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## Replacing Yvette

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5 points

If you choose to base any decision on the last election, it should be the last election Yvette was in, which means Enrique should get the position.

Choosing a white person over a minority to replace a minority on our currently and traditionally all white council is extremely racist, a reputation Capitola has worked hard to shed.

Choosing Margaux means you will have to go back and change the term limits laws. She will have served 6 years in 2026 so will be eligible for reelection but then only able to serve 2 years of her term once it hits 8 years.

Incumbents getting voted out in local government after one term is almost unheard of. The voters have spoken on Margaux. We don't want someone who has been confused as to what month it is while starting meetings to represent us.

And most important. Anyone who started to run in 2024 but pulled out because Gerry and Melinda were obviously going to win, would have a decent chance to sue the city and win and would be compelled to do so by this blatant disregard of democracy. They wouldn't have a choice. They would have to use all the legal means at their disposal to get such a decision overturned, it will become a scandal, consume the next 2 years of council activities and cost the city hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Imagine every meeting starting with a long speech about democracy and how our council chose racist oligarchy. Posted on robust social media platforms. Sent to anti racist influencers and orgs and news sources. Your faces on posters calling you racists posted on the Internet and sent around the world. This is a realistic scenario that greatly concerns me.

I also already see a trail showing Brown Act violations. I can't be sure but if Margaux is appointed someone is certain to file such a complaint, what if it's someone who has a knack for such oppo. Then a recall would likely follow.

We can't just dismiss voter's will because the easy choice is the racist one. Racist choices are often easy. Do not replace a minority with a white who was just voted out. Please. Racism has no place in Capitola. But if it's different for you, please choose racism. That is your right. Racism is everywhere. Learning it's found it's way onto our council would not surprise me.

Warmly JM