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Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 12:55 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Appointment to serve out Alexander Pedersen's term as a member of the City Council

Honorable City Council members:

Although I've lived in Capitola for many years, I haven't paid much attention to municipal electoral politics, although I always vote, to the best of my ability.

But the matter of appointing a new council member to serve the remainder of Alex Pedersen's term has my attention.

Some of the applicants are folks I don't know. But several others, in my view, have alarming political baggage.

Cami Corvin has a significant conflict of interest regarding city policies and decisions related to the SCCRTC rail and trail projects and the railroad corridor. She has been active in public opinion pages, criticizing the competence and integrity of the RTC, its staff, and its commissioners in a manner that is clearly offensive. As a resident of Castle Mobile Home Estates, whose personal property encroaches on the railroad corridor and must be removed, she is at odds with our public transportation policy interests.

Any applicant who resides within 500 feet of the railroad corridor, including Capitola Village and Depot Hill, has a conflict of interest in this regard.

Kevin Maguire, Chris Amsden, Justin Maffia, and Susan Westman have recently been prominent and vehement adversaries against the RTC and its rail-and-trail project plans. None of them should be appointed. We need council members who are open-minded and without prejudice to lead our city in matters involving intergovernmental relations, especially those related to regional public transportation policy.

Respectfully,

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