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Mayor and City Council,

I would like to address the recent Wharf Temporary Use survey plan and better understand why the Capitola Village & Wharf BIA was not involved in the discussions prior nor a collaboration regarding the Capitola Wharf Temporary Use Survey.

The Village businesses advertise, market and maintain the image of Capitola Village and Wharf year round. The BIA should be involved in the conversations with council and city staff regarding uses for the wharf and what is best for the overall business district and community. 2 public town workshops is not enough research nor due diligence to properly create a interim plan that benefits the community.

After COVID and 2 storms, Food and Beverage establishments and Retail merchants have battled through major financial setbacks and closures to comeback from the storms damage the last 2 winters.

Please reconsider a conversation with Capitola Village businesses to better understand the current and future needs; before fast tracking a project that will only be temporary; but could have a drastic impact on the current business environment.

Capitola Village BIA