
Councilwoman Melinda Orbach

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

Dear Council Members,

I have owned property in Capitola since 2000, in Aptos since 1983 and my family has had a summer home in Capitola since the 1930's. I raised my children in Aptos and Capitola. I owned a bed and breakfast in Aptos for 20+ years and ran a consignment nursery across Santa Cruz County for 10+ years. This little part of heaven is near and dear to me.

I am writing today to support free speech and differing viewpoints which I believe is the heart and soul of Santa Cruz County and Capitola specifically. Did Melinda Orbach make a grievous error in naming a member of the public? Certainly but she has acknowledged her error and apologized. It is now time for the Capitola City Council to support her courage, dismiss these charges, and get on with the business of governing our fabulous little city. Nothing good can come of continuing these destructive accusations and conversations.

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