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## Jan 9th City Council Meeting Agenda Items 8...

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To City Council <citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us>

Hello Council Members.

Please take to heart the community voice and the majority of opinions on the follow:

### **A. The Monte Foundation Fireworks 2025 Recommended Action -**

Replace gunpowder fireworks with Drones, or maybe the Monte Foundation could hosts a Free picnic BBQ instead of polluting our Marine Sanctuary! Beach Clean up and Tacos, that would be an Epic way to get the community together!

Fireworks shows are considered significantly bad for the environment, contributing to air pollution by releasing large amounts of particulate matter, heavy metals, and chemicals like perchlorates, which can contaminate water sources and harm wildlife; they also generate noise pollution and leave behind debris that can litter the environment and harm animals if ingested

**C.. Fill the Vacate seat with Mr. Enrique Dolmo**, or have a Special Election. Or send out an online Survey/mailer / Special Council meeting where members of the community can vote. There should be ways to hear the voice of the community that doesnt cost a lot. Even in the case of a Special Election, that is better than putting a former incumbent in that didn't try hard on her campaign, and barley beat out Enrique. As the incumbent, it is typically a shoe in. While exact probabilities depend on the specific circumstances, studies suggest that incumbents in local elections have a re-election success rate of **70–90%**.

The people dont want Margauex. Mr Dolmo has the heart and character our city would benefit from. Passion for making Capitola safer, and friendly for the youth and elderly. He has continued to serve our community, New Brighton Middle School, and has fresh ideas for vacated spaces.

We dont want any Termed out old council members. I have heard Susan Westman name mention as well, that sounds like it could be a good option.

### **E. City Council Representation on Regional Boards & City Advisory Bodies Recommended**

**Action:** Many residents are on record for their concerns about Mr Pedersen. His Blue Dot Non-Profit taking money from our City. His behavior and voting against Measure L, and conflicts being on the RTS, and service the residents wishes.

Remove Pedersen from RTC! Listen to the people and Measure L, and the Costal Commission about no passenger Rail service should be active again in Santa Cruz.

Headways for a Choo-Choo would be once an hour, or maybe twice? How will trains pass each other with one track?

No Parking at proposed Stations? Speed limits of 25MPH due to setbacks next to a trail (8 foot from center line) The Choo-Choo will take over 30 minutes to get to Watsonville from Capitola, with the 4-6 stops in between.

Farebox recovery rate is 20-30%. So tax payers will have to subsidise the rest.

The "Trail" Thru the Village is not Safe!!

If you care about Safety and the health and well-being of the residents and people visiting. We need a Trail on the Trestle, or PROTECTED Bike Lanes. Lets Remove all Parking from the Village!!

We need to put Safety First, Safety above all else!

Thank You

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