

Gautho, Julia

From: Marty Proctor <m.proctor@nhs-inc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 9:08 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Possible Spam Susan Westman for city council

Dear Council Members,

Hello!

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.

Thank you!
Best regards,

Marty Proctor

Gautho, Julia

From: Courtney Christiansen <courtney@fusearchitecture.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 9:24 PM
To: Gautho, Julia; City Council
Subject: Letter of Endorsement: Susan Westman for City Council

Dear Honorable Mayor and Council,

I am writing to offer my strong recommendation for Susan Westman to fill the open City Council position. Susan's experience and dedication to our community are unmatched, and her record within Capitola's government speaks volumes.

I have personally witnessed Susan's exceptional leadership and fairness as a Planning Commissioner. Her deep knowledge of city zoning ordinances, combined with her commitment to impartiality, was evident in every decision she made. Given her profound understanding of city operations and history, Susan is uniquely positioned to provide invaluable insight to the current council.

With a council that is predominantly made up of new members, bringing someone like Susan on board would be incredibly beneficial. Having worked with her as part of the Capitola Planning Commission, I can attest to her remarkable ability to navigate conflicts and unite differing perspectives in a constructive and collaborative manner - communicating with each applicant in an informative way, always with clear direction and leadership.

Thank you for considering Susan Westman for this important position. I am confident that her appointment would bring a positive and lasting impact to both the Council and the City.

Warm regards,

Courtney Christiansen

Gautho, Julia

From: Jennifer Wiens <jen_wiens@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 8:25 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Concerned Citizen - hoping for the best option

Hello Capitola city Council,

I understand that the open city council seat is currently under review for a new candidate. I believe there will not be a new election so I want to have my voice heard as a 15 year resident in Capitola.

There is one person I know is putting their name up for the seat. Someone who has always supported and worked for the best for Capitola.

Her experience and dedication to the community is amazing and we just need some stability and a good steward of the city until the next election.

I am speaking of Susan Westman. I hope you strongly consider her to hold the seat on city council to keep stability in this uncertain time. The city needs this.

Best,

Jennifer Wiens and on behalf of Trevor Wiens

Residents at 409 Loma Ave

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Gautho, Julia

From: Cybele Candau <ccandau@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 6:36 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Vacant City Council Seat

Dear Council Members and decision-makers,

As a Capitola resident and a long-time community member and Soquel High School teacher, I am writing to express my concerns over the choice to fill the currently vacant City Council seat.

Susan Westman is the best option to support the current and future of Capitola. Her depth of experience and historical understanding of our community combined with her forward-thinking vision of how we can maintain the unique elements of our town as we move into the future are unsurpassed.

As a community, we need someone who cares deeply about Capitola as a whole: its residents, its unique elements, and its draw as a tourist destination. Susan is the best choice as steward of the city we know and love until the next election.

Thank you so much,
Cybele Macy Candau
pronounced (Sib-elle Macy Can-dough)
831.818.3793

Gautho, Julia

From: Capitola Morrissey <morrisseycapitola@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 6:28 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Capitola Morrissey
Subject: Support for Susan Westman

Dear Capitola City Council Members:

I am writing to give my full and unqualified support for appointing Susan Westman to the open Capitola City Council seat on Thursday night.

The entire Capitola community was inspired by your collective leadership at the recent Capitola City Council meeting where you changed course and opted for an open, transparent and community-based process to fill the open Capitola City Council seat.

Now is the time to demonstrate the same level of selfless and forward-looking leadership to vote for appointing Susan Westman to the open seat.

Susan's resume and experience highlight her deep expertise in all aspects of city governance and business operations. As important, her executive leadership skills and solutions-oriented approach to problem solving provide the Capitola City Council and community an opportunity to unite in our work to help Capitola thrive as a growing and vibrant community.

Susan has no personal political agenda or aspiration, except to do what's best for Capitola in both the short and long term.

Many of us in the community believe this is a mission-critical appointment. Susan's leadership and experience will help the Capitola City Council quickly become a high performing team that is capable of addressing the challenges that are ahead of us.

Thank you for your service. I look forward to sharing my views publicly Thursday night at the meeting.

Michael Morrissey
Capitola

Gautho, Julia

From: Edmundo Ortega <ed.ortega@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 6:20 PM
To: City Council
Subject: City Council Vacancy

Dear members of the council,

Regarding the vacancy on the city council, I highly recommend the appointment of Susan Westman. I've known Susan for forty years, since she was a city planner and manager, and she has remained a steadfast supporter of our community the entire time.

I believe Susan's long tenure in the community gives her the perspective to help make the kind of long-lasting decisions that will be best for Capitola. She is also very well-versed in how cities are run, having managed several during her career. This combination of practicality, devotion to service, and hard-won wisdom would be hard to find in any candidate.

Thank you for your attention,

Ed Ortega
1806 47th Ave
Capitola

Gautho, Julia

From: John Martorella <martorella1115@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 5:32 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Council vacancy

Hello all,

I am writing this letter to support Susan Westman for a position within the city council of Capitola.

I have known Susan for over 30 years and feel confident with her knowledge and experience that it will bring a contribution to the team which is exactly what we need to keep Capitola moving forward.

Thank you,
John Martorella

Gautho, Julia

From: Mikaela Martorella <martorellamikaela@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 5:27 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Susan Westman City Council

Dear City Council I am writing to show my support that you select Susan Westman to fill the vacancy on the city council. Susan's proven track record, including being the former city manager, will be key to lead Capitola through the next two years with the number of changes facing our city. Susan is clearly the best choice. Thank you. Sincerely,

Mikaela Martorella
503 Riverview Drive, Capitola Ca, 95010

Gautho, Julia

From: Meghan D Morrissey <mdmorrissey@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 9:10 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Support for Susan Westman

Dear City Council Members-

I am writing to express my strong support for appointing Susan Westman to the open City Council seat.

It is necessary and in the Council's best interest to appoint a candidate who can hit the ground running with strong leadership skills, expertise on the issues Capitola is currently facing and an ability to mentor fellow council members who are all relatively new to their positions.

To begin, I would like to point out that the democratic process, via the November election, was clear in that **the residents of Capitola voted NOT to elect two of the current applicants as City Council members**, and instead chose two other citizens to represent them by a large margin.

Mr. Jensen received 2759 votes, Ms. Orbach 2335 votes, Ms. Morgan 1560 votes and Mr. Dolmo 1430 votes. Ms. Morgan should have been a clear favorite as an incumbent, but instead the voters chose to remove her and selected other candidates. She was clearly voted out and therefore should not be appointed to this position. Mr. Dolmo has run in the past two elections and lost in both.

The voters have spoken regarding these two candidates, and the Council should be listening. **The residents of Capitola want stronger, more responsive, experienced leaders on the City Council.**

It is also important to address when a large number of our population is unrepresented. Older women, who make up a substantial portion of our community, have had very little representation on the council in the past and currently have none. If we consider the demographics of Capitola, women make up 52% of total voters and women 60+ make up 46% of that total. It is also important to note that 78% of likely voters in Capitola are ages 50+ based on voter behavior in recent elections.

Susan Westman not only represents this segment of Capitola voters, but her resume speaks to her incredible experience in city government over a long career. She has served in Capitola for a majority of these years, both as a volunteer on the Planning Commission, and as a city employee in numerous positions. She can hit the ground running and assist this Council in addressing the issues she so clearly defined in her application. There is no other candidate with the breadth of experience that is so needed in Capitola at this moment in time.

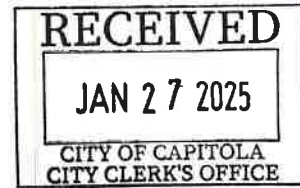
Susan Westman clearly states that she is not interested in serving more than two years, until our next election in November of 2026. She will be focused on service to the city and on responding to the needs of our community, which is asking for much stronger leadership and experience at this time.

Thank you for considering Susan Westman as the appointee for City Council.

Sincerely,

Meghan Morrissey
Capitola Resident

Re: **Susan Westman Endorsement for Capitola City Council**



1/21/25

To whom it may concern:

Susan Westman exemplifies the subtle balance of civil service with political wisdom. Having raised multiple generations in the heart of Capitola she has watched her family and community grow and evolve with our everchanging social environment. Involving herself in community and school events throughout the years has set a solid foundation for her commitment to service. Eventually graduating to her several year stint on the Capitola City Planning Commission she has proven to understand the process and players and how to maintain focus on coming up with solutions using the steadfast traditions that form and maintain our City's enduring identity.

In our rapidly changing technological society we watch as "faster, cheaper, more profitable" mantras rule the vast majority of our decisions. As a Development Manager for such firms as KKR, The Carlyle Group, and Liberty Mutual investments, I oversee extensive projects in IOS, multifamily, and office/industrial development and construction partnerships. Working with municipalities across the western region I understand the dynamics of necessary growth (sometimes laced with untamed ignorant greed). The '*charm*' of Capitola is now less a place to escape this daily grind, but rather a commodity within it. While we are invariably driven to move forward we need to navigate new growth by fortifying our deep roots to help us rise above. Staunch plans to mitigate rapid growth, stepping back and fortifying our fiscal commitments, learning from local history (and past mistakes), escaping the confines of State mandates, maximizing physical land constraints, and maintaining the City's base identity are topics of debate and discussion that Susan and I have shared over coffee on multiple occasions. Her commitment to engaging in the solutions rather than spinning on the opinions shows her drive to continue to help her family and community persevere. Capitola not only needs strong leaders, but also learned wisdom.

Susan Westman knows her friends and family (community) and whom she is wishing to serve.

Susan Westman has a practical knowledge of the City Councils responsibilities without the drive or ego to askew her vision.

Susan Westman offers viable communication to all inquiries and opinions with the City's longevity and prosperity at heart.

Susan Westman listens and hears opinions, but also projects a strength and intelligence in delegating the wisdom of her own.

Susan Westman can bring viable skills to help strengthen and balance an already talented body of leadership. Please consider Susan for the Capitola City Council open seat to help our village thrive.

Most Sincerely,

Brian M. Candau

Development Manager/long time family friend/Capitola resident/Susan W supporter

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Gautho, Julia

From: Emmy Mitchell-Lynn <emmythehistorian@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 11:02 AM
To: City Council; Gautho, Julia
Subject: Recommendation for Enrique Dolmo Jr. for Capitola City Council Appointment

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Dear Capitola City Council Members,

I am writing to recommend Enrique Dolmo Jr. for appointment to the Capitola City Council. As president of the Capitola Historical Museum Board of Trustees, I've had the privilege of working with Enrique and can confidently attest to his thoughtful leadership, steadfast dedication, and deep care for our community.

For 14 years, Enrique has been a devoted member of Capitola, consistently finding ways to contribute meaningfully. His roles at New Brighton Middle School—including Athletic Director, Campus Supervisor, and CSEA Union President—demonstrate his ability to lead with calm determination, advocate for others, and uphold the values that make Capitola a special place.

Enrique is the kind of person who listens intently, considers all perspectives, and makes decisions with care. His approachable and considerate demeanor has earned him the respect of those he works with, and his commitment to Capitola ensures he prioritizes what matters most to our community. He understands the importance of preserving the character and stability of our city while also taking measured steps to address the needs of its residents.

While I recognize Margaux's prior service on the council, I believe Enrique offers a fresh perspective and proven dedication to Capitola's residents, making him the stronger choice at this time. He brings the right balance of familiarity with our community and a renewed energy that would benefit Capitola while respecting its established values and priorities. His appointment would reflect Capitola's dedication to steady, engaged leadership and to representing the heart of our city.

Enrique has been an invaluable member of the Capitola Historical Museum Board of Trustees. His thoughtful contributions and positive presence have been deeply appreciated, and I believe this appointment is a natural next step for him to expand his service to our community.

Thank you for considering this recommendation. I am confident Enrique will be a respectful, reliable, and conscientious addition to the City Council.

Sincerely,
Emmy Mitchell-Lynn
President, Capitola Historical Museum Board of Trustees

Written 1/16/25; Submitted 1/27/25

Gautho, Julia

From: KELLY SPENCER <kellyspencer@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 11:40 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Susan Westman

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Dear Council,

What a gift it is for the City of Capitola that Susan Westman has applied for the vacant council seat.

She is a bright, experienced, no nonsense leader!

She would bring a wealth of experience and knowledge that would be of great value to the council and citizens of Capitola.

Regards,

**Kelly Spencer
Gilroy Street
Capitola**

Gautho, Julia

From: Ron Burke <rburke477@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 11:58 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Council Candidate Endorsement

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Hello, Capitola Council members,

Your appointment of Yvette Brooks' council seat replacement is one of importance to the near and long-term needs of our city. As a former Planning Commissioner and involved citizen, I surmise that this candidate needs to possess the following qualifications:

- Broad experience in local government
- Tenure with an understanding of our town's history
- Understanding of current challenges confronting our community
- Desire to bring parties together to arrive at mutually beneficial solutions
- Demonstrated common sense in decision making

The only candidate I am aware of who has applied for this vacancy and whom meets this set of base criteria is Susan Westman, thus I respectfully request your earnest consideration of Susan in the role of Council member for the City of Capitola.

Ron Burke

Gautho, Julia

From: Woodmansee, Chloe
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 12:02 PM
To: Gautho, Julia
Subject: FW: Letter for Council Meeting
Attachments: Susan Westman .docx

FYI

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



From: Christine McBroom <cmcroom@lanaifinancialsolutions.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2025 6:02 PM
To: Woodmansee, Chloe <cwoodmansee@ci.capitola.ca.us>
Subject: Letter for Council Meeting

Hi Chloe

I hope I made it in time.

Can you please add my letter to the council meeting packet for Thursdays meeting.

Sincerely,
Christine

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Dear Council Members

As you consider your appointment for someone to serve alongside you, I encourage you to weigh the candidate's experience with development and planning, their ability to collaborate effectively, and their knowledge of Capitola's inner workings.

Looking ahead, I believe Capitola would benefit greatly from the expertise and experience of Susan Westman. Susan has a proven track record, having served as our City Manager, as an Community Development Director, and currently as a member of the Planning Commission. With significant planning initiatives on the horizon, Capitola would be well-served by someone with Susan's depth of experience in these critical areas.

Additionally, Susan's professional rapport with the current City Council Members and staff would foster meaningful, informed discussions and support thoughtful decision-making on the pressing issues Capitola faces today.

Thank you for your time and dedication to our community.

Sincerely,

Christine McBroom

Gautho, Julia

From: Susan McPeak <susan@thedalesgroup.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 12:03 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Letter in Support of Margaux Morgan
Attachments: letter of support .docx

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Susan McPeak
912 Ponselle Ln
Capitola, CA 95010
Susan@thedalesgroup.com

1/27/2025

Capitola City Council
City of Capitola
420 Capitola Avenue
Capitola, CA 95010

Dear Honorable Members of the Capitola City Council,

As a small business owner and proud resident of Capitola, I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the appointment of Margaux Morgan to the vacant City Council seat. Margaux's previous four years on the City Council, including her time as Mayor, highlight her unwavering dedication and proven ability to guide Capitola through both challenges and opportunities.

During her tenure, Margaux displayed extraordinary leadership, particularly in the aftermath of the devastating storms that caused severe damage to the wharf. Her steadfast commitment to restoring this critical part of our community, while providing support to residents and businesses during that difficult time, underscored her resilience, collaborative mindset, and deep dedication to Capitola's recovery and future prosperity.

Margaux brings a unique and invaluable perspective to the table. As a small business owner and someone who works daily in Capitola Village, she has firsthand experience with the issues that matter most to our community. Furthermore, as only the ninth woman to serve on the City Council, Margaux's voice is instrumental in ensuring diverse representation that truly reflects the vibrant and multifaceted nature of Capitola. Her lived experience as a local entrepreneur and active community member offers insights and representation that are currently underrepresented.

Margaux's proven track record on the Council, her practical experience as a business owner, and her steadfast dedication to representing every corner of our community make her an ideal candidate for this appointment. Her leadership, perspective, and commitment to fostering Capitola's success are qualities that will greatly benefit the city.

Thank you for taking my support for Margaux Morgan into consideration. I am confident that her return to the City Council will serve the best interests of Capitola and its residents.

Sincerely,



Susan McPeak
TDG Principal, Creative Director

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Susan McPeak

Direct Line: 517 214 4681



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Principal, Creative Director

Marketing, PR, Web



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1/27/2025

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City of Capitola
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Capitola, CA 95010

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Thank you for taking my support for Margaux Morgan into consideration. I am confident that her return to the City Council will serve the best interests of Capitola and its residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SM', written in a cursive style.

Susan McPeak

Susan McPeak Direct Line ● (517) 214-2681

912 Ponselle Ln. Capitola, CA 95010

Gautho, Julia

From: Barbara Graves <Capitola@dancin.biz>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 1:02 PM
To: City Council
Subject: please appoint Dennis Norton for 2-year term

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Dear Capitola City Council Members,

I thank Councilmember Yvette Brooks for her service and wish her all the best in her new position.

As a longtime resident of Capitola and former member of various City committees, I'm writing to ask that you appoint former Mayor Dennis Norton for the 2-year term remaining in her term. Dennis listens. He gets things done! Dennis has proven his worth to our community as a public servant and as a volunteer, but more than that, he has served the needs of residents even when it's not in his own self-interest. Although I've sometimes disagreed with Dennis politically, I can always see the integrity of his vision.

For these reasons and many more, I ask you to choose Dennis Norton to serve the remainder of Ms. Brooks' term.

With Gratitude,
Barbara Graves
PO Box 1640, Capitola, CA 95010

Gautho, Julia

From: Christie Donaldson <christieadonaldson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 2:34 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Susan Westman for City Council

Dear City Council Members,

I was thrilled to learn that Susan Westman applied to the council's open position. I first met Susan at a Soquel Elementary Back to School BBQ when she was serving food to support her grandkids.

I have had the opportunity to connect with Susan on a variety of community initiatives and issues since then. She is a wealth of knowledge, very level headed, open minded, and cares deeply about Capitola and the people that live here.

I strongly recommend you carefully consider her qualifications and select her based on her substantial experience and deep understanding of our city's needs.

Sincerely,

Christie Donaldson
4725 Opal St., Capitola CA 95010

Gautho, Julia

From: Brian Winterhalder <bwinterhalder@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 11:06 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Council Member Vacancy

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing you to endorse Susan Westman to fill the Capitola City Council vacancy left open by Yvette Brooks. Susan (as you know) is more than well qualified with an extensive history of service in local government as well as a stellar reputation.

Respectfully Submitted

Brian Winterhalder
Capitola resident

Gautho, Julia

From: TMW <tmacwinter@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 10:57 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Capitola City Council appointment

To Whom It May Concern...

I am a Capitola resident/home owner and am writing to support the appointment of Susan Westman to replace Yvette Brooks as a council member.

She is highly qualified having been the former city manager, planning commissioner and past council member.

Please consider her for the position, she has the experience, the previous leadership and most importantly cares about our community.

Thank You,
Tracy Winterhalder

Sent from Gmail Mobile

Gautho, Julia

From: Carin Hanna <carinhanna@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 11:47 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Item 4A

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To the City Council,

How fortunate for the residents of Capitola that Planning Commissioner Susan Westman has applied for the interim council position. Susan not only has experience at all levels of city government, knows how to run a meeting, is a long time city resident but essentially has had no controversy associated with any of the various positions in and around Capitola. Her historical knowledge would be a huge asset to the current members. Since she has indicated that she would not consider running for election after the two year period, the concern about giving someone an advantage at the next election would not be a factor.

We hope you select Susan Westmen for the position.

Carin Hanna
Former Capitola City Council Member
Glenn Hanna

Former Capitola City Treasurer

Gautho, Julia

From: heatherohara36@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 12:30 PM
To: City Council
Subject: empty seat on council

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I implore you to do the right thing in this situation.

I hear that people want transparency, the election did just that.

Ms Morgan and Mr Dolmo both went through the process and should be the only ones considered to fill the seat.

An application process is not transparent because the people of the city are not voting. I find it an easy way for anyone to step in and not go through the election process.

Ms Morgan is the right choice.

Heather OHara

Gautho, Julia

From: Tory Delfavero <tory.delfavero@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 1:14 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Susan Westman - Council Appointment

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Dear Council-

I would like to share my support for Susan Westman to fill the vacant council member seat as a resident of Capitola and her daughter.

I invite you to look deeply at ALL the candidates' resumes and applications to see how they align with the needs of the City.

My kids and I are incredibly proud to see her file for this vacancy to preserve the best of Capitola's past, step up to address the current challenges facing the City, and plan for the future.

The Council has an opportunity to appoint someone who has an unparalleled understanding of Capitola's budget, municipal needs, and a genuine dedication to serving its residents.

Susan Westman is compassionate, diplomatic, and knowledgeable.

I look forward to attending the Council meeting Thursday to share more about the person behind the resume and application.

Kindly -
Tory Del Favero
Capitola

Gautho, Julia

From: michael@triadelectric.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 1:41 PM
To: City Council
Subject: city council appointment

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Dearest council members;

I know you find yourselves in a difficult situation, appointing a new council member to fill the vacancy without the benefit of a city wide election.

I am aware of the applications submitted to you and I wish it were more clear cut than it seems.

You are in the unenviable position of inevitably disappointing , at the very least, many fellow citizens. But not to worry, your decision is actually simple. I know, you ask yourselves "do I pick one of the most recent candidates"? "Do I choose the person who is most popular and has received the most letters of endorsement"? "Someone who has served"? "someone who has name recognition"?

Well, I would propose a simpler choice; pick the person you feel will make it a better council. The person who may have the most to bring to the table. Will it be someone with a deep institutional memory of our city? Will it be a person who has already served as a council member or planning commissioner? Well, that is for you to decide. But, whatever you do, get it done! Never fear, throughout your career you will always have citizens second guessing your choices always.

Keep in mind that you all have two years' experience at most so don't beat yourselves up for a bit of floundering, it happens.

I do not envy your place on Thursday night. Just know that the majority of your constituents appreciate your service and will tolerate a less than excellent performance from time to time.

Now get out there, smile, be sincere, and vote your conscience always.

sincerely
Michael Termini

Michael Termini PM
Triad Electric inc.
c-831-476-6206

Gautho, Julia

From: Margaux Morgan <margauxpmorgan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 1:36 PM
To: Gautho, Julia
Subject: [PDF] City Council Appointment
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Hi Julia, I am attaching correspondence sent to the City Council in support of my appointment to the vacant position. These were received prior to the January 16th meeting, so I just wanted to put them back on record.

Thank you so much,
Margaux Morgan

Gautho, Julia

From: Lori Mahan <lori.mahan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2025 1:04 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Margaux Morgan

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Sincerely,
Lori Mahan
504 Oak Drive
Capitola ca

Gautho, Julia

From: olson_steven@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2025 2:27 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Support for Margaux Morgan

I am writing to express my support for appointing Margaux Morgan to the council to serve the remainder of Yvette Brooks term. I have known Margaux for several years, and as some of you that served with her can attest, she is a smart, thoughtful, and dedicated person, whose experience on the council and as mayor, would be invaluable now. I also realize that there may be other former council members willing to take on this role, but I really think she brings a fresh perspective, and youthful energy, that will service our community best.

Sincerely,

Steve Olson
olson_steven@yahoo.com
831.419.6142
www.linkedin.com/in/swolson

Gautho, Julia

From: Hollis Snell <hollisbsnell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2025 7:30 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Margaux Morgan to City Council

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Sincerely,
Hollis Snell

Gautho, Julia

From: Margaux Morgan <margauxpmorgan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2025 2:47 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Vacancy Letter of Intent

Dear Capitola City Council,

While it is the end of an era to see Mayor Brooks step down, I want to put forth my letter of intent to occupy the new vacant seat on Capitola City Council.

I would be honored to serve the City of Capitola for the next 2 years while the City works through this transitional period. I can provide some up to date leadership as I have been serving the city for the last four years.

During my term in office I worked well with my fellow council members and our city staff to complete many successful projects. Affordable housing projects, rebuilding and reopening of the Municipal Wharf, moving forward with our City's strategic plan, passing measure Y to ensure the prosperity of our community, among many other things.

One of my main goals taking office was to have more community awareness, knowledge and engagement and I am seeing that come to fruition as we navigate this transition and I could not be more pleased.

I would be proud to assist this new council for the end of Mayor Brooks' term, creating space for more people to become informed, and up to date with upcoming decisions so that they may properly run for a seat on council in 2026.

Council, you have a hard decision ahead of you as to how to move forward and I will support your decision whatever it may be. Serving this beautiful city is not easy, and you are never going to be able to please everyone at once, but I have faith you will do what is best for our community.

Please, if you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out.

Best regards,
Margaux Morgan
Capitola City Mayor 2023

Sent from my iPhone

Gautho, Julia

From: Teri Snell <terileighsnell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2025 7:33 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Mayor

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Sincerely, Teri Snell

Gautho, Julia

From: Neal Stokes <curlyskidman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2025 8:19 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Best for Capitola

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Sincerely,
Neal Stokes

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Kevin Zelter <zelv5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2025 7:39 AM
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Sincerely,

Kevin Zelter
Santa Cruz County Resident

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Gautho, Julia

From: robin elias <robinlelias@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2025 3:11 PM
To: City Council
Subject: City Council replacement

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Sincerely,
Robin Elias

Gautho, Julia

From: Sheryl Coulston <sheryl.coulston@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2025 8:01 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Appoint Margaux Morgan to City Council

January 8, 2025

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Sincerely,

Sheryl Coulston
300 Plum St. #25
Capitola, CA 95010
831-227-9494
sheryl.coulston@gmail.com

Gautho, Julia

From: heatherohara36@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2025 11:50 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Replacing Mayor Brooks seat on city council

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Gautho, Julia

From: Mary Cahalen <mbbythesea@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2025 6:48 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Resignation of Mayor Yvette Brooks

Dear Capitola City Council,

I am writing in regard to the recent resignation of Mayor Yvette Brooks. As I understand, the City Council has two options for filling the mayoral vacancy:

1. Calling a special election, which is estimated to cost the city approximately \$80,000.
2. Appointing a Capitola resident to serve for the remainder of the mayor's term.

Regarding the first option, I strongly believe that calling a special election would be an unnecessary and wasteful expenditure, particularly given the tightness of the city's budget and the fact that a general election was held just two months ago. It seems inefficient to incur such significant costs when the community has already recently participated in the electoral process.

For the second option, I would like to express my strong support for appointing Margaux Morgan (Kaiser) to fill the mayoral vacancy. Having served a term on the City Council, Margaux has a solid understanding of the issues facing our city and would serve the residents of Capitola well. She has already demonstrated her commitment to the community, particularly in helping during the storms and with the Wharf. Furthermore, as the third-highest vote recipient in the recent election, she has the backing of a broad segment of the community, making her a logical and appropriate choice.

Additionally, I would like to make it clear that I am *strongly opposed* to the reappointment of former Mayor Kristen Brown to the City Council. Having completed two consecutive terms, Kristen is ineligible to serve another term under the City's term limits. Appointing her would be in direct contradiction to the will of the voters, who established the term limit rule to ensure fresh perspectives and accountability on the Council.

In conclusion, I believe appointing Margaux Morgan is the best course of action for our community and would reflect the values of fiscal responsibility and respect for the electoral process.

If you have any questions or would like further input, I am happy to provide additional information.

Sincerely,
Mary Beth Cahalen

Gautho, Julia

From: carol morgan <carolhillmorgan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2025 7:00 PM
To: City Council
Subject: best for Capitola

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Sincerely,
Carol Morgan

Gautho, Julia

From: Andrew Baumhardt <andrew.baumhardt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2025 12:00 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Vacancy left by Mayor Brooks

I urge the Council and Staff to honor the latest election results by filling the seat with Ms Morgan. Please do not waste money or time on special election or applications. Margaux knowledge of our city and recent experience make her the perfect choice.

Thank you
Andrew Baumhardt



Outlook

City Council Vacancy

From vickee95010@aol.com <vickee95010@aol.com>

Date Tue 1/7/2025 12:46 PM

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

To Whom It May Concern:

In light of Yvette Brooks resignation from the Capitola City Council, we believe the most logical and cost-effective decision would be to appoint Margaux Keiser to complete the remainder of Yvette Brook's term.

Margaux is already highly knowledgeable about the workings of the City Council, and her dedication, intelligence, and commitment would continue to serve the best interests of the people of Capitola.

We are confident that Margaux would be a valuable asset to both the Council and the community.

Sincerely,

Vicki & Armando Rubalcaba

Gautho, Julia

From: Judy Garrison <judyxgarrison@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2025 9:45 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Margaux Morgan

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Sincerely,

Judy Garrison

Gautho, Julia

From: Terre Thomas <terra12@cruzio.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 2:17 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Election of New Councilmembers

Dear City Council Members,

I would like to submit my earnest support for you to elect Susan Westman to one of the two available City Council seats. I have known, and worked with her doing Capitola's business for many years, and have always found her fair, respectful and insightful in dealing with the many projects that have come before the Council in the past.

It is not often that you are given the opportunity to bring on board a person with so much experience and knowledge of the City, and I hope you will do so this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Terre Thomas

Former Planning Commissioner

Sent from my iPhone