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**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Item 9B

Greetings, Council Members.

I am writing in opposition and am very concerned about the actions presented in 9B.

For the past several years, I have served in a role that allowed me to hear from women who are elected or running for office about their hopes, desires to serve, and, unfortunately, far beyond just opposition -- the targeting, harassment, and even threats to personal safety they face, even in our community.

The "threats and harassment database" held by Princeton University, and recently updated with a study in 2022, showed that women across the nation are 3.4 times more likely to face harassment online. Several other studies, many [referenced in this article](#), point to highly disproportionate harassment and attacks on women of color. We have seen the severity shift upwards. This is a problem for our nation, and it is already evident here in Capitola. It is very important that people be able to express their experiences and bring attention to problems, having them reviewed with attention and fairness, rather than retaliation.

I am asking that you dismiss the complaint (that is being resolved in other, thoughtful, and fair ways). Further, I ask you to look systematically at the ways that a small group of influential people are undermining representation, good process, and the voices of those who have been elected by their constituents to serve.

In Service,  
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