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Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 1:30 PM
To: Planning; CapitolaDPW
Cc: City Council; Herlihy, Katie (kherlihy@ci.capitola.ca.us); Kahn, Jessica; Gautho, Julia; Sesanto, Sean
Subject: Formal Protest – Proposed Public Walkway Adjacent to My Property – Request for Review and Record

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To: Community Development Department
CC: Public Works Director; Mayor; City Council Members

Please accept this letter as a formal protest and include it in the official record for this project.

I am writing to formally submit my protest and objection to the City's proposed plan to convert the existing school walkway adjacent to my home into a public pedestrian walkway, including its extension along the rear of my property.

The neighborhood already has direct and adequate access to the park via Monterey Avenue, which is a public and accessible street that also provides parking. Given this existing access, I am not aware of any demonstrated necessity for an additional public pathway that would run immediately alongside and behind private residences.

Historically, the pathway in question functioned as a school access route, not a public right-of-way. This is evidenced by the presence of a gate that was frequently locked and by the walkway's direct connection to school grounds. Its original purpose appears to have been limited to student use rather than general public access.

The proposed conversion to a public walkway would significantly impact my property by introducing ongoing privacy, safety, security, and nuisance concerns. These impacts, while affecting only a small number of homes, are substantial and permanent in nature and should not be dismissed solely due to the limited number of properties involved.

Because this change represents a material alteration in use, I believe it warrants a formal public process, including proper notice and an opportunity for affected property owners to be heard. I am requesting confirmation that this letter is being accepted as a formal protest and entered into the official record. Please also advise me of any additional steps required to ensure my objection is fully considered as part of the City's decision-making process.

Thank you for your time and attention. I respectfully request written confirmation of receipt of this protest and information regarding any upcoming hearings, reviews, or approvals related to this proposal.

I respectfully request written confirmation that this protest has been received and entered into the project record.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Hsu