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In the past 50 years there have been two previous council resignations - Phil Walker in 1975 and Margaret Fabrizio around 1990. Both vacancies were filled by appointment. The council should appoint and put a new face on the council.

Many residents have been unhappy with the direction of the city and this is a golden opportunity to put the city on a new path.

For the past 8 years Capitola has not progressed. Some council members appeared to be more concerned about their personal future than the city's. The council relinquished their policy making power to the staff and became a rubber stamp for staff proposals. Our city manager hasn't offered any creative solutions to move the city forward. What's important to residents has often been overlooked.

It's time for a change. Appoint someone who is assertive, not afraid to question staff proposals and city manager performance, Appoint someone who wants to preserve what makes Capitola special, and who will bring new ideas to improve our city. Someone with priorities that have been overlooked -like maintaining our streets, keeping the city, beach, and streets clean, prioritizing economic development, and city beautification.... someone who cares more about Capitola than their resume'. We don't need failed incumbents or candidates. We don't need more of the last 8 years. We need new ideas. Open the process up to the community, set up a citizen panel to interview applicants and make recommendations to the council who will then make the final selection.

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