
Concern about adding Conduct Complaint to agenda & Capitola Mall

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

Dear City Council Members,

As a Capitola resident for over 30 years, I am writing to you today to express my concern about the disruptive behavior at recent public meetings regarding the Rail Trail Corridor. I know this issue is challenging and has a big impact on our community, and I appreciate the work you are doing.

While it's understandable that this topic brings out strong feelings, the current level of disruption, by a small group of anti-rail trail vocalists going by the name "Concerned Citizens of Capitola," is preventing a productive and respectful dialogue. It's important to remember that intimidating or stalking public servants is illegal and has no place in our community discourse. This behavior also feels unfair to you as you try to navigate these difficult decisions for our city. I am also disappointed that this was added to tonight's agenda as if to give the complainant legitimacy. This group continues to make public statements demanding her resignation, which I consider a blatant attack on our democracy and duly elected officials.

Lastly, I am also concerned about the proposed high-density project at the current Capitola Mall. A project of seven stories and 1,500+ units is entirely too large for this small community and will diminish property values in adjacent neighborhoods while adding significantly to traffic. I am requesting a community town hall prior to you approving the rezoning for seven stories.

Thank you for your dedication to our city.

Sincerely,

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