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Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement - Meydenbauer Bay Park & Land Use Plan

Dear Mr. Paine:

Although this letter is a personal submission, it is in full agreement with the letter submitted by the Homeowners Association of Ten Thousand Meydenbauer Condominium.

For over two years, fellow homeowners, local residents and business owners have worked diligently and in good faith, with the City of Bellevue on its "Development Project" for Meydenbauer Bay. What brought so many good people around Meydenbauer Bay together so unanimously and in such bleak economical times? A City Project, one that would directly affect each local resident's life and property. In addition, one that would potentially isolate Ten Thousand Meydenbauer Condominium, thus, putting us, our property and very hard earned investments at risk.

Taxpayers have literally worked hundreds of hours (in good faith) with the Steering Committee, various City Commission Representatives and have sent/received communiqués to City Council Members. As good citizens, all of us sought to find a reasonable compromise that would minimize the negative impact on Ten Thousand Meydenbauer Condominium, the surrounding neighborhood, the Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club (that hosts community events such as the Youth Sailing Program), and above all, protect the abundant Wildlife that currently calls this small Bay home. When tempers flared, those of us who have watched this City grow over the years, held out hope that "The City Council" would ultimately do its job and protect the residents' safety and property rights. Especially when the Cities' agenda could be accomplished through compromise. However, after reading the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that trust and hope has been lost.

The Closure of S.E. 100th Emergency Fire, Ambulance and Police vehicles must have unobstructed access to the entrance of this building. Handicap and elderly citizens use our front door entrance as does the mail, utilities and guests. Also, "one to three designated parking spaces" will not suffice. Currently, parking is routinely taken up by construction workers from Main Street. They repeatedly block our fire hydrant (without citation), in fact my daughter had to request "The City" put up basic safety signs on the surrounding streets (approx) two years ago and we are in the middle of Bellevue! We need access to our own property and basic traffic patrol.

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Crime/Noise Over the past several years, condo's and homes in our immediate area have seen a rise in break-ins, vandalism, drug/alcohol issues on the streets, aggressive young drivers, groups shouting profanity, and litter that contains *items* not fit to be touched! A lot of this behavior has taken place on our immediate street (Meydenbauer Way S.E. / S.E. 100th). As bad as it is now, increased population, an elevated footbridge (*with a view into our homes*), elevators, canoe rentals, washrooms, food concessions, garbage, Transient moorage, etc., will increase this problem tenfold and put us all into further jeopardy.

Environment The City of Bellevue has accepted awards for being environmentally friendly, but are you - not so much. If The City follows through on placing the elevated footbridge (*with a view into our homes*), elevators, canoe rentals, washrooms, food concessions, garbage receptacles, etc., on the property next to SE 100th – two old growth trees will need to be removed, in addition to drastically disturbing land currently used by an abundance of wildlife.

As residents are aware, Eagles love this small pristine bay, they nest in the very two trees that you would need to cut down. The very wildlife you say you "care about" live and nest in the area that you want to dig up for the elevated footbridge and commercial ventures. A compromise would be the low impact "zig zag" park setting and to leave the two old growth trees. In addition, move the other commercial enterprises west (by the whaling station) where it makes sense for public activity to be.

Property Rights/Expectations From Our Leaders You are very bright men and women; you are fully aware what the proposed elevated footbridge (*with a view into our homes*) and elevators would do to our property values. Most of us in this building and around the Bay are "not in the big leagues" (i.e. not the Bill Gates of this world). We are Taxpayers who have worked very hard all of our lives and saved to have our homes in this area. Most of us have been around a long time and have been instrumental in working hard to make our community what it is today (growth of the Hospital, many charities, various small to medium size businesses, etc.). In turn, we deserve the respect and protection from our elected Leaders in The City of Bellevue.

Mr. Paine (and other City Leaders) your time in reading this letter is very much appreciated. I do ask that you seriously consider the compromise of keeping the street open and elect to go with the "zig zag" park setting, leaving the two trees. Let our neighborhood and Meydenbauer Bay retain the beauty and calm that it has for so many years. Don't let us down and make Bellevue, WA. just another City that puts commercialism over its own residents and the environment.

Looking forward to your response in each area.

Respectfully,

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