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From: Sally Arnold <sallya@cruzio.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 9:11 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Item 9B DISMISS the Bogus Code of Conduct Complaint

Dear Councilmembers,

It is imperative that you dismiss the Code of Conduct Complaint against Councilmember Orbach. We have here a public servant who has been harassed and stalked by a member of the public and then is punished for trying to stop it.

This is very reminiscent for me of the anti-rape work I did in the 1970's. At that time, if a woman dared to stand up and confront her assailant in public she was attacked for being "unlady like". The parallels are disturbing.

If Mr. McGuire is uncomfortable having his behavior described in public, he needs to change his behavior, not attack the person who told him to stop.

Given that any one of you could find yourself subject the exact same harassment and intimidation that Councilmember Orbach has had to endure, it is shocking that you would want to encourage your constituents to act like this. If you don't support your colleagues on the council, you are telling your constituents, "This is how we do things in Capitola. This is the level of politics we practice here. Who ever is the most unpleasant and threatening will get their way."

I shudder to think what kind of place Capitola will become if you do not stop this now.

Concerned,
Sally Arnold