

March 09, 2026



**Re: Support for Appointment of Manuel Enrique Castro to the CAB Board of Directors**

Dear Honorable Mayor Margaux Morgan & Capitola Members of the City Council,

On behalf of the Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc. (CAB), I am pleased to support the appointment of **Manuel Enrique Castro** as the City of Capitola’s representative to the CAB Board of Directors. Mr. Castro’s professional and personal experience, dedication, and perspective align with CAB’s mission to partner with the community to eliminate poverty.

As a first-generation Mexican- American, a resident of Capitola for seven years, and a science teacher in the local school district, Mr. Castro combines deep community knowledge with professional and civic leadership. He has actively promoted equity and advocacy through service on the Racial Justice Task Force, his leadership with the Environmental Club at a local community college, and engagement in programs that support youth and communities CAB serves.

We are confident that he will serve with integrity, diligence, and commitment to CAB’s mission. We respectfully request the City Council’s consideration and approval of his appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Garza", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**MariaElena De La Garza**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc.