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## 5/22/25 City Council Meeting - Public Comment

Dear Council members and Mayor Clarke,

I missed the 4/02 town hall and 4/17/25 Council meetings as I was cycling in Portugal. I read and heard about the meetings and viewed the videos.

Preceding the SCCRTC and the City's town hall meetings I witnessed unprecedented criticism and hostility toward council members, city staff, residents and anyone who disagreed with their viewpoint. People have different viewpoints, of course, that is life. Respect it and accept it, then make your point, and proceed with civil discourse. Often comments, statements and accusations were unfounded or misguided. Heavy trolling on social media such as Next Door, vilified City Council members, staff and others that did not agree with their perspective, primarily, that did not oppose the rail & trail project in Santa Cruz County. The Greenway Measure L (City Code 8.72) debate was fueled by anti-rail vitriol. As stated, many times, Measure L was ambiguous and was a policy decision for the City Council to determine its application, which they finally did.

I attended the SCCRTC informational meeting at New Brighton on 3/4/25 – as I was trying to enter the building, I was asked if I was a resident & handed a blue dot. I asked: “Who are you?” and “What is the dot for?” – no answer. Later I found out it was the “Concerned Citizens of Capitola” and from my viewpoint, the blue dot represented divisiveness and a group of residents who felt more entitled than others - us vs them. I disposed of the blue dot as it was not consistent with my values. The disrespectful behavior, threats, intimidation, and hostile behavior I have witnessed from this group, is not a group I want to associate with.

Showing up at a public meeting with a lynch mob mentality, and off with their heads! to the Council members, City Manager, City Attorney, Public Works Director, who do not bow to their viewpoint is shameful. Threatening and stalking council members and trying to get them fired from their paid jobs is shameful and wrong. With this level of hostility, we have witnessed towards those who serve the public and are dedicated to their community – who is going to be willing to run for a public office?

Sincerely,

Paula Bradley