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Ms. Hytopoulos:

I have lived on Bainbridge Island for forty years. I am a "tree hugger" and proud of it. My business is in Alaska in Eco-tours and my wife and I give generously to the Bainbridge Land Trust. I live on high bank waterfront on Olympus Beach Road.

I have been receiving the email correspondence from the Bainbridge Island Defense Fund and Gary Tripp for quite some time. He lives down the street from me but I have only talked to him briefly while walking our dogs. Because I spend so much time out of the state I must confess to a certain ignorance of local politics, though I have attended a few fund raisers for city council members at the home of my good friends Joyce and Alan Rudolph: In fact I believe one of them was for your benefit.

Having just recently completed a major remodel of our house we are familiar with the already stringent requirements of the city, county and state re: waterfront properties. However, the experience did not leave me with the feeling that many if any were unreasonable.

Most of the owners of waterfront property are like most residents of our island; concerned and caring people for whom saving whales, bears, wolves, salmon, halibut and the habitats that support them are very important. Our difficulties with the current proposals of the council are that it seems many of the restrictions are at best only very remotely relevant to the survival of this ecology while being very restrictive to homeowners.

I cannot speak for Joyce and Alan but my guess is that they would agree with me in saying we are all for reasonable and necessary restrictions on developments affecting critical habitats. And I at least feel that the restrictions placed on our properties by the state and county governments have to the best of my present knowledge been perhaps a bit painful to waterfront home owners but not unreasonable. From what I have read however, some of the 350 pages of regulations the city is considering seem arbitrary and would arguably constitute a "taking" subjecting the city to more lawsuits. And we all know how well the city does with those.

Why are not the present regulations by the state and county sufficient? Isn't the city council going well beyond what our county has deemed reasonable to protect these habitats? Do you really know something that they don't?

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