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To: Mayor Harlan and Capitola City Council  
420 Capitola Ave, Capitola, CA 95010

**Subject: Please Join the Climate Mayor's Group**

Mayor Harlan and Capitola City Council Members:

The Santa Cruz Group of the Sierra Club remains committed to addressing climate change and urges the Capitola City Council to direct the Mayor to join the Climate Mayors Group. We greatly appreciate Capitola's leadership on addressing Climate Change in our local beach communities.

In the following days a growing group of Mayors, representing more than 51 million Americans and some of the largest U.S. cities, [outlined a plan](#) to align with the other 194 nations that adopted the accord:

“We will continue to lead. We are increasing investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency. We will buy and create more demand for electric cars and trucks. We will increase our efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions, create a clean energy economy, and stand for environmental justice. And if the President wants to break the promises made to our allies enshrined in the historic Paris Agreement, we'll build and strengthen relationships around the world to protect the planet from devastating climate risks.”

In the Climate Mayors statement, the Mayors claim that not only will their cities individually adopt the Paris Accord, they will work as a group to push for [even stronger climate action](#).

“We will intensify efforts to meet each of our cities' current climate goals, push for new action to meet the 1.5 degrees Celsius target, and work together to create the 21st-century clean energy economy,” reads the statement. “The world cannot wait—and neither will we.”

Again, we thank the Capitola City Council for their leadership on this critically important issue.

Sincerely,

Greg McPheeters  
Chair, Santa Cruz Group, Sierra Club