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To: City Council
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Subject: Residency

Dear Capitola City Councilmembers,

I am writing regarding Item 6 (Oral Communications by Members of the Public) on your upcoming agenda for Thursday, May 8, 2025 where I will be present to provide public comment.

At your last meeting, a member of the public raised serious concerns regarding the residency of a sitting councilmember. I do not know whether the concerns are valid, but believe they merit thoughtful follow-up. My approach to civic engagement is rooted in trusting our elected representatives to carry out their duties, even when I disagree on policy. What remains non-negotiable, however, is the integrity of the process.

Cities have an obligation to operate with full transparency, to uphold clear standards, and—when procedures are unclear—to clarify or establish them. In that spirit, and for the good of the order and all stakeholders, I respectfully request your consideration of the following:

Capitola's City Charter and California law require councilmembers to reside within city limits. What mechanisms does the City of Capitola have in place to confirm that all councilmembers maintain a primary residence in Capitola—not just technically, but in spirit and practice? And if no such mechanisms exist, what avenues are available to the public to raise or resolve residency concerns?

Thank you for your attention and commitment to public service.

Best Regards,

Heidy Kellison, Capitola Resident