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From: John <jxmlulry@gmail.com>
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To: City Council; PLANNING COMMISSION; Gautho, Julia
Subject: Neighbors over NIMBYs public comment for next planning commission meeting



This is The City to Beat on Housing Reform
[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

Because not everyone is me and most folks focus on housing people, I see housing as desperately needed wealth creation. This city is dying and it alarms me deeply no one who matters seems to understand how bleak it is.

It's like the wharf buildings. How do we end up not knowing they needed to be torn down beforehand. And that's not honestly the best example but a few things I've always been great at are math, statistics and predictive analysis (even though my career is in prescriptive) - us and the county are in dire straits. Capitola is essentially already a bricked cemetery.

No 20-34 demo, 40% drop in children under 5 between 2010-2020 and that number has near halved again in the 4 years since then. 200 kids under 5 in the whole city.

Over 10 percent of our current housing is vacant and unused paying us near nothing in property taxes.

I bet 5 businesses close in the lower village alone this year. We are about to have bikes on the tiny esplanade all summer long y'all are silly to think that isn't the outcome of the Capitola Ave rail trail inanity.

Jamie gets it like he hasn't told me but y'all wear yourself on your faces. You'll end up not keeping the pop up at bay/hill the full time compounded with not building the roundabout (possibly the most incompetent action I've witnessed in our entire county amongst all the public and private orgs and this county is a clown show).

We can't even mute people on zoom here like wtf? Everywhere I go being told how my profession doesn't work the way I think by people with no experience in the profession beyond this place whose systems aren't even outdated, they are paper thin never was.

Hate me all you like. Most of my emails are just laying the groundwork for the future coming and the future always comes folks.

And PLANNING Commissioners you DO NOT NEED TO VOTE YEA ON TEARING DOWN THE TREES on Park at the next meeting.

You have regulatory powers and whatever you are told you are the ones responsible for your votes as such. The buck stops with you if you approve this further epic fail in planning.

If you vote Yea it is you 5 who are accountable. You are not elected officials. You should not be making this decision, the City Council should.

Please vote No and let the council deliberate it as we elected them too.

One of y'all doesn't even live here, someone who doesn't live here shouldn't have regulatory powers over our city to begin with, let alone be one of the humans deciding an issue this important to the community.

Warmly JM