
Item 9B Code of Conduct Complaint

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

Dear Councilmembers,

I urge the Council to dismiss the complaint against Councilmember Orbach on September 25.

The submission of the complaint is clearly not based out of a concern for fairness or safety. It is yet another tactic to squash good-faith discourse about the rail trail.

Councilmember Orbach has not been protected by our community from harassment and intimidation. And now we move to punish her for a totally understandable attempt to protect herself? This is truly unacceptable.

The pro-rail trail campaign has not employed harassment tactics. Councilmember Orbach's harasser is no less in danger with his identity called out. Meanwhile councilmember Orbach and her family are increasingly under threat every time she speaks up for public transit in our community. It would be deeply unfair for her to be the one ultimately punished for this asymmetrically violent dispute.

Sincerely,
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(she/her or they/them)

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