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To: City Council
Cc: Mozumder, Kailash
Subject: City Council Meeting - Thursday, March 13, 2025 - Inclusion of AccessMat for ADA Accessibility in the Wharf Planning Project

Dear Honorable Members of the Capitola City Council,

As the City of Capitola embarks on the long-term planning and outreach for the wharf, I would like to take this opportunity to propose the inclusion of **AccessMat®** as a key design element to enhance accessibility. AccessMat® is a proven and effective solution that ensures individuals of all mobility levels can fully enjoy coastal and waterfront environments. Given its success in similar applications, I believe it would be a valuable addition to your planning efforts.

AccessMat has been successfully deployed for ADA accessibility on several high-profile waterfront locations, including the **Santa Monica Pier**. (photos below)
Furthermore, it has been widely utilized as an ADA beach access solution at numerous beaches throughout California, including nearby Monterey.

By incorporating AccessMat® into the Capitola Wharf project, the City would be taking a proactive step in ensuring compliance with ADA requirements while fostering a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all.

The matting system is durable, easy to install, and provides a safe, non-slip surface that accommodates individuals using wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility aids. Additionally, it offers a protective surface for the wooden planks, preventing further damage from various types of traffic, such as pallet jacks used for delivering supplies to businesses operating on the wharf. Lastly, it seamlessly integrates into the existing infrastructure without disrupting the natural aesthetics of the wharf, preserving its charm while enhancing accessibility.

I would be happy to provide further details about AccessMat and its successful installations, as well as explore how it can be tailored to meet the specific needs of the Capitola Wharf project. Please let me know if there is an opportunity to present this proposal in more detail or if additional information is needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate the City Council's commitment to enhancing accessibility and ensuring that Capitola's treasured waterfront remains inclusive for all members of the community.

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