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**From:** Leslie Nielsen <lpbeach21@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2024 2:20 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Dogs and Salaries

Dear Capitola City Council,

I am unable to attend the meeting tonight and have a few comments;

Item 9C- Please do not change the code banning dogs from the beach. It is too small. Sadly, dog owners are inconsistent and the risk of conflict, unwanted behavior and noise, mess, accidents etc. is high. The City has been limited in ability to respond to complaints to date, so adding any new rules to make this possible will simply layer on allowing out of compliance behavior. If the city did add layers of "rules" that were enforced - eg. \$500 fine for off leash, it could be a revenue opportunity, however, I question if this is the place to put our resources.

Item 9E - City Council Salary - I support increases for City Staff AND City Council, all of whom work very hard and tirelessly for our community. I believe Staff salaries are contingent on passage of the tax measure in Nov. Council actions should be as well.

Approving a 44% increase for the Council before a tax increase vote on the ballot in November does not match revenue and expense changes and does not demonstrate fiscal responsibility. Please consider postponing until after November and possibly phasing in such an increase as we work through stabilizing the budget.

Regards,  
Leslie Nielsen