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From: David Aaron <davidaaron5678@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2025 9:21 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Item 9A, Grand Avenue Pathway

Dear Members of the City Council:

We write today in support of the plan to preserve the Grand Avenue pathway. This access route is a valuable part of the entire Capitola community, and a place where friends and neighbors gather to enjoy the beauty of our town and the larger Monterey Bay. It's a place where people from all over Capitola walk their dogs, take sunset strolls, and allow young children to ride their bikes without fear of speeding vehicles. We also meet people from out of town who were guided to the bluff by a map published by the Capitola Historical Museum. It is a picturesque and peaceful place unmatched in the town.

Just last week at the end of Saxon Ave, we had the pleasure of spotting whales breaching in the waters between the bluff and the cement ship. Watching with us was a group of people from Aptos, who regularly meet on Depot Hill to walk the pathway and neighborhood before heading to lunch in the Village.

We encourage the City Council to extend the life of path by taking back the publicly owned right-of-way and performing the needed drainage repairs. Preserving the pathway and its unique views available to the public even for another five to ten years is significantly preferable to losing it immediately.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

David, Deb & Audrey Aaron
Capitola residents