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Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council members,

Attached please find our input on Item 6A on your March 6, 2024 agenda.

Have a great day,

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Santa Cruz YIMBY Leads

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March 4, 2024

To: Capitola City Council

From: Santa Cruz YIMBY

Re: Agenda Item #6.A Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Principles & Goals

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmembers,

At your March 6th meeting, you will be considering the budget principles and goals for fiscal year 2024-25. We know you have many options to consider.

We are writing to encourage prioritized funding to complete Housing Element deliverables, many of which will be due in calendar years 2024 and 2025. These include modified land use policies for the Capitola Mall and other updates to the zoning code. Some of this work could be eligible for funding such as the REAP 2.0 grants, however, such grants are highly competitive and additional local funding may be required.

Capitola's Housing Element has sites and programs that can help our housing affordability crisis, with opportunities to build homes for people near jobs and schools, near public transit and suitable for biking and walking. Your Community Development department put significant effort into the Housing Element, including public input and review, consultation with you and others. It may require additional financial support to get to full compliance and complete the work by the committed deadlines.

The repercussions of a noncompliant Housing Element can include loss of access to housing/transportation state grants, required approvals of housing projects and other loss of local control. If the Housing Element is not certified by April 15, 2024, the deadline for any rezonings will be one (1) year instead of three (3) years. It is important to note that under any rezoning program, the Coastal Commission will have to review and approve proposed changes that fall under the coastal zone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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