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Mr. David Greetham, Planner

Department of Planning and Community Development

City of Bainbridge Island, WA 98110-1812

RE: Wysong-Ziemba Dock Replacement – PLN50280C

Dear Mr. Greetham,

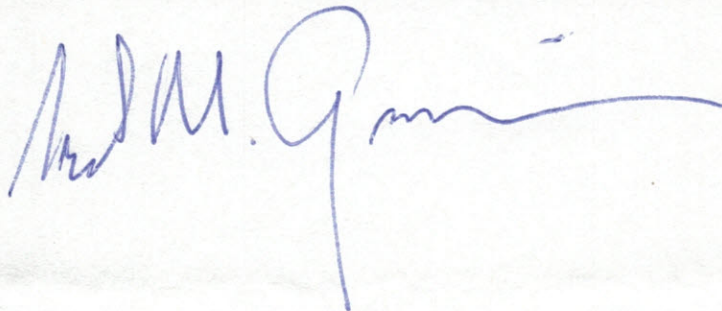
We have lived on the shore of Little Manzanita Bay since 1970. It is a small, pristine, quiet bay with a beautiful view of the Olympic mountains to the west. It is now the gateway into the new Bainbridge Land Trust estuary which is at the southern most tip of the bay. We raise oysters in bags in front of our home. We have witnessed amazing salmon runs up Little Manzanita creek which curves its way for over a mile to a source in a pond near Manzanita Park. Bird life in this bay is abundant. More than anything, we love the bay's quiet beauty and wildlife sightings. Our neighbors enjoy the calm protective waters and the stunning views of the Olympics. At times, the bay empties out with the tides which vary with the time of the year. Most of us living in the bay moor our boats on licensed buoys in deep water and reach our boats with a skiff that we can row and then drag to the bulkhead or a shoreline. The current applicants have buoys and a small dock where they moor their boats at high tides and at their buoys at low tide.

There is NO reason for them to have a 240-foot dock to enjoy this bay or bring their yachts in off their buoys. With a large obstruction like this in the bay, there will have to be safety lighting at night. Something that will be very distracting to our evenings. We have lived here as we noted, for many years. All our neighbors are united in their strong desire to keep the bay natural and free from a large dock. If they receive a permit for this dock, it will mar our view of the bay and the Olympic Mountains. It will certainly devalue our property. We have several bays on the Island that have been overwhelmed by docks and pollution from moored water craft. Little Manzanita is a separate bay from Big Manzanita which is a haven for big docks. All our neighbors are disappointed in the attitude of the Wysongs and Ziembas. They have been here for three- or four-years using buoys and a skiff like the rest of us.. Our bay is a haven for kayaks, paddle boards, and swimmers. We like it that way. Dock Street road end and Woodland Road end are very popular access to the bay.

We have retained counsel to overturn any action on their part. We will also argue strongly against any action by the City to support this dock. Big Manzanita Bay and Port Madison Bay, Eagle Harbor and Blakely Harbor have been over run by docks to the point it is not a pleasure to cruise around the shoreline of those bays. The plan to build this dock will ultimately devalue our property. Even folks who ride the ride the Chilly Hilly Bike Ride stop along Bergman to take in the view this unobstructed Jewell of a bay. We support property rites of our neighbors and most of our neighbors strongly oppose this dock proposal. This proposal has not been vetted in the Island Newspapers. A notice should show a drawing

of the proposal and allow further time for public consideration. Little Manzanita is our last small natural bay on the Island. Please consider this information very wisely. We expect notification of all future actions on this project.

Sincerely, Dr Fred Grimm. Former harbor Steward and Marine Access Committee Member.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fred M. Grimm", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.