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From: John <jxmuly@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2025 2:43 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Prediction Margaux

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Alex and Melinda
Margaux 1
Dennis 2

Joe and Gerry
Sue 1
Margaux 2

Margaux wins

If top 3

A & M
Margaux
Dennis
Enrique

G & J
Sue
Margaux
Enrique or switch Margaux and Enrique

Margaux wins

Lot of work just to force in the state backed candidate we just voted out imo.

Warmly JM

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From: Marian Weldon <mgweld@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2025 2:13 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Vacant City Council Seat

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Dear Honorable Members of the Capitola City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the appointment of Margaux Morgan to the vacant City Council seat. Margaux's previous four years of service on the City Council, including her time as Mayor, exemplify her dedication and ability to lead Capitola through both challenges and opportunities.

During her tenure, Margaux demonstrated exceptional leadership as she guided the city through the aftermath of devastating cyclone storms that destroyed the wharf. Her commitment to restoring the wharf and supporting the community during this time showcased her resilience, collaborative spirit, and dedication to Capitola's recovery and future.

Margaux's perspective is unique and deeply valuable, not only as a small business owner and someone who works directly in Capitola Village but also as the ninth woman to ever serve on the City Council. Her voice is essential in ensuring diverse representation that reflects our community. Her lived experience as a local entrepreneur and active member of the Village brings a voice to the council that is currently underrepresented.

Her proven track record on the Council, her experience as a business owner, and her dedication to representing all facets of our community make her an ideal candidate for this role. Margaux Morgan's appointment would bring experienced leadership, a vital perspective, and a commitment to ensuring Capitola continues to thrive.

Thank you for considering my support of Margaux Morgan's appointment. I am confident that her service on the City Council will benefit the City of Capitola and its residents.

Sincerely,

Marian Weldon

Gautho, Julia

From: John <jxmuly@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2025 10:20 AM
To: City Council; Gautho, Julia
Subject: Re: Prediction Margaux

Now throw in Peter and assume Enrique was never being considered it was a path to Margaux.

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AM
M
P

GJ
S
P

P wins

3
AM
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GJ
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A tie. Always a shame Kristen isn't my friend. She and I would be formidable.

I'm excited. I lean Dennis my fav choice atm. Enrique second. Then Peter (although if he would embrace roundabouts I'm more into him). To any candidates who read these like me I would crush finance commissioner. I get budgets.

Warmly JM

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From: Elisabeth Bertrand Russell <ebertrandrussell@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2025 8:59 PM
To: City Council; Clarke, Joe; Gerry Jensen; Melinda Orbach; Pedersen, Alexander; Gautho, Julia
Subject: Capitola City Council Business - Appointment Recommendation to fill the vacated seat city council member seat - Susan Westman

Dear Honorable Members of the Capitola City Council,

As a Capitola citizen for 25 years, I would like to respectfully ask you to select Susan Westman as the candidate to take the seat on the Capitola City Council that was vacated. I firmly believe Susan Westman is the absolute best person to serve our city at this time.

Susan has stepped up repeatedly to serve our city during unexpected shortages of trained staff at the most senior levels, as well as serving on our major city commissions. In addition, she possesses a depth of work experience in the extremely complex and highly regulatory world surrounding state mandated affordable housing coupled with the state regulations on sustainable land use/development. At this point in time, our city council needs a seasoned and strong member who can support optimal solutions and can work effectively from day one on the city council. Susan IS that person. In her work in professional community development, she has demonstrated her capability of attracting and securing economic development for Capitola. Our city is at a critical juncture and needs our fifth city council member to be able to hit the ground running. Susan will do this for the citizens of Capitola.

I personally had the privilege of working with Susan as a colleague during my 14 years as the AMBAG Director of Special Projects focused on Climate Planning and Energy Efficiency. Susan works effectively in engaging the local community, brings a professional and welcoming attitude to every meeting, brings the wisdom of her extensive experience into any deliberation. Susan also brings a tireless work ethic and a commitment to see every project through to its ultimate completion.

I respectfully ask you to appoint Susan Westman to fill the vacated term.

Best wishes,

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Gautho, Julia

From: Jacques Bertrand <jacques.bertrand@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2025 9:09 PM
To: City Council
Subject: I support Susan Westman to fill the two year opening on the Capitola City Council

Dear City Council Members,

My support is based on Susan's consistent dedication to Capitola and her extensive experience in local government.

She has stepped in to fill multiple roles during Capitola's time of need. Her resume says it all.

She has used her experience serving other communities in Northern California to develop perspective. We need this experience in Capitola.

Consider how valuable this will be for Capitola and its citizens going forward; our city is facing some serious challenges.

Susan Westman will be a wise guide in the troubled waters to come.

I strongly support Susan to be appointed to our governing body.

Regards,

Jacques Bertrand
Former City Treasure, member of City Council and Mayor

Gautho, Julia

From: capcouncil@aol.com
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 8:43 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Council Appointment

Council Members,

You have a unique opportunity to accomplish something special for the citizens of Capitola. Instead of making a political appointment. You have a chance to pick a council replacement that is a member of the community and isn't interested in furthering their career beyond the next two years. That is exactly what Capitola needs right now. A place holder. To that end. Susan Westman is the only person applying for that position that will bring the experience needed to keep the continuity of the council together. She doesn't have an agenda or the interest to run in two years. Her history in Capitola is unparalleled. Her previous roles in city government as a City Manager (Belmont) and Community Development Director (Capitola) can only help mentor the other council members to become better at their jobs. We hope you agree that Capitola can absolutely benefit from her appointment.

Thanks for your attention,

Bruce and Dori Arthur

Gautho, Julia

From: Gayle Ortiz <gayle@gocapitola.com>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 4:26 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Council appointment
Attachments: Council appointment.docx

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Thank you for including this in the additional pack materials. Can you please let me know you got this email, not sure this is still the right council email address?

Gayle

To: Capitola City Council
From: Gayle Ortiz
Re: council member appointment

January 24, 2025

I would like to encourage you to give Susan Westman's application serious consideration. There couldn't be another applicant that has more experience than Susan.

Her career has been in city and county government, spanning jobs as city manager, planning official and fire protection.

With most of the current council being so new it would be wise to have someone with her experience.

I've worked with Susan on several projects. Her ability to bring differing opinions to a resolution is one of her strongest attributes. As well, she is adept at diffusing charges situations.

It is likely that something will be coming forward regarding the mall development in the next couple years. Susan would be a strong voice in protecting Capitola's interests in these negotiations.

Thank you for hearing me out. Often, older voices go unheard. This is a very young council, and the addition of a senior voice should be considered.

Gayle Ortiz

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Subject: Peter Wilk huh

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Hmmmm. Why can't he be for roundabouts? I'm all for Kristen in the end. Love her ideas. Dig her policy knowledge and drive. She just wouldn't talk to me because I was mean to Yvette too silly.

Dennis would be great for the city folks. Alex and Melinda I would put his name after Margaux if not Enrique (still the best choice hits the demos and will be a good in between never siding with one block).

Gerry and Joe. Put any names but Margaux's. If you put her name on your list she wins and unironically so do I lol. Trees compete for space in all directions at once.

Dennis Norton was on my list of hope they apply and think they will for sure. A great compromise candidate just doesn't hit the demos. Understand walkability equals wealth and quality of life plus well qualified. Deep institutional and professional housing chops.

Anyone who votes for me in their top 4 will learn my devotion to Sulla is genuine. I was never going to get votes but nothing wrong with giving folks a chance. This all assumes I attend the meeting. I would bet against that however,

Top choice Enrique
Then Dennis
Then why not Sue Westman just because what fun making her my third choice

Some new names in this agenda for me. Always a bonus. Good chat neighbors.

Warmly JM