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From: Gabriela Trigueiro <gabriela@santacruzmentor.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 6:17 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Support for Councilmember Orbach

Dear Capitola City Council,

I am writing in my capacity as Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Santa Cruz County to share my support for Councilmember Melinda Orbach.

In my work with youth and families, I see the critical importance of leaders who show up for their communities with compassion and courage. Melinda has consistently been an advocate for the issues that affect the young people and families we serve, and she has stood as a visible ally for our queer and trans youth. That kind of leadership makes a real difference for those who often feel most vulnerable.

I recognize that councils face difficult decisions in times of conflict. My hope is that Melinda's dedication, her service to Capitola, and her commitment to inclusivity and fairness are fully considered as you move forward.

Sincerely,
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