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RE: Proposed Fairhaven Neighborhood Plan

Dear Mr. Thomas and Ms. Oliver,

I along with many others am opposed to the proposed height changes in the neighborhood. I recommend retaining the current height limits in the Historical District.

When I purchased in Fairhaven I took the time to research the height limits and was satisfied that the extra money I was paying for my view was a prudent move. I am now being told by the city that with the stroke of a pen my view and money might be taken from me? Ummm not without a tussle.

There might be one or two locations in Fairhaven where the impact of taller buildings might not be so severe and acceptable. If, however, a one rule covers all decision is desired then I will stay the course with the current 35 foot limit. I also believe that all or at least most all of Fairhaven is a historic district. The areas designated as transitions areas or not historic just don't work for me. They need to be reviewed and approved by the local people that are affected.

Design strategies are also in question. I live in a building with a step down design facing the water and don't find it out of character for the area. I am not sure that having a corridor step back design alone or along with one facing westward would be acceptable. I was thinking about the cities in the country that I visit like Washington D.C., Boston, San Francisco or Seattle's historic districts and don't remember seeing any of these corridor structures. Would you be able to provide me with some actual photos of these in the districts. I suggest that that idea would blend more with the downtown Bellingham motif not a true Historic District.

Last on my list are the interior height design criteria. This is medaling with design criteria for private Investors and owners. We need to design some of our building the way we wish. There is way too much big brother here.

Thank You

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