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I am running for Capitola City Council because I believe we can build a strong and sustainable community that better serves both our existing and future residents while preserving the essence of what makes Capitola special.

I graduated from UC Berkeley with a BS in Biology and have a MS in Nursing from Samuel Merritt University. I have worked as a Family Nurse Practitioner for over 10 years and currently work at PAMF in Santa Cruz. I believe in a holistic approach to care and provide comprehensive, compassionate, and patient-centered services to many members of this community. I also worked to unionize Advanced Practice Clinicians with PAMF as a union captain and steward.

I strongly believe in representative democracy, where different lived experiences are valued and heard, and I believe that positive change happens when we create policies that are inclusive and represent the needs of diverse groups of people. If elected, I will fight for policies and programs that will improve the physical and economic health and wellbeing of this community, drawing from my experiences as a working mother, health care provider, and union steward.

I would be honored to gain your support to become the ninth city councilwoman in Capitola history.