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To: Council
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Council Members,
I will go straight to my bottom line:

- I will not support any BI city council member for re election who votes for the SMP draft revisions (hereafter the "current document"), or any subsequent version that places requirements on shorelines property owners that are in excess of DOE mandated requirements.
- In the event the current document is enacted, I will support with time and money candidates who pledge to repeal the adopted ordinance and replace it with one that complies with the DOE mandated requirements.
- I will actively participate in, and contribute to, any recall effort against council members who vote for the current document.
- I will actively participate in, and contribute to, any lawsuit brought against the COBI to force the city's SMP revisions to comply with state requirements.

I am not by any stretch a right wing, anti government individual who constantly goes on rants against perceived infringement of my liberties - in fact this is the first time in my 17 years of living in this community that I have sent an email to the council on any issue (although I wish I had on the Winslow way project - how did we go all the way through that mess and not get the power lines underground?) However, there can be no doubt that the current document will have the effect of voluntarily further decreasing the values of the islands most valuable properties during a time when the tax base is diminishing. To voluntarily adopt standards that furthers this trend is completely irresponsible. Council members need to come forward now and make this clear to the planning commission and the advocates of the current document that this discussion needs to be redirected along lines that bring the city into compliance with the states requirements but not in excess of them. The concept of no net loss is valid and fair, to try and turn back the clock to an earlier time is not. To do otherwise will only invite a lawsuit that dwarfs the others that have plagued the city in recent years during a time when the city will lack the resources to pay the inevitable damages for unlawful seizure.

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