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**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** City Council Agenda Item 9B

Dear Capitola City Council -

I write today with deep disappointment that the Council has allowed a complaint to rise to the level of a public agenda item. I am a strong supporter of Councilmember Melinda Orbach, and I urge you to dismiss this claim outright during your meeting on September 25.

Public service is the highest form of service. To commit to improve and serve the residents of our community, is a reflection of quality of character and commitment to the values that the City of Capitola holds. To place Councilmember Melinda Orbach on trial for speaking openly about harassment and intimidation is not only absurd—it is an insult to every resident who expects their leaders to stand up for civil discourse, safety, and respect.

Progress can not happen in an environment of chaos. The City of Capitola needs to protect those individuals who are brave enough to serve the community, and protect Councilmembers from current relentless personal attacks.

Capitola residents should not have to watch their representatives be silenced or driven out by those who would rather bully than engage in dialogue. I urge you to dismiss this claim outright on September 25.

Our community, our children, and the City of Capitola deserve better.

Respectfully,

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