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To City Council <citycouncil@cityofcapitola.gov>

Dear Capitola City Council,

I support four districts and one at-large elected mayor because I believe protected classes of people should be heard and represented in our elections. As the City's demographer has demonstrated, Capitola does not contain a geographically concentrated majority-Latino area. Consequently, it is important that all residents — and particularly members of protected classes — have access to and representation from more than just their own districted councilmember.

Additionally, the strength of Capitola's voice regionally is important. An at-large mayor can provide continuity and broader representation when engaging with neighboring jurisdictions, regional agencies, and other legislative bodies. I am agnostic as to whether the mayoral term should be two or four years, and the Council could choose either option with the intention of evaluating the impacts after four years.

Best Regards,

Heidy Kellison