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From: Eva Brunner <evasbrunner@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 3:44 PM
To: City Council
Subject: 9-25-25 Agenda Item 9B Code of Conduct Complaint

Dear Mayor Clarke and Councilmembers -

I urge you to dismiss the code of conduct complaint concerning Capitola City Councilmember Melinda Orbach.

I was startled to learn about the harassment that Councilmember has been experiencing due to her stance on an issue. Councilmember Orbach deserves the full support of the Council and should not in any way support this unacceptable behavior from a community member.

It's unfortunate that this type of bullying would be so bad that a Councilmember would choose to resign rather than continually face threats and harassment. Councilmember Pedersen felt so unsafe that he chose to resign rather than to continue to represent his constituents in the position he was elected to. Is this what we have come to?

Not supporting your fellow councilmembers in the face of this type of behavior sets a dangerous precedence. If bullying means a council member quits, or is censured, then there is no reason for the bullying and harassing to stop.

Sincerely,
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