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Dear Capitola City Council Members,

Pertaining to Item 8A on your May 22, 2025 agenda and in keeping with my January, 2025 advocacy regarding appointments to replace councilmembers, I respectfully offer the following suggestions for your consideration:

This appointment is for a short term not even lasting two years, with another election cycle occurring in 2026. Typically, anyone considering running in 2026 would begin preparing in six months. Given the short-term nature of this appointment, it's important to avoid granting political leverage through this decision. For this reason, I believe **the appointee should commit to serving the full remainder of the term and refrain from running in the 2026 election**. A pledge not to campaign would ensure their undivided focus on serving Capitola during this critical time.

Because this is a limited appointment, it would be prudent to **select someone who not only has deep prior experience regarding city governance but also demonstrates a track record of accomplishments and the ability to deliver meaningful results for Capitola**. The appointee should bring more than just familiarity with the role—they should bring evidence of effective civic leadership, measurable contributions, and adequate time to commit to the role.

Thank you for your consideration and your dedication to Capitola's future. I trust your careful deliberations will lead to a choice that best serves our community.

Best Regards,  
Heidy Kellison, Capitola