
Item 9B code of conduct complaint

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

Dear Honorable Members of the Capitola City Council,

I'm writing in strong support of Councilmember Melinda Orbach and to respectfully urge you to dismiss the Code of Conduct complaint (item 9B) at the September 25, 2025 meeting.

Councilmember Orbach has been a dedicated and effective public servant, consistently focused on the core issues facing our community. Her comments on April 17 were a reasonable request for basic respect and safety for herself and her family; clear, necessary boundaries that any elected official should be able to expect. She has since taken constructive steps toward resolution, including initiating mediation.

This matter should not distract from the work residents elected her to do. Continuing a punitive process risks normalizing intimidation of public officials and shifts attention away from solving our shared challenges.

Please allow Councilmember Orbach to continue her focused attention on the main issues before us and send a message that protecting the safety and dignity of those who serve is a shared priority.

Warm regards,
Roya Pakzad