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City Council  
City of Capitola  
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Dear Members of the City Council:

We are writing to support the rebuilding of the Capitola Wharf, essential to our community's charm and economy. The wharf embodies cherished experiences; it is what initially drew us to Capitola and ultimately contributed to our decision to make our home here.

The plan to use mobile food vendors and shipping containers as temporary solutions is commendable, addressing the urgent need to restore functionality and maintain the lively atmosphere of our wharf.

However, it is essential to ensure these temporary solutions do not become permanent. Capitola's charm and unique character are irreplaceable, drawing residents and tourists alike. Permanent buildings that reflect our aesthetic and cultural values are crucial to maintaining our city's allure as a premier destination.

We urge the Council to treat these temporary solutions as a bridge to permanent, thoughtfully designed development. This approach will not only address immediate needs but also contribute to a long-term vision that preserves and enhances the Capitola experience.

Additionally, we encourage the City Council to maintain the spirit of the local coastal plan, ensuring continued access to fishing, water use, and the variety of entertainment and food options that we have all enjoyed. It is crucial that future generations can also share in these experiences.

Thank you for your dedication to our community during these challenging times. We look forward to our wharf continuing to serve as a hub of joy and community for decades to come.

Sincerely,

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