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City of Everett Planning Dept.
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Dear Mr. Ingalsbe,

I am writing with regard to my deep and troubling concern about the Port Commissions decision to install a "Port Terminal Storage Yard" on the sight of the previous Kimberly Clark Paper Mill.

The Port Already has a storage yard at the South end of the Port's water front on Port Gardner Bay. It's got Scrap metal, abandon, floats, abandon vehicles, every rank of discarded scrap you can think of. It sits below Rucker's Hill high bluff high end residential area over looking the Possession Sound to the West. Because the residence are high on a bluff above the Port's Storage Yard, their view are un obstructed. How ever, the sight now under application for a new storage yard is backed to the East by a low bluff residential area of which some is within the Everett Historical Overly. Those residences views to the West are looking directly at the proposed sight. The construction a scrap yard in their view corridor will adversely affect not only their view but their property values as well.

Several years ago the Port Commission held the most highly attended public meeting since the debate over the historical significant of the old Collins Building. They had recently condemned the Kimberly Clark sight, even though a Alaska fish Company was in negotiation with Kimberly Clark to build a facility on the sight. During that time the issue of who was going to pay for the removal of toxic waist was on the table.

At that public meeting a representative from the Alaska fish company made his case, and others spoke to the importance of maritime industry in relation to the unique quality of this deepwater port opportunity. Everyone put in a

word touting their own economic special interest. Only one person spoke about the overriding environmental needs of the Everett community. I know, because that person was me.

I find it astounding, that of all of the port properties along the waterfront and up the river they have, after making such a big deal out of the economic opportunity the deep water facility would provide for commerce; After all of that, they decide to not only put a scrap yard on that same property but, in doing so blight the views of the above residences in the process. Impact their property values.

Today is August fifth 2021. Gravel trucks have been hauling and spreading gravel over the sight for the last 5 days, and yet the public review process doesn't conclude till the 28th of the month. This is government out of control, detached from the community they serve. This project needs to stop and stop now. They need to put their scrap yard not in the middle of the cities water front but on one of the many other properties they hold where residential properties, and business won't be denigrated .

To my mind this is just nuts and bolts, a know-brainier ; what must they be thinking, and who among us will speak up, and make the adjective decision to stop this erection of a scrap yard in the middle of our Cities water front. The City of Everett's biggest problem, the thing we haven't gotten beyond is the standard of livability we experience in this town. IT DOESN'T INVITE.~~

The port could do something monumental to wipe out this stigma. Build a Park on that property. That's where economic viability resides for Everett , Make the City a place, people would like to be . Stop trying to create a future with bankrupt status-quo visions of the past.

Thank you, and I request a response to this correspondence.



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