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From: John Mulry [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, July 6, 2025 5:56 PM
To: City Council; Goldstein, Jamie (jgoldstein@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: Formal Complaint and Pre-Litigation Mediation Proposal – City of Capitola

Dear Capitola City Council and City Manager Jamie Goldstein,

Please find below a formal notice of my intent to file a civil lawsuit against the City of Capitola, for multiple violations of my constitutional and civil rights. I am including a final opportunity to resolve this matter through mediation.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE CIVIL ACTION — DEMAND FOR DAMAGES UNDER COLOR OF LAW AND OFFER OF MEDIATION

I, John William Mulry, residing at [REDACTED], am preparing to file a civil lawsuit against the City of Capitola, including City Manager Jamie Goldstein, City Councillor Melinda Orbach, and involved members of the Capitola Police Department, for violations under both federal and California law.

Allegations include:

- Retaliatory harassment and intimidation in violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments;
- Abuse of authority and misuse of police power under color of law, actionable under 42 U.S.C. §1983;
- Violation of the Bane Act (Cal. Civ. Code §52.1) for intimidation and coercion;
- Violations of the City's Code of Conduct, including misuse of public office for political targeting.

These actions—reportedly directed at me due to my political activity as a Republican resident—constitute a serious abuse of power and a chilling infringement on protected rights.

Claim for Damages: \$1,000,000.00

This includes compensatory and punitive damages for:

- Emotional distress
- Reputational harm
- Civil liberties violations
- Legal and related costs

Offer of Mediation (48-Hour Deadline)

In good faith, I am offering a one-time opportunity for confidential mediation before initiating legal proceedings. If the City agrees in writing within 48 hours of this notice, I will suspend further legal action to engage in mediated resolution.

I propose City Councillor Gerry Jensen as the neutral mediator. If unavailable, we may agree on a mutually acceptable alternative.

If no agreement is received within 48 hours, I will proceed with legal action in Santa Cruz County Superior Court or U.S. District Court, as appropriate.

Please direct written responses to [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

John William Mulry

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