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From: Liz McDade <liz.mcdade@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 10:12 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Vote YES for option A or B

Dear City Council members,
I am writing to ask you to vote YES for either option A or option B and move forward with a rail trail in Capitola.

I live 2 houses off of Park Avenue in Capitola. I am a small business owner and have an office on 41st Ave. I'm also mom to 2 daughters who both ride their bikes around Capitola. I ride my bike around Capitola as well several times a week and would love for Capitola to move forward with the RTC's plan.

Despite some opposition to the RTC's plan, it is important to consider the greater good when making your decision. The entire community will benefit from safer bike and pedestrian paths, as well as the eventual rail line through our community. Who benefits when we block this plan? A select few individuals with private interests and opposition to change.

You have the opportunity to lead our community forward into the future with a positive vision for sustainability and growth. Your role is to address the larger issues without getting bogged down in the details of how these come to life.

Those who oppose options A and B as well as the RTC plans for moving through the village can't see the forest for the trees. It is your job to help guide us through the confusion and misinformation.

Your responsibility is to make decisions based on facts rather than opinions. In this case, the facts are that measure L, according to the city attorney, does NOT preclude you from approving the RTC's plan. In addition, the idea that moving the bike path into the village would create major issues is also not a fact. The fact is that bikes already travel through the village everyday. The RTC's plan would just make it a safer experience for our bikes and pedestrians.

Please move forward by voting yes for option A or B and approving the RTC's plan to move the trail through the village. It is time to say yes to the rail trail, even if that means it will not be exactly as everyone hoped originally (myself included).

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Liz McDade
Resident and business owner in Capitola