



Jan 9th City Council Meeting Agenda Items 8...

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To City Council <citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us>

Hello Council Members.

Please take to heart the community voice and the majority of opinions on the follow:

A. The Monte Foundation Fireworks 2025 Recommended Action -

Replace gunpowder fireworks with Drones, or maybe the Monte Foundation could hosts a Free picnic BBQ instead of polluting our Marine Sanctuary! Beach Clean up and Tacos, that would be an Epic way to get the community together!

Fireworks shows are considered significantly bad for the environment, contributing to air pollution by releasing large amounts of particulate matter, heavy metals, and chemicals like perchlorates, which can contaminate water sources and harm wildlife; they also generate noise pollution and leave behind debris that can litter the environment and harm animals if ingested

C.. Fill the Vacate seat with Mr. Enrique Dolmo, or have a Special Election. Or send out an online Survey/mailer / Special Council meeting where members of the community can vote. There should be ways to hear the voice of the community that doesnt cost a lot. Even in the case of a Special Election, that is better than putting a former incumbent in that didn't try hard on her campaign, and barley beat out Enrique. As the incumbent, it is typically a shoe in. While exact probabilities depend on the specific circumstances, studies suggest that incumbents in local elections have a re-election success rate of **70–90%**.

The people dont want Margauex. Mr Dolmo has the heart and character our city would benefit from. Passion for making Capitola safer, and friendly for the youth and elderly. He has continued to serve our community, New Brighton Middle School, and has fresh ideas for vacated spaces.

We dont want any Termed out old council members. I have heard Susan Westman name mention as well, that sounds like it could be a good option.

E. City Council Representation on Regional Boards & City Advisory Bodies Recommended

Action: Many residents are on record for their concerns about Mr Pedersen. His Blue Dot Non-Profit taking money from our City. His behavior and voting against Measure L, and conflicts being on the RTS, and service the residents wishes.

Remove Pedersen from RTC! Listen to the people and Measure L, and the Costal Commission about no passenger Rail service should be active again in Santa Cruz.

Headways for a Choo-Choo would be once an hour, or maybe twice? How will trains pass each other with one track?

No Parking at proposed Stations? Speed limits of 25MPH due to setbacks next to a trail (8 foot from center line) The Choo-Choo will take over 30 minutes to get to Watsonville from Capitola, with the 4-6 stops in between.

Farebox recovery rate is 20-30%. So tax payers will have to subsidise the rest.

The "Trail" Thru the Village is not Safe!!

If you care about Safety and the health and well-being of the residents and people visiting. We need a Trail on the Trestle, or PROTECTED Bike Lanes. Lets Remove all Parking from the Village!!

We need to put Safety First, Safety above all else!

Thank You

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Capitola Resident since 1974!



Planning Commission Appointment

From John <jxmulry@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/7/2025 10:23 AM

To City Council <citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us>; Gautho, Julia <jGautho@ci.capitola.ca.us>

Hello Neighbors

As you know Yvette Brooks chose to use her planning commission appointments to empower special interests, continuously appointing a non resident developer representative. (Might I add I love Fuse and they do excellent work for our city).

This is a deep betrayal of our community by someone we now know was always in this for their own self enrichment, as she abandons her Mayoral term no less for a payday. Whoever replaces Yvette should commit to appointing a Capitola resident not a developer representative to the planning commission.

I know all 4 of you who are in this for our community agree with me. You don't have to be afraid of the bullies Kristen or Yvette anymore (as hard as it is to mess up a United Way CEO position I admit her lack of credentials or necessary experience might prove me wrong here). I'm still here. Now that Yvette has the money she desired we will never hear from her again. Kristen I'm hoping runs again but this time with me not Yvette as her campaign manager so I can guarantee her election. Still can't believe how badly Yvette blew that. Even my modeling showed beating Kristen was impossible. Such incompetence. Meh.

These are my thoughts.

God Bless JM



Capitola City Council vacancies-Agenda Item 8-D,E

From Concerned Citizens Of Capitola <concernedcitizensofcapitola@gmail.com>

Date Wed 1/8/2025 10:47 AM

To City Council <citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us>; Gautho, Julia <jGautho@ci.capitola.ca.us>

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Council Members,

We recognize that Vice Mayor Joe Clark is the likely Council Member to assume the vacant role of Mayor, thereby creating a vacancy of Vice Mayor on the Council. Our concern is with the possibility that Council Member Alexander Pedersen is the nominee for Vice Mayor simply due to his tenure on the Council. In an effort to provide honesty and transparency, Concerned Citizens of Capitola believes that Council Member Pedersen should be removed from consideration for the Vice Mayor position given the number of ethical issues he presents at this time. In fact, there is a growing number of residents that is considering a recall of Council Member Pedersen because of these ethical concerns, which include:

- **Misuse of public funds**-Two months before Council Member Pedersen's appointment to the City Council, he was awarded a \$15,000. outcome based community grant from taxpayer money for his non-profit organization Blue Circle or Fair Wages. This grant was outcome or performance based specifically for improving the health and wellness in Capitola. Council Member Pedersen cashed \$5,000. Of those funds, but then decided the money does not support his non-profit organizations mission and purpose, so he did not cash the checks for the remaining \$10,000. The question that comes to mind is if that is the case why did he take the funds in the first place? and secondly why did Council Members Kristen Brown and Margaux Morgan award him the grant? The next question is, what did he do with the \$5,000 he kept that was supposed to benefit the health & wellness of the City of Capitola? That is unknown since he has not presented the required presentation yet. Letters from Council Member Pedersen to the city disclose that he asked the City to schedule his presentation at the latest date possible in June 2025. It should be noted there is nothing on his non-profit website indicating he has done anything for Capitola.
- **Use of false City address**-Aside from having a non-profit company, Council Member Pedersen also has a handyman business. A few months prior to running for Capitola City Council, Council Member Pedersen was a resident of Aptos. However, he used a residential address on Fanmar Way in Capitola as his business address. An address that he never resided at or ran his business from.
- **Intentionally violating Capitola Municipal Code**-Council Member Pedersen is our representative to the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), and in his capacity on the RTC is has voted for and approved motions that are in direct violation of Capitola Municipal Code 8.72-The Greenway code. This code was established in 2016 after Capitola residents overwhelmingly passed Measure Y. He should be removed as the City of Capitola RTC representative.
- **Stockton Bridge**- In addition to intentionally violating Municipal code 8.72 on the RTC, Council Member Pedersen has also made the request to widen the historic Stockton bridge to accommodate the RTC bicycle pedestrian path, again in direct conflict of City municipal code 8.72.

- **Fair Political Practice Commission (FPPC) investigation**-Council Member Pedersen is currently being investigated for ethical violations by the FPPC.

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Due to these ethical concerns, Concerned Citizens of Capitola respectfully request that Council Member Alexander Pedersen not be considered for the position of Vice Mayor.

In addition, since he has not kept his sworn oath to uphold Capitola City law, we believe he should also be removed from the appointment to the RTC and replaced with a Council Member that will uphold Capitola law and the will of the people.

Respectfully,
TJ Welch on behalf of
Concerned Citizens of Capitola