

RESOLUTION NO. XXXX

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPITOLA,
CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING AND APPROVING THE CANVASS
OF RETURNS AND RESULTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
HELD IN CAPITOLA ON THE 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Capitola, by Resolution No. 4384, duly passed and adopted on the 27th day of June, 2024, called a General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Capitola on November 8, 2016, as required by law for the object and purpose of electing two (2) Members of the Capitola City Council for the full term of four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Capitola, by Resolution No. 4385, duly passed and adopted on the 27th day of June, 2024, to submit to the qualified electors of the City Measure "Y", as hereinafter specified; and appoint a City Council subcommittee to file written arguments in support of the Ballot Measure; and

WHEREAS, the General Municipal Election was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in accordance with law, and the votes then were received and canvassed and the returns ascertained, determined and declared in all respects by the Santa Cruz County Clerk as authorized and directed by Resolution No. 4384, and the County Clerk has duly filed with this City Council a "Certification of the Votes Cast", set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated by this reference, be entered upon the minutes of this Council as a statement of the results of the General Municipal Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPITOLA, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The number of registered voters in the City of Capitola eligible to vote at the General Municipal Election was 6,943 and the whole number of ballots cast was 5,811, for a voter turnout of 83.70 percent.
2. Votes were cast for the candidate for the office of Member of the City Council for full terms of four (4) years as follows:

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Total Number of Votes</u>
Enrique Dolmo Jr.	1430
Gerry Jensen	2759
Margaux Morgan	1560
Melinda Orbach	2335

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3. 3,535 votes were cast in support of the City's City Ballot Measure and 1,704 votes were cast opposing the following City's Ballot Measure:

Measure Y: To protect essential city services including public safety and emergency services; repair potholes, maintain streets, sidewalks, bike lanes, beaches, the new wharf, and recreation programs for youth; improve traffic safety; and support local businesses, shall City-of-Capitola replace its quarter-percent sales tax, approved by voters in 2016, with a one-half percent sales tax, generating an estimated \$2.2 million annually for general government use, for ten years, with independent audits, and all funds staying local?

4. The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes for Member of the City Council were Gerry Jensen and Melinda Orbach, and they were thereby elected Members of the City Council.
5. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and deliver Certificates of Election to Gerry Jensen and Melinda Orbach and to administer to each the Oath of Office prescribed in the Constitution of the State of California.
6. The vote totals for the General Municipal Election held on November 5, 2024, in the City of Capitola, as certified by the Santa Cruz County Clerk, shall be and hereby are approved and adopted as the formal vote count of the City of Capitola for said offices and said Measure of said election.
7. The following persons were elected to City Council as follows:

CANDIDATES	VOTES	PERCENT
Gerry Jensen	2759	33.88%
Melinda Orbach	2335	28.67%

8. The City Clerk shall enter on the records of the Capitola City Council, a statement of the result of the election showing: (1) the total number of votes cast for City Council and the Measure in the election; (2) the names of the persons voted for; (3) the text of the Measure voted upon; (4) the number of votes given at each precinct to each person, and for and against the Ballot Measure; and (5) the total number of votes given to each person, and for and against the Ballot Measure.
9. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution, and thenceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Capitola at its regular meeting held on the 12th day of December, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Kristen Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julia Gautho, City Clerk