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## Office Hours

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Hello Neighbors

As some of you may remember, our city councillors used to be available to our residents not just on dais (the silent statue vibe is disconcerting/ quality psyops), but through community engagement.

With the failed takeover from those treating Capitola as a ladder for their own self enrichment near its end (congrats Yvette you make more than I do now/ good luck fundraising here it's brutal), I suggest a return to the service forward representation easily found in the example of Gerry Jensen.

His availability by text or phone isn't feasible for all councillors, however, office hours once a month 2 hours should be the minimum requirement, especially for councillors like Alexander Pedersen who rarely to never respond to residents queries when emailed. Please consider legislating such an office hours policy.

At minimum whoever replaces Yvette should commit to holding office hours TWICE a month, as such an appointment will be an unelected councillor still wielding regulatory powers.

Margaux has a reputation for never responding to constituents. This should disqualify her imo. Inclusion is easy when people agree with you. Service as a councillor requires including all of one's constituents, not just supporters.

In finale let me stress our Hispanic neighbors are 20% of our population/ 2000 souls, please prioritize replacing their only voice on council with a member of their community, if such a member meets all other requirements.

God Bless JM