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To: City Council
Subject: Concerns Over Recent Intersection Changes on Bay Avenue

Dear Capitola City Council

I want to begin by acknowledging the Council's efforts to address what some have identified as a problematic intersection on Bay Avenue. It's clear that there was a proactive attempt to improve traffic flow and safety, and that is always appreciated.

However, the changes implemented do not seem to have resolved the issue. In fact, it appears that the original problem, which is located on an adjoining private road, has been overlooked. While the intersection on Bay Avenue may have been the focus, the true danger seems to lie on the private road, where accidents have occurred and safety remains a concern.

I've always wondered if the City has reached out to the private owner of this road to discuss the situation and explore potential solutions. What was the result of that conversation? Given that the private road is unlit and potentially hazardous, it seems like an important factor in addressing the overall safety concerns.

In the meantime, the changes made to Bay Avenue have not had the desired effect. The Nob Hill parking lot has become a new hotspot for dangerous cut-through traffic, which is concerning. While I am not an expert on road design, it seems clear that the current solution is not working, and further adjustments are needed.

My suggestion would be to revert the intersection on Bay Avenue to its previous design and instead direct efforts toward collaborating with the private road owner to address the issues on their property. Lighting and other safety measures could be key to resolving the underlying problem.

I appreciate your time and consideration in addressing this issue, and I trust the City will continue working toward a solution that benefits all residents.

Sincerely,
Mary Beth Cahalen