

City of Capitola Council Meeting Agenda



Mayor: Yvette Brooks
Vice Mayor: Sam Storey
Council Members: Jacques Bertrand
Margaux Keiser
Kristen Petersen

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021

SPECIAL MEETING - 7 PM

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1. ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Members Kristen Petersen, Jacques Bertrand, Margaux Keiser, Sam Storey, and Mayor Yvette Brooks

2. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Additional information submitted to the City after distribution of the agenda packet.

3. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

4. STAFF / CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Council Members/Staff may comment on matters of a general nature or identify issues for staff response or future council consideration. No individual shall speak for more than two minutes.

5. GENERAL GOVERNMENT / PUBLIC HEARINGS

All items listed in "General Government" are intended to provide an opportunity for public discussion of each item listed. The following procedure pertains to each General Government item: 1) Staff explanation; 2) Council questions; 3) Public comment; 4) Council deliberation; 5) Decision.

A. Opposition to California Redistricting Commission Proposed Assembly Redistricting Map

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to the California Redistricting Commission to keep the Monterey Bay region in a single Assembly District.

6. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE OF REMOTE ACCESS

In accordance with California Senate Bill 361, the City Council meeting is not physically open to the public and in person attendance cannot be accommodated.

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- Spectrum Cable Television channel 8

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- Join the Zoom Meeting by clicking the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82584190716?pwd=NFB3bXNsSkRVVTcyb1hyb0ltdDVEEdz09>
- If prompted for a passcode, enter **028411**
- **-OR-** With a landline or mobile phone, call one of the following numbers:
 - **1 669 900 6833**
 - **1 408 638 0968**
 - **1 346 248 7799**
- Enter the meeting ID number: **825 8419 0716**
- When prompted for a Participant ID, press #

To submit public comment:

When submitting public comment, one comment (via phone **or** email, not both), per person, per item is allowed. If you send more than one email about the same item, the last received will be read.

- Zoom Meeting (Via Computer or Phone) Link:
 - IF USING COMPUTER:
 - § Use participant option to “raise hand” during the public comment period for the item you wish to speak on. Once unmuted, you will have up to 3 minutes to speak
 - IF CALLED IN OVER THE PHONE:
 - § Press *9 on your phone to “raise your hand” when the mayor calls for public comment. Once unmuted, you will have up to 3 minutes to speak
- Send Email:
 - During the meeting, send comments via email to publiccomment@ci.capitola.ca.us
 - § Emailed comments on items will be accepted after the start of the meeting until the Mayor announces that public comment for that item is closed.
 - § Emailed comments should be a maximum of 450 words, which corresponds to approximately 3 minutes of speaking time.
 - § Each emailed comment will be read aloud for up to three minutes and/or displayed on a screen.
 - § Emails received by publiccomment@ci.capitola.ca.us outside of the comment period outlined above will not be included in the record.

Note: Any person seeking to challenge a City Council decision made as a result of a proceeding in which, by law, a hearing is required to be given, evidence is required to be taken, and the discretion in the determination of facts is vested in the City Council, shall be required to commence that court action within ninety (90) days following the date on which the decision becomes final as provided in Code of Civil Procedure §1094.6. Please refer to code of Civil Procedure §1094.6 to determine how to calculate when a decision becomes “final.” Please be advised that in most instances the decision become “final” upon the City Council’s announcement of its decision at the completion of the public

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hearing. Failure to comply with this 90-day rule will preclude any person from challenging the City Council decision in court.

Notice regarding City Council: The City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (or in no event earlier than 6:00 p.m.), in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola.

Agenda and Agenda Packet Materials: The City Council Agenda and the complete Agenda Packet are available for review on the City's website at www.cityofcapitola.org and at Capitola City Hall and at the Capitola Branch Library, 2005 Wharf Road, Capitola, prior to the meeting. Agendas are also available at the Capitola Post Office located at 826 Bay Avenue, Capitola. Need more information? Contact the City Clerk's office at 831-475-7300.

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CAPITOLA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA REPORT

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2021

FROM: City Manager Department

SUBJECT: Opposition to California Redistricting Commission Proposed Assembly Redistricting Map

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to the California Redistricting Commission to keep the Monterey Bay region in a single Assembly District.

BACKGROUND: On November 10, 2021, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission released draft Congressional, Assembly, and Senate legislative redistricting maps for the state of California.

The preliminary redistricting maps divide the Monterey Bay area into two separate Assembly Districts, splitting Santa Cruz City from the rest of the cities in Monterey Bay area. Prior draft maps also excluded the City of Santa Cruz from the Senate and Congressional districts for the Monterey Bay Area. Fortunately, this was rectified, and unified Senate and Congressional districts appeared in the maps updated on November 10, 2021.

DISCUSSION: It is critically important that our region maintains a strong unified voice in the decision-making that impacts one of our greatest natural treasures, the Monterey Bay. The preliminary map diminishes the region's influence for this resource that is so vital to our community

The region has been fortunate to have representatives that have long worked for the preservation of the Monterey Bay. We have had a history of working as a unified region to preserve our natural environment. Further, the region shares air, ocean, power, and transportation resources and must have unified representation supporting our community of interest. Splitting the Assembly District that represents the Monterey Bay, or reverting to a map that would remove the City of Santa Cruz from the Congressional and Senate Districts, would only make advocating for the Monterey Bay area more difficult.

The Commission is now taking public comment on the preliminary maps. To ensure that Capitola's input is fully considered by the Redistricting Commission the letter should be sent by November 19, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENTS:

California Redistricting
November 18, 2021

1. Redistricting Letter_FINAL

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November 17, 2021

Re: Opposition to Preliminary Assembly Redistricting Maps

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the City of Capitola, I write with an urgent call to ensure a unified Monterey Bay Community of Interest in the final redistricting maps for the state of California.

The preliminary Assembly redistricting map released on November 10th divides the Monterey Bay Area into two separate Assembly districts, splitting the representation for the Monterey Bay Area. Prior maps also excluded the City of Santa Cruz from the Senate and Congressional districts representing other cities in the Monterey Bay Area.

It is critically important that our region maintains a strong unified voice in the decision-making that impacts one of our greatest natural treasures, the Monterey Bay. The preliminary map diminishes the region's influence and advocacy for this resource that is so vital to our community.

The region has been fortunate to have representatives that have long fought for the preservation of the Monterey Bay. We have had a long history of working with the City of Santa Cruz to preserve our natural environment. Further, the region shares air, ocean, power, and transportation resources and must have unified representation supporting our community of interest. Splitting the Assembly District that represents the Monterey Bay, or reverting to a map that would remove the City of Santa Cruz from the Congressional and Senate Districts, would only make advocating for the Monterey Bay area more difficult.

The City of Capitola strongly opposes the draft Assembly map, and we urge the Commission to draw new districts that ensure that all cities that share the Monterey Bay remain in the same Assembly, Congressional, and Senate Districts.

Sincerely,

Yvette Brooks, Mayor
City of Capitola