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To Whom it May Concern,  
RE: 240 foot dock with boat lifts in Little Manzanita

Thanks you for hearing my concerns and opposition as follows.

1. Safety: We moved to Little Manzanita last Spring due to its sanctuary feel. We envisioned our grandchildren kayaking and communing with nature right from our back yard. We immediately bought kayaks and enjoy regular paddling with our friends and family members who live in Seattle. I have concerns for safety as we kayak around the little bay and out around the edges of the larger bay. Dodging larger boats around Little Manzanita isn't something we thought of in the future when we chose this house. There are many, many areas of Bainbridge Island suited for the boating lifestyle, but the people who have chosen Little Manzanita prefer quiet nature watching and swimming. Please consider the safety of small children and the warm swimming area that has brought great pleasure to many generations.
2. Love for animals: We purchased the vacant lot next door to 6686 NE Bayview Blvd because we wanted to retain the habitat for the animals that we saw coming and going there. We do not have plans to build a house on this property. We have used a night camera to film coyotes, river otters, etc. We spent considerable money cleaning up the dumping that had been going on for many years. This property had been held for around 70 years by a family and was full of both small and very large garbage. We were careful to retain native plants and had local experts come out to help with our identification. I think the beauty of Bainbridge has come out of careful planning of this community. It's important to maintain both natural areas and Bainbridge's diverse animal population. We see the geese, the ducks, the heron's, the kingfishers, the river otters, the harbor seals, the coyotes, numerous bird species, etc. etc. I am sure I am missing others as I watch and get to know the beauty outside my windows.
3. Inventory of houses with boat docks and lifts: As stated above as opinion, Bainbridge has many areas and many homes for people who enjoy boating. Little Manzanita is not one of those places and if it starts to become a place for large boating docks (when will the next dock be allowed?) then I do have even greater concerns.

As stated above, the safety of children around docks and boaters while swimming and kayaking in Little Manzanita, I believe is a legitimate concern and once again not what we had envisioned last Spring while investing and becoming part of the Bainbridge Island community. Secondly, Why now? Turning Little Manzanita into an area of large boat docks, when mooring buoys have

been a reasonable alternative for a long time brings up the question of timing. I would really like to hear the applicants true need for such.

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of all residents who have something to contribute to the overall final decision.

Regards,

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Date