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**From:** Kathryn Johnson <kathy@ebold.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 9, 2025 11:55 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Grand Avenue Pathway

Re: Grand Ave pathway repair

Dear Members of the Capitola City Council,

I have lived on Depot Hill for over 30 years. Like others, I have watched in dismay as our beloved footpath along Grand Avenue has been undermined due to severe storms. I have read the geologist's report about the current and projected state of cliff erosion and drainage issues. I was dismayed to read the exact same warnings dating back decades, yet the city has chosen not to address these issues, save for repeatedly repairing the one corrugated plastic pipe that drains a huge swath of surrounding area. I understand that rectifying the situation will not be cheap, but please consider that the Grand Avenue "cliff walk" is enjoyed not only by residents of Depot Hill, but also young and old residents of surrounding communities and beyond. Grand Avenue is as iconic to Capitola as the esplanade, the wharf, the trestle and the Stockton Bridge. Why is it that the city has not hesitated to take action to make sure these other treasures continue to exist, yet seems to believe that the Grand Avenue path should not be saved? I urge you to reconsider.

Sincerely,

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