

## Gautho, Julia

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With the Special City Council meeting set for 1/16/2025.

Having Mr. Dolmo there, is this just a dog and pony show? Or will members of the council be open-minded, and judge the two of them on the questions asked that night?

It is pretty clear who Melina, Alexandria, and Barry Scott want to fill that seat.

The residents are asking for a fair and democratic process. Maybe having each council member rate Ms. Morgan and Mr. Dolmo on their responses, and share why they gave those ratings live in the meeting, would make this session, these questions, a fair platform.

Incumbents typically win re-election 70-90% of the time, so for Ms. Morgan to not win one of the two seats, shows the will of the people. If she is selected, would she then be allowed to run for another full term?

Ms. Morgan, being a previous council member, obviously has more experience than Mr. Dolmo. In a few of the interviews, Ms. Morgan's greatest accomplishment was meeting the President! That says a lot about why she was not voted in. She couldn't give any positive, tangible examples of how she made Capitola better. Oh maybe one other, the flashing crosswalk by the Stockton bridge.

This appointment should be based on the Special Council Meeting, and how each answers those questions, how can we ensure this is a fair process? (we know its subjective, and bias will prevail, but please try to be open-minded!)

thank you

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