical — and doable — to take collective action now and invest in our future.

*Support smart green government investments in infrastructure, jobs, and our communities.

*Support equity and climate justice. The climate crisis impacts everyone differently, and marginalized communities are hit the hardest by environmental consequences. Without this understanding, climate action falls short.

Time is of the essence: Choose Option A or Option B on Park Avenue of the Coastal Rail Trail.

The County and the RTC has offered Capitola a choices, either Option A or Option B.

Please join this partial list of public agencies and nonprofits who support the Coastal Rail and Trail:

- *City of Watsonville City Council;
- *City of Santa Cruz City Council;
- *California Coastal Commission;
- *Caltrans;
- *Department of Transportation: Division of Rail and Mass Transportation;
- *Regeneration Pajaro Valley;
- *Transportation Agency for Monterey County;
- *Elderly & Disabled Technical Advisory Committee, an official advisory body to the RTC;
- *Association for Monterey Bay Governments: San Benito, Santa Cruz & Monterey Counties;
- *Bike Advisory Committee, an official advisory body to the RTC;
- *Land Trust of Santa Cruz County;
- *Democratic Central Committee of Santa Cruz County;

*Monterey/Santa Cruz Counties Building & Construction Trades Council;
*Bike Friendly Watsonville;
*Environmental Committee for the San Lorenzo Valley Women's Club;
*Santa Cruz County Friends of the Rail & Trail;
*Youth for Climate Justice;
*And hundreds of other organizations, businesses and individuals in Santa Cruz County that support opening the Santa Cruz Coastal Rail & Trail for public use.

The decisions made in Capitola will have repercussions for all of us county-wide.

Kind Regards,

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Linda Davis, Capitola resident
Jonney Hughes, Capitola resident
Warren Rudder, Capitola resident
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