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## Supporting Melinda Orbach councilmember

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

Dear Capitola City Councilmembers,

This letter is in support of Councilmember Melinda Orbach.

It is deeply upsetting that this baseless complaint against Councilmember Orbach has risen to the level of this September 25, 2025 public agenda item.

Councilmember Melinda Orbach has lived through and described her experience of harassment, intimidation, and threatening behaviors and she has tried her level best to resolve this issue with great integrity. She has offered solutions through the Conflict Resolution Center, in addition to other good faith efforts.

Councilmember Orbach is a leader and representative who is responsible, truthful, honest, trustworthy, and serving well the City of Capitola. We need leaders like this more than ever now and she should not be silenced and ignored, and we stand firmly with her.

Civility is crucial and we urge you to dismiss this claim outright on September 25. Capitola needs to move in a positive direction and protect those that honorably serve as City Council members.

Please count this as two votes standing firmly with Councilmember Melissa Orbach!

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter and thank you in advance for taking the right step forward to protect Councilmember Melissa Orbach.

With much kindness and compassion,  
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