

Stephanie Harlan named Capitola's mayor

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Vice Mayor Stephanie Harlan will be Capitola's mayor for 2004, 14 years after she became the city's first female mayor.

CAPITOLA Harlan has been on and off the City Council since 1984.

When she first came to the council, she vowed to bring an environmental voice to Capitola. That's a promise she stood by, as she helped fight a federal proposal to allow offshore oil drilling along the Central Coast and worked for the designation of the Monterey Bay as a National Marine



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Sanctuary. In 1990, she became the city's first female mayor, and held the post again in 1998. In 1991, she was named the Santa Cruz County Democrat of the Year. She's also credited with the purchase of the Rispin Mansion, establishment of the Soquel Creek Lagoon Enhancement Plan and the development of a curbside recycling program. She also sits

on many committees, including the League of California Cities' Police Committee on Environmental Quality.

Harlan is a registered nurse, but also carries a teaching credential in elementary and secondary education.

When she was running for re-election last year, she ran on the platform that she would protect the city's mobile home rent control ordinance and help the city crack down on "monster homes" in an attempt to keep the city's small town feel.

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