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Gig Harbor, WA 98332

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**CITY OF GIG HARBOR**

Date: April 26, 2023

RE: Application PL-Sepa-22-0004-The Reserve Preliminary Plat

To: Review Board

I am the owner of Parcel #0222323003, which is the adjoining 16.58 acres to said proposed project. I am NOT In favor of this project. I would like to go on the record with a great many of my concerns that I would hope the committee will consider.

My Parents first purchased this 16.58 parcel in 2003 and it is located next to their current address, 9908 Crescent Valley Drive. In 2020 I purchased from my parents and became the proud owner of this beautifully preserved 16.58 acres, that I have dreamed of for most of my life. I have been exploring this 16.58 acres for 25 years and take daily walks to the said year-round stream. The year round steam has always been my go to spot. I have drunk water directly from this stream many times. This proposed project will most likely have some degree of polluted water, if introduced into this year-round stream, it can destroy this pristine habitat. This pristine wild life area and year round stream is located on my property line, that is shared with proposed project, and adjoining property parcel #0022232017. The wild life and habitat that this year-round stream supports is substantial! The year-round stream travels my entire property from west to east and empties directly into Crescent Creek.

Some of the native species in said area, of this year round stream, are at least 5 species of native frogs that I know of, native salamanders, two types of native wood peckers, native bats that are flying around at dusk and are easy to see. These named species are just a few among many others. There are other animals that leave tracks near the steam and most likely drink directly from the stream. Many native species, and animals, consider this year round stream, and habitat, home. Also, in this pristine area, the wet land plants are amazing! It's hard to describe, you just need to actually visit this pristine year round stream and wet land area to realize its breath taking beauty. Right now, a large number wet land skunk weed are in full bloom. You can't miss the smell and the flower is beautiful.

Because I have visited this said area for so many years. I become emotional when I think of all the possible death and destruction this treated water could cause if introduced to the native species, wild life, and the pristine native plant habitat. We haven't even discussed the many other habitat areas along this year round stream, that goes the full length of my property west to east all the way into Crescent Creek. How can this be legal? The wet land habitat on my property that is supported by this stream, could be completely wiped out, if just a small amount of toxic water runs into said stream. I know the developer wants to push this through and make lots of money. But, please ask yourself if there is even a remote chance of destroying this fragile wet land habitat and year round stream, would it be worth all his profits and taxes generated. Please reconsider pumping treated water into fragile wet land areas on projects property and my property.

Some important questions:

1. During your last meeting it was said that City of Gig harbor would be monitoring the stream and retention pond for contaminants from run off during a 1-year period.
2. How many homes will actually be built in 1 year?
3. Would you agree that the effects of contaminates and full effects from this proposed development, will not show up until all 14 homes are built?
4. Why can't the City Of Gig Harbor continue to monitor the retention pond for environmental contamination, ever year until all 14 homes are built and beyond ?
5. What chemicals are used to treat water in the retention pond ?
6. Will this proposed development be going forward regardless of the outcome of these hearings?
7. Because all this treated water will go through my property and ultimately directly into Crescent Creek has the state wild life and fisheries been notified?
8. The flow of this stream stays pretty much the same all year round. Will this proposed development increase the flow of water onto my property?
9. What is the purpose of all the white ribbons hanging from trees and bushes onto my property.

I want to thank you for looking at, and considering, my questions and concerns.

Sincerely yours,

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Please see attached exhibits 1, 2, & 3.

Exhibit 1



Exhibit 2





Exhibit 3

