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Subject: Conforming Uses

To the City Council,

Our home was build as a legally conforming structure in 1989. Since our purchase of the home in 2001, we have spent significant amounts of money to improve our property, only now to face the possibility it will be arbitrarily designated as nonconforming to satisfy some unknown objective by a handful of people on the Island that seem bent on returning Bainbridge to its natural state. We care for our property, as well as our shoreline, and no decision by City Council, either way, would affect our intentions to continue caring for our property.

Declaring our home as nonconforming, will cost us hundreds of thousands of dollars as a result of lower real estate valuation when we ultimately sell our home, if we can sell it at all with this designation. We assume our tax valuation, and taxes paid, would change as well, reducing the taxes both the City and our schools receive.

If our home is made nonconforming, such an action will almost certainly be met with legal action on our part. We urge the City Council to grandfather all homes on the shoreline that were legally built as conforming in the pending SMP Update.

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