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From: Janet Philips <janet.r.p@outlook.com>  
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:03 PM  
To: David Greetham  
Cc: PCD  
Subject: PLN50280C / my opposition letter to the building of a 240-foot dock with boat lifts in Little Manzanita Bay

Dear Mr. Greetham,

Please, let it be known that I am also in total opposition to this years PLN50280C dock application variance. It is shocking to me that the same is being attempted again. Insulting, actually, IMHO, disrespectful and selfish to people and other life forms that know this as home (and to others, also, who visit Bainbridge and enjoy her). The letters written in 2016 in opposition to such a thing built here, are applicable to now in 2020. I am grateful to all the fine people who wrote to you with their oppositions then; and am so very thankful this application from Wysong and Ziemba is opposed again. They all express, with even more points being made, what is to me an obvious truth: this dock must not be allowed to be built in Little Manzanita Bay.

In the end, my concern is for our future generations. Let us leave for them the peaceful beauty of the fish in the seas, the birds of the air, animals, plants and trees of the land; all things wild and free; the beauty of nature we can keep protected and safe from us, so we, and those coming after us, are able to continue to love and enjoy her. We work, we pray, we speak, we write, we walk, we hope, we smile, we feel joy.....still we see the destruction of which we humans are capable happening around us... even as it seems we all are surely already aware of it. What can we do? What can I do? For me now, it is this letter to you, with my trust and faith in you that the right and good will prevail.

As I do, I think of the sea birds I love, the shells, the oysters my husband and I hope to get going strong here again; the clams and crabs in the bay...it's waters on a night when the full moon is bright, leaving a golden path of gentle quiet ripples of water shining in the dark clear of night as a cayote happily howls in the dark off in the distance and an owl calls nearby. Tomorrow, I will watch the kingfisher charge suddenly into the water and come out with silver in it's beak, flying off to perch on one of it's preferred lookouts. I look forward to it.

A quote from a dear friend of mine seems to suit now. It referred to this, our specific dock application. She wrote: "It is so hard to see the destruction of beauty and the places wildlife depends on for territory and food. "

We have an opportunity at this time to help Little Manzanita Bay avoid destruction.

I know, too, that this bay is enjoyed not only by us living on her and close to her, but also by many others off and on our island. I watch as children play in the waters of summer, laughing gaily, the joy in their hearts filling the air and spreading to mine; the kayaks silently slide by, people standing on what looks like a surfboard, drifting by with a paddle in their hands, looking around them, as if in a canoe from long ago gliding smoothly over calm waters. Small boats row past...one or two people doing what is needed to survive: the fresh air and closeness to nature in this place they are able to reach. I am at these times, grateful for the many trees on the water fronts in this area I know give to all these people a sense of being in a place where they can relax and breath deep, as it does to me.... with all that she (Little Manzanita Bay) offers them for their well being.

With this in mind, I would like to share an email with you (I have permission) I received from one of my brother in laws. He lives in Seattle, a visitor to island (older now, no longer biking as much, but having been part of the Chilly Hilly biking groups years ago). He said it may be offensive to some (and I think: this application for a dock a second time is offensive and an insult to all who successfully opposed the first application, proving well worth their efforts): I end below with some of his words;

"Wow! I can't imagine taking a 50 footer into such a small bay, although I can only fantasize of owning such a yacht. Navigating a small, shallow bay like Manzanita takes a lot of care for depths and tides in any boat. Our smaller (21') boat, by experience with a 3' draft, could be brought in on a flood tide and left to beach with the ebb tide.

Look at all of the old world fishing villages with their boats on the mud when the tide is out. A fav of mine, the "Doc Martin" British show comes to mind.

No docks required. Not a lot of environmental or visual pollution. No 50 footers.

Docking a 50'er on a 240' dock sounds more like a trip for the ego than a nautical trip. Unless they simply can afford to dive off the deep end. After all, we have perfectly good marinas for mooring such yachts. This could be a good legal point: there is no hardship here. Pun intended, notwithstanding, no ship.

Please consider how access to the shorelines, shellfish degradation, and pollution from vessel and shoreline maintenance like copper bottom paint and wood preservatives would harm this small bay. Just damn arrogant is harder to prove, but lights, fumes, light reflections, and echoing sounds from the yacht would be real impingements to locals on our quiet rural bay.

Sincerely,  
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