
Agenda item 9b

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

Dear Capitola City Council

With regards to Item 9B on the agenda for Sept 25, 2025

I was in attendance at the 4/17 city council meeting and heard the comments made by Melinda Orbach I have since gone back and rewatched both of these council meetings.

Here is my take away.

4/17 She starts off by saying she has been threatened, felt intimidated, physically threatening behavior, and toxic behavior by individuals then calls out Kevin Maguire by name in a Public City Council Meeting.

She did not have any facts to back up her claims, just hearsay on what she perceived. She then uses her power as a council member on her podium to call out someone by name. He has no chance to respond as there are no more public comments.

If she really felt threatened, why did she not file a complaint with the police department?

6/26 She says she did not miscategorize, or call him names. Uhm physically threatening toxic behavior...Yea that's someone saying bad things about you. No apologies given for any statements made nor anything else than to say I will not use his name again.

To me listening to those comments from 4/17 constitutes nothing but slander and harassment in a Very Public Forum by a member of the City Council. This is a gross violation of the code of conduct from a city official. A public apology could have been made on 6/26 but instead it seems that she is restating the verbiage from 4/17 only this time not mentioning him by name.

Now with Regards to all of the letters that have been submitted on this item, 76 so far as of me writing this.

How many of these are drawn from Outside the city of Capitola?

Do you notice almost all of the emails in support are basically cut and paste? I notice 2 different versions on this.

Finally

In the correspondence you have received

1. Letter from Matt Orbach (her husband) Wow he is taking it to a whole new level, Now he is labeling Kevin as Gestapo, kkk and the mafia, wow just wow the council members husband...

2. The letter from Sherlocksbones His email stating the record does not include comments from the neighbor that said Matt approached him etc.

3. Finally the email from Chris Amsden who was there at the time and backing up Kevin's claims.....

So yea with Melinda's comments her husbands comments she needs to be censored and made to own up to her mis use of public power.

Respectfully

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Capitola Ca. 95010Dear Council,