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**Item 9B - In Support of Councilmember Melinda Orbach**

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

Dear Mayor Clarke and Council members,

I respectfully ask that you dismiss the code of conduct complaint concerning Capitola City Councilmember Melinda Orbach.

It is unacceptable for any Capitola councilmember to face prolonged harassment for such an extended period.

Capitola residents should not tolerate their representatives being silenced or driven out by bullies who refuse to engage in dialogue.

Capitola needs leaders who stand for truth and principle, not those who fold under pressure. Punishing Councilmember Orbach advocating for civility sends a dangerous message: that harassment works.

Tina Andreatta