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Dear Mayor and City Council

With the special meeting and council seat replacement ahead for this week, I would hope that you all will elect the best person for the open seat. Simply put, there is simply no better qualified person other than Susan Westman.

Susan's unwavering dedication to the City of Capitola for decades should speak volumes to anyone reviewing applications. Repeated stints in both the Planning Commission and as a City Council member and leading the City as City Manager would likely be enough of a resume for most folks when looking to choose a seat replacement.

But, beyond those impressive positions, Susan is exceptionally well versed in the minutia of running a City; speaking with outside influences such as County Supervisors, other Mayors' and City leaders throughout the county and even beyond; dealing with all levels of state and federal government; managing mandates from outside agencies (think CEQA, FEMA and more localized RTC, Housing Authority; city and tax agencies, etc). Susan has managed all of these in the past and is poised to help with present and future state of improving our infrastructure; our housing and 41st Ave corridor problems and yes, even the most recent area of contention, the Rail trail. Given where we are with all the state and local demands, outside influences, and an economy that is unsettled at best, who better to step in than someone who has been there and done it – multiple times over the years.

Frankly, I think the citizens of Capitola are very lucky Susan wants to take this task to hand and guide our City through this next phase.

As someone who has lived here since 1990, work and have raised two 4th generation children in this fine town, I am more committed than ever to see that we have the leadership we need; knowing Susan would be instrumental in seeing the City through these upcoming couple of years is exactly what we need and I hope that you vote in the same way.

Respectfully,
Marie Martorella

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