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**From:** Mary Cahalen <mbbythesea@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2024 4:36 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Capitola Jr. Guards

Dear Capitola City Council,

As we continue to celebrate and invest in the growth and development of the children in our community, it is essential that we remain focused on supporting our local youth first. The Capitola Jr. Guards program is a valuable resource, and it was specifically designed to provide opportunities for the children of Capitola.

While we are happy to welcome participation from children in surrounding areas when space allows, the priority should always be to ensure that children with Capitola addresses have access to this program first. After all, the City of Capitola is directly funding the program, and its primary mission is to serve the children who live in our city.

By prioritizing local children, we not only honor the program's original intent but also ensure that the resources we provide are being used to benefit the community that supports the program financially.

Let's continue to invest in the future of Capitola's youth by ensuring that programs like the Capitola Jr. Guards remain accessible first and foremost to the children of Capitola.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your ongoing support of our community's children.

Sincerely,  
Mary Beth Cahalen  
Capitola Resident

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