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From: James Wallace <jocamo49@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 2:20 PM
To: City Council
Subject: New City Council Appoints

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Dear City Council Members,

I am contacting you to let you know We support Dennis Norton to be appointed to the vacant City Council position. I think the Council will benefit from some Veteran experience. Dennis has served on many Committees throughout the Years including Mayor. He has always been for the best interests of Capitola. I remember the time Noble Creek had the Flash Floods in 2012 and the Village was totally flooded. Within two days Dennis had Pop Up Tents delivered so all the Merchants had a spot to relocate and continue to be Open. The Pop Up Tent Village was located in The Mercantile Parking Lot. Win Win for everyone. That is just one example of the many things Dennis has done for Capitola. In closing please appoint Dennis to the City Council Position. I am positive Capitola will benefit from this addition.

Sincerely

James Wallace

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From: Tricia Proctor <triciaproctor@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 1:58 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Concerns Regarding Old Endorsements for Vacant City Council Seat

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Dear Council Members,

I hope this message finds you well. After reviewing the agenda packet for the meeting scheduled for Thursday night, January 30th, 2025, regarding the filling of the vacant city council seat, I would like to express my concerns.

It has come to my attention that former city council member Margaux Morgan has submitted old letters of support from the previous appointment process when two candidates' seats were open, prior to January 16th 2025. While I recognize the value of endorsements, I believe it is crucial for the integrity of our council that the support reflects the current needs and perspectives of our community. Old letters may not accurately represent the evolving priorities and challenges we face today.

I urge the council to consider the implications of relying on outdated endorsements and to seek fresh input that aligns with our present circumstances. It is essential that our decisions are based on the most relevant and timely information available.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to seeing how the council will proceed in ensuring a fair and transparent selection process for the new member.

Best regards,

Tricia Proctor

Capitola Resident

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From: Austin Roman <austindroman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 10:10 AM
To: City Council
Subject: [PDF] Public Comment on 01/30/25 City Council Agenda Item 4A
Attachments: 4A-Comment.pdf

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Hello Capitola City Council,

Just dropping a note in regards to agenda 4A. Please see attached letter

Thank you

-Austin Roman
Capitola Resident

Dear City Council,

Re: Capitola City Council Agenda Item 4A

The person selected to serve out the remainder of former Capitola City Councilmember Yvette Brooks' term should be someone with policy positions as closely aligned with hers as possible. Other than holding a special election, this is the only way to truly respect the democratic process. Voters in last year's election cast their ballots with the understanding that Councilmember Brooks would be one of the five City Council members. Based on that information, voters selected Gerry Jensen and Melinda Orbach, giving the council a young and moderately progressive majority. Replacing Councilmember Brooks with someone whose policy positions directly conflict with hers on critical issues such as housing and the rail trail would be doing a disservice to voters who supported that progressive majority as well as those who overwhelmingly re-elected Councilmember Brooks in 2022.

Dennis Norton and Margaux Morgan would be acceptable options, as they each have prior experience on the City Council, support policy positions similar to Councilmember Brooks, and have demonstrated the ability to work collaboratively and effectively with other council members to address problems facing our city. With sixteen years of experience on the Capitola City Council, Mr. Norton would be a strong choice, as he would bring years of institutional knowledge and steady and trusted leadership to a relatively new council, and his positions would maintain the majority voters chose in the last two elections. Mrs. Morgan could also step into the position ready to work on day one, having just finished a four-year term and up to speed on all of the current and upcoming City projects and other issues.

Barring the selection of Norton or Morgan, another interesting option could be Peter Wilk, who doesn't have City Council experience, but whose commitment to the city is well documented, having served as City Treasurer, Planning Commissioner, and on the Committee on the Environment. With his knowledge of the City, pragmatic approach to analyzing issues based on facts, and focus on process improvement, he could potentially be a valuable addition to the City Council.

Despite the impressive qualifications listed in Susan Westman's application, a quick Google search reveals a long history of supporting local initiatives aimed at sabotaging the rail trail project, such as Measure L (2018) and Greenway's Measure D (2022), as well as many examples of standing in the way of progressive housing policy and housing development for many years as a Planning Commissioner. In addition to undermining the will of the voters, her selection would risk pushing the City towards regressive housing and transportation policies that would put the City at odds with our neighboring jurisdictions, as well as state and regional agencies, at a time when the City should be collaborating with those very same agencies to ensure that the development of higher density housing and regional transit projects along our main commercial corridors are moving forward together hand in hand.

This appointment comes at a critical time for Capitola, with many of our residents looking for City leadership to take us in a new direction due to the failed policies of past leaders that have left us without workforce housing and isolated from our neighboring communities due to the lack of safe and reliable public and active transportation. Thousands of Capitola residents elected the four of you and Councilmember Brooks to represent their values, and yet very few of them have any idea that this process is even happening. Please don't let the commentary from a vocal minority unduly influence your decision and put someone in a position of power who could take the City in a direction the majority of our residents do not support.

Respectfully,

Austin Roman
Capitola Resident

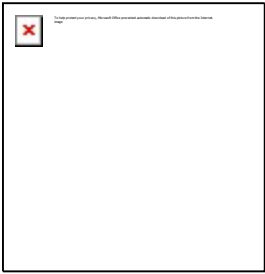
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From: Nicole Wood <nicolewood831@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 8:57 AM
To: City Council
Subject: My vote for Margaux Morgan

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Good morning, I just wanted to extend my support and vote for Margaux Morgan in city council!

Kindly, Nicole Wood



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Gautho, Julia

From: Elizabeth S-C <escarson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 11:17 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Council vacancy: support for Susan Westman

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Hello Capitola City Council!

We live at 305 Alma Lane in Capitola and want to voice our very strong support for Susan Westman's application for the council vacancy. We've read the application packets available online and she's simply the best qualified candidate -- and clearly the one who took the assignment seriously.

We met Susan just after we moved to Capitola 12 years ago, and she's always impressed us with her dedication to Capitola and to working for a great future for all of us who live here and those who will be here in the future. Her city management credentials are unimpeachable and we know she will give serious issues that face the city the serious thought that they deserve.

Thanks for your consideration,

Elizabeth Stearns and Chris Carson
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Gautho, Julia

From: Sue Kaufmann <suegkaufmann@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 10:12 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Vacant city council seat

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Dear City council, I am writing this letter to ask for the vote of Dennis Norton. Dennis is running for City Council and I think with his experience of leadership and 16 years on the council and 2 terms as city Mayor he would be just what we need. It obvious with climate change, we are Living in a very scary time with fires and floods. The environment in Capitola is similar to Lahaina Hawaii, which burnt to the ground. Dennis has ideas of how to prepare the people and the city.

We need Dennis Norton experience and expertise.

Thank you

Sue Kaufmann

Resident on Capitola since 1994



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The finest gift or compliment I can receive is a referral from friends, family and clients. "Thank you"

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From: Brett Graessle <graessles@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 3:46 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Susan Westman

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Dear Capitola City Council,

Writing to express my support for Susan Westman for City Council appointee. We have known her family for many many years here in Capitola and greatly appreciate the hard work and dedication she has given to our amazing town. Looking forward to her energy and voice on the Capitola City Council.

Thank you.

Molly Graessle

Gautho, Julia

From: Annelies Walbridge <jawalbridge@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 3:24 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Susan Westman for Capitola City Council

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To Whom it May Concern,

My husband and I are long time residents of Capitola. We have served our local communities for our entire careers in the fire service and in healthcare at Dominican Hospital. We would support Susan Westman to step in as City Councilwomen in light of Yvette Brooks resignation.

Sincerely,
John and Annelies Walbridge