

Gautho, Julia

From: Tricia Proctor <triciaproctor@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 12:24 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Nomination for Capitola Council Position

Dear Council Members,

I hope this message finds you well. As a long-time resident of Capitola, I would like to formally nominate Susan Westman to fill the vacant Council position left by Yvette Brooks.

I believe Susan would be an excellent addition to the Council, and I am confident that she will serve our community with dedication and integrity.

If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Tricia Proctor
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Capitola, CA 95010

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From: Marie Martorella <marie.martorella@sprinklr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 12:15 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Support of Susan Westman for City Council

FR: John and Marie Martorella <jmarto@pacbell.net>
Subject: Support of Susan Westman for City Council

Dear City Council and City Manager

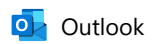
I'm writing today to show my utmost support for Susan Westman for consideration to the City Council appointment.

I'm sure I do not need to highlight Susan's past accomplishments throughout her extensive career with our charming City, including her time sitting as the City Manager.

Susan knows the pulse of our community; she thoroughly understands the budget constraints, how to navigate outside agencies for funding as well as getting permits and the like for both crisis situations and general infrastructure improvements. Susan has navigated multiple situations throughout her tenure with our city and her incredible leadership and knowledge is unparalleled. We need this type of mentorship, partnership and guidance for our community.

I think we are incredibly lucky that Susan has applied for this role; the Council need strong, competent and respected individuals to lead us from our present state, into a future state where we are funded, we have transparency, we will allow for growth where necessary and halt the overbuilding of our town where necessary as well. Susan can navigate these issues and more facing our City and can do it with a proven track record AND the respect of the citizens of our community. Coupled with her extensive knowledge and past experience with multiple state and federal agencies, Susan is the best suited for this position. I hope the Council will also see that as well and encourage Susan to be our next City Council member.

Respectfully,
Marie Martorella
Riverview Drive Resident



(No subject)

From Rhnovak <rhnovak@yahoo.com>
Date Wed 1/22/2025 4:16 PM
To City Council <citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us>

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Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Richard Novak
831-246-2301
Sent from my iPad

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From: Heidi <Heidy@cwo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 5:04 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Council Vacancy

January 22, 2025

Dear Capitola City Council Members,

Thank you for opening your appointment process for public input. This thoughtful approach allows the community to participate in shaping the qualities we value in our representatives. However, I had hoped the Council would establish clear standards and qualities to guide this important decision. Since it's unclear whether that groundwork has been done, I respectfully offer the following suggestions for your consideration.

This appointment is for a short, two-year term, with another election cycle occurring in 2026. Typically, anyone considering running in 2026 would begin preparing early next year. Given the short-term nature of this appointment and the Council's stated commitment to upholding democratic principles, it is imperative to ensure that this decision does not inadvertently grant political leverage. For this reason, I believe the appointee should commit to serving the full remainder of the term and refrain from running in the 2026 election. A pledge not to campaign would ensure their undivided focus on serving Capitola during this critical time.

Because this is a limited appointment, it would be prudent to select someone who not only has prior experience serving the city in an elected or appointed position but also demonstrates a track record of accomplishments and the ability to deliver meaningful results for Capitola. It is essential to evaluate what was achieved in prior service. The appointee should bring more than just familiarity with the role—they should bring evidence of effective leadership and measurable contributions.

To ensure the best choice for Capitola, I recommend prioritizing:

- **Proven Leadership:** Someone who has taken the initiative and actively driven efforts to improve the community, rather than merely fulfilling the duties of the role.
- **Substantial Accomplishments:** A record of tangible achievements—specific projects, policies, or community improvements that conform to Capitola's priorities.
- **Community Engagement:** A history of being accessible, responsive, and genuinely connected with the community through all forms of communication (i.e. phone, email, in-person, etc.). I respectfully request that this question be asked of all candidates during your selection meeting, as it will provide valuable insight into their approach to community engagement—an essential cornerstone of public service.
- **Commitment to Service:** Someone who is fully focused on Capitola's challenges and opportunities, without the distraction of future political ambitions during this term and ensuring the Council does not inadvertently interfere with the democratic process.

Thank you for your consideration and your dedication to Capitola's future. I trust your careful deliberations will lead to a choice that best serves our community.

Best Regards,
Heidy Kellison

Capitola Resident

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From: Michael routh <qwakwak@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 7:41 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Fwd: City Council Appointment

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> Council members,
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> Please give the applications to fill the council vacancy serious consideration -
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> Margaux Morgan - the only incumbent ever to be voted out of office in the history of Capitola. Her contributions during her four years are difficult to discern. The community has spoken by not reelecting her. She should not be appointed.
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> Enrique Dolmo - He has come in last in two elections. It is clear he has little community support. His knowledge of city policies and functions is almost non-existent.
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> Ed Botoroff - Ed was not well liked by the community at the end of his first term and even less at the end of his second term. He survived his reelection by only 10 votes over write-in candidate Sam Story. He is remembered primarily for supporting two failed proposals that angered the community. While discussing Jewel Box cut through traffic, out of the blue he proposed, and the council passed, barricading every Jewel box street at 47th Ave, cutting the Jewel Box neighborhood in half. A neighborhood outcry forced a reconsideration and his proposal was overturned at the next council meeting. He supported demolishing city hall, replacing it with a hotel, building a multi-story parking garage in the Pac Cove parking lot, and constructing a new city hall at Monterey and Bay / Park Ave - a proposal that would have created a \$35 million dollar bonded indebtedness for the city and forever changed the character of the Village. As a result of his decisions that often flew in the face of what residents desired, a campaign slogan "Anybody but Botoroff" gained traction which almost led to his defeat by a write-in candidate. Although a better choice than Margaux or Enrique, He should not be appointed. He has demonstrated he does not listen to the community.
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> Susan Westman - Susan has served as Capitola's Community Development Director, successfully overseeing multiple projects to improve Capitola. She served as City Manager when Steve Burrell resigned. She ranks as one of the best city managers in Capitola's history and led the city through some difficult times. As a Planning Commissioner she has demonstrated fairness toward applicants and an extensive knowledge of city zoning ordinances. There is no doubt she is the strongest candidate and could have a positive impact on the council and the city. Her knowledge of city practices and history would be an invaluable asset to the council. The city would benefit greatly if the council were to appoint her. She has stated she would only serve 2 years.
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> Please do what's best for Capitola as a whole, base your decision on qualifications, not what will satisfy someone or some special interest group.
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> I base my judgement on having served on the council with 14 different council members and 6 different city managers.
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> Mick Routh

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> Sent from my iPhone

Gautho, Julia

From: Sheri Siegfried <sherimsiegfried@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 6:35 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Susan Westman for City Council position

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sheri Siegfried

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From: Michael routh <qwakwak@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 8:13 AM
To: City Council
Subject: City council applicants

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Council members -

I understand Dennis Norton is now an applicant for the vacant city council seat.

Dennis is a “come hell or high water” train supporter. He has lost all objectivity. He has an agenda and that is his primary reason for applying for the position. Capitola needs open minded people on the council - not those attempting to use the position to push their pet projects.

Correction to my previous email - Margaux is the only incumbent voted out of office after one term. Ron Graves was voted out after 5 terms but was reelected 2 years later.

Ed Botoroff proclaimed at the 1/16 meeting he was applying. My first email was predicated on that announcement. I don't know if he followed through.

Mick Routh
Sent from my iPhone

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From: mtavella <tavella@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 11:56 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Susan Westman

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Sent my wife and I want to communicate our unqualified support for Susan Westman to assume open position on the city council. Ernie and Mary Tavella. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 916-502-0410 to discuss Susan's qualifications. from my iPhone

Gautho, Julia

From: Woodmansee, Chloe
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 4:47 PM
To: City Council
Subject: FW: [SPF Softfail] Susan Westman (please forward to City Council Members)

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Honorable Mayor and Council,

Please see email below. Thank you!

Warmly,
Chloé Woodmansee (she/her)
Assistant to the City Manager - City of Capitola
831.475.7300 x220

-----Original Message-----

From: Doug@lomakgroup.com <doug@lomakgroup.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 4:27 PM
To: Woodmansee, Chloe <cwoodmansee@ci.capitola.ca.us>
Subject: [SPF Softfail] Susan Westman (please forward to City Council Members)

Members of the Capitola City Council:

We have worked with Susan Westman while she served as Capitola Planning Director, Capitola City Manager, and Scotts Valley Community Development Director. She is a community-minded jewel.

Our buildings are home to more than 200 businesses, some of which would not be in business today if not for Susan's wisdom and common sense. She is driven by her desire to serve the community. She has the experience to recognize when something is important, and when it is not. She is calm, reasonable, and sensible, but willing to fight hard for something that she believes is right.

I am surprised that Susan is willing to step into the political fray, but if she is, we would all be blessed to have her.

Doug Kaplan

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From: Nathan Benjamin <nathan@nbcllaw.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 11:44 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Susan Westman

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Dear Council Members,

I am a resident of Capitola, and I would like to support the nomination of Susan Westman to fill the vacant Council position left by Yvette Brooks. Susan is an excellent candidate for Council, she will serve well the City and its residents. I Thank you for your attention.

Nathan Benjamin