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MEDIA ADVISORY

Capitola Library Community Input Meeting

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WHAT: The City of Capitola will be holding a community meeting to gather input to identify community library needs and priorities as part of a group discussion and brainstorming session for a new Capitola Public Library.

WHEN: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Tuesday, March 1, 2011.

WHERE: Capitola Community Center, 4400 Jade Street.

WHO: **1)** Members of the Community interested in the future of the Capitola Library, **2)** Mike Termini, Vice Mayor, **3)** Barbara Gorson, Chair of the Library Joint Powers Board. **4)** City of Capitola Library Ad Hoc Committee, **5)** City of Capitola staff.

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BACKGROUND: The City of Capitola is engaged in a planning and development process for a new City of Capitola library. The current library consists of three portable buildings that clearly do not meet the existing and future needs of Capitola Library users. The City has an existing agreement with the County of Santa Cruz to fund a minimum 7,000 square ft² with redevelopment funds. Redevelopment funding to construct the new Capitola Library is separate from operating funds. Redevelopment funds cannot be used to operate library programs.

Last year, the City Council selected the current library site as the future home of the library. The City of Capitola is beginning a process to design and construct a new community library. The City is holding a community meeting to gather input and identify community library needs and priorities as part of a group discussion and brainstorming session.

The City is preparing a space needs assessment that will gather and analyze community data to determine Capitola's library needs. This includes what features, services, characteristics, and design elements the community would like to see in a new library. The space and needs program report is the foundation to begin the library design process.

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