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Letter to Capitola re Mall Redevelopment 4 pgs _000005.pdf;

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Subject: [PDF] Redevelopment of the Capitola Mall

To: Capitola City Council and Planning Commission Members

I am attaching 4 pages including recommendations (page 1) and 3 pages of signatures of concerned citizens on the development of mall.

We are asking that the mall retain the "indoor space" for the community. There are many that enjoy the ability to safely walk indoors rain or shine, day or night to mall walk, do exercise, and gather in the area for connection as well as support the vendors that exist there.

Please read the attached letter and note the number of over-55 residents from Loma Vista Estates (not all were available to sign within this time frame).

In addition, there have been numerous conversations about the horrific huge housing developments we see in Santa Cruz causing added stress to our traffic congestion, lack of parking, strain on our medical and emergency services as well as additional water consumption that doesn't appear to add "quality of life" to our small communities here in Santa Cruz County. If anything, the view of many people is to add more recreational

and community space such as bocce courts, pickle ball and an open air music venue.

Thank you for your consideration and time to review the attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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To: Capitola City Council and Planning Commission Members

Regarding: Capitola Mall Project

Below are comments from residents of Capitola and the greater Santa Cruz area.

After the 1988-'89 expansion of the mall, which included a food court and a multitude of small businesses with indoor access, the Capitola Mall became a vibrant local community shopping center and gathering place. For young people, the mall is an entertaining and safe place to meet up, shop, and dine. For families with young children, there are many businesses that serve their interests. The Museum of Discovery, the Gymnastic School, and the Giggles and Wiggles indoor playgrounds all offer a fun variety of activities. All community members enjoy strolling and shopping. Since the 1980's, Santa Cruz County Parks and Recreation Department has offered Mall Walkers, a class that includes stretching and strengthening. Jazzercise and the massage studio support health and wellness. Friends of the Capitola Library sell an amazing array of books for all. The local artists shop, the gaming stores, and the golf store are also high-interest venues. All ages enjoy socializing, purchasing unique items, and dining with a wide variety of options.

We propose that the ground level businesses be retained, and that the housing project be added starting at the second story and above.

In summary, we are recommending a broad view of the value and benefits of the Capitola Mall. We are requesting that the master plan preserve the ground level businesses that offer a rich variety of products, services, and experiences benefitting all age groups in our community.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the thoughts and suggestions of the residents of Capitola and the greater Santa Cruz area.

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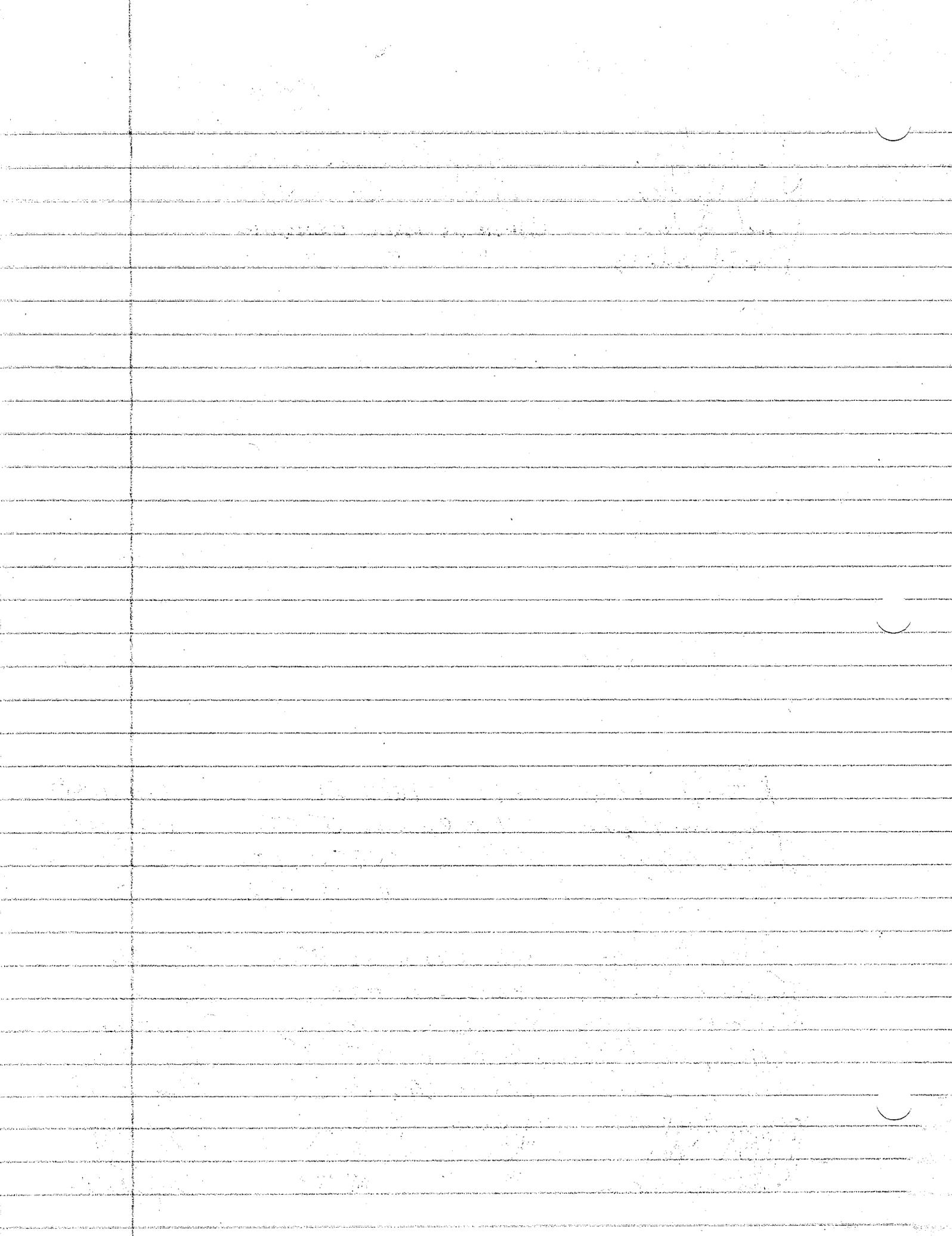
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We agree and would love to keep the Capitola Mall's first floor as an easily accessible place of wellness and community.

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