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**From:** Janine A. Roeth <j9roeth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 21, 2025 9:57 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Dismissing the Complaint Against Councilmember Orbach

Dear Council Members,

I am writing in strong support of Councilmember Orbach. As a woman and a minority serving her community, she deserves to feel safe speaking out when behavior crosses the line.

At a time when politics feels increasingly hostile and the safety of elected officials is already at risk, it is troubling to see the Council entertain a complaint against someone simply for naming what was happening and setting boundaries. Moving this forward sends a message that harassment works and discourages others — especially women and younger leaders — from stepping up to serve.

Please reject this complaint and show that Capitola stands for fairness, safety, and the right to speak out against intimidation.

Thank you,

Janine Roeth