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To: City Council
Subject: City Council 43% pay raise!? And Dogs in parks and beaches

I know the dollar amount from \$660 to \$950 doesn't see big, but the percentage is big, and this is before another measure to raise taxes goes into effect.

We appreciate all the council does for the city, and that is a labor of love. Just like my child care business. If i raised it by 43% that would be insane! And I already have had a hard time raising rates and trying to keep this affordable for families. Inflation rose a lot, some of the food, snacks, activities cost 43-80% more. And I might be able to raise my rates by 3-4% if I am lucky.

I am opposed to this big of a jump, as well as another jump happening. And a big jump for City of Capitola Parks and Recreation Director, but no other employees?

As a new dog owner, the benefits of having a puppy, what my dog means to the children i my daycare, the LOVE and Joy she brings. Has totally changed my perception on dogs, and access for them.

I dont know if it is because I am a puppy parent now, but I notice a lot more dog people out for walks and trying to enjoy our community.

We need to open up access, and accommodations. Stop turning Capitola into a Police State where people will call if they see a dog in a park. A Park that the city provides bags and drinking fountains.

Our police and resources are limited, and there is a lot of bigger issues they should focus on. Fix this by changing the ordinance to allow dogs, off-lease dogs, access and low usage times.

There is a great dog community, that was so helpful with tips on how to train my dog, and type of food, and dealing with issues. We also make sure people are being good dog owners and we step up to help out, keep Capitola Clean.

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God Bless,

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