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Mayor and Council Members,

Once again, the issue of allowing dogs on the beach has arisen.

Let me remind the Council, this issue has been before previous City Councils numerous times in the past. Each time, the Council members had the common sense and foresight to keep the ban in place. Why? Because Capitola Beach is too small and too crowded to allow dogs - leashed or unleashed!

Allowing dogs on our small beach is just inviting problems. 4th of July weekend there were at least 800+ people on the beach each day, maybe more, all in close proximity because the beach is small. If only 1/10 of those people brought a dog, there would be 80+ dogs on our small beach.

The city is now so lax in keeping the beach clean and sifting the sand, it will become unsanitary with dog poop and pee percolating into the sand. Even picking up dog poop in the sand leaves some behind unless you require everyone to carry a shovel, and not everyone picks up after their dog.

Please put this idea to rest as previous Councils have done. The dog ban is in place for many good reasons. Nothing has changed to eliminate the ban. In fact, the reasons for the ban are even more profound today because Capitola Beach is more crowded than ever. BE AS WISE AS PREVIOUS COUNCILS - KEEP THE BAN!!!

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