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To: City Council
Subject: Grand Avenue Pathway

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> Dear City Council,
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> As you know, every Capitola neighborhood has its' own character. Depot Hill's character is marked by its' iconic path, enjoyed daily by neighbors and visitors alike. Neighbors gather to talk, children learn to walk and ride their bikes, employees come during their lunch hours to walk or eat, visitors enjoy the views and many "regulars" come often to enjoy the sense of community that is so often missing these days. We may have the worst streets in Capitola but we love our pathway.
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> Erosion is inevitable, but the City should not be CONTRIBUTING to the erosion. First, the jetty constructed by the City after the yacht harbor building has helped retain sand for its' beach, sand that would have otherwise been carried to the cliff area by downstream current. Second, the City built drainage that carries storm water from El Salto drive around the corner, down Oakland, around the corner onto Grand and out the drain directly onto the bluff surface. In addition, the drain has broken, not once, but several times, on the very top of the bluff. When that happens, usually during storms, the storm water sprays out of the broken pipe directly onto the soft upper layer of the bluff, eroding the cliff at feet per hour. This is what happened during the most recent storm. In addition, the last several repairs have been increasingly inadequate, the last one lasting less than a month.
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> Yes, the problem is complex and could be costly, but isn't it the City's job to invest in its' community? I see monies being set aside for a walkway out of the village, monies set aside to improve roads, a lot of money to repair the drain out of Noble Gulch years ago. On Grand Avenue I see a rubber drain held in place by rope, dangling out of a jagged rusty metal pipe that will rub the drain causing it to break yet again, in the next storm.
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> I thank the present Public Works Director for looking into the situation extensively and hope the City will finally take on this project.

Respectfully,

Katharine Parker





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