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To: [PCD](#); [David Greetham](#)
Subject: My Comments on Dock Application for Wysong-Ziemba, 6789 NE Bergman Road, Bainbridge Island (Project Number PLN50280C SSDP & SVAR)
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 11:02:40 AM

To the City Staff,

I am reaching out to recommend that referenced application for a variance be denied. My parents, Cheryl and James Coon, own the home at 6670 NE Bayview Boulevard, Bainbridge Island, and a second cottage at 6670 1/2 NE Bayview Boulevard. Both houses are waterfront on the south side of Little Manzanita Bay.

Whenever we can, my sister and I travel to Bainbridge and stay in the cottage to spend time with our parents and other loved ones. We particularly appreciate the natural beauty and quiet of Little Manzanita Bay; because I am in business school in Chicago and my sister is a lawyer, those opportunities to relax as a family and enjoy nature are few and far between. We love to sit out on the deck in the morning, drinking coffee and eating breakfast as we look out over Little Manzanita Bay. We also loved kayaking all around the bay, and appreciate that there are no dock obstructions that prevent us from easily accessing any part of the bay.

The last time our family was all together at the house, we kayaked out to a swim float in Little Manzanita Bay and sat in the evening quiet, watching the sun set and the moon rise, and listening to the birds and the sound of calm water. That kind of tranquility is only possible in an unspoiled place like Little Manzanita Bay. My fiance and I have looked forward to sharing the particular serenity and wildlife-rich environment of Little Manzanita Bay with our own future children, and I know my sister and her partner feel the same way.

Allowing the proposed variance would destroy that environment. Our homes face directly toward the proposed dock. If the variance is allowed, each morning, instead of enjoying our view and trying to spot the Great Blue Heron that we've nicknamed "Grumpy," we will stare at a 240-foot aluminum dock that bisects Little Manzanita Bay and the large boat traffic that it brings in. The construction and dock lights will scare away wildlife, and the increased large boat traffic will make kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding both riskier and far less pleasant. Moreover, we will no longer be able to kayak around the shore of the bay as the dock will physically impede us from doing so. Ultimately, it will ruin the special qualities of Little Manzanita Bay that make it such a wonderful place.

I respectfully ask that you preserve the unique nature of Little Manzanita Bay and deny the application for the proposed variance.

Sincerely,
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