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Christine Minney (District 1)
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Mike Thomas – County Manager
Norman Gollub (Interim DCD Director)
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Dear County Council members,

I am writing to let you know that I strongly oppose Docket Request 23-0003. It is clear that the applicant's request to increase the density allotment on their single parcel would benefit only themselves and does not meet the established criteria needed for approval. The DCD made this clear when they offered to refund the cost of the application, and let the applicant move on. (As referenced in a May 5th 2023 Grifo letter).

The applicant's request should never have been brought in the first place. The well-choreographed neighbor support as seen in the televised hearing and comment letters is disingenuous, as Southwell appears to only be a 1/3 owner of the property in question (3101 Fisherman Bay Road, Lopez Island, WA 98261) While any interested party can make a Docket Request, this one seems particularly far-fetched. The request meets none of the five criteria on which it should be judged.

The County Council needs to be aware of this. This is not a popularity contest. This map amendment is not for the good of the community since it only helps one person. It is your duty to oppose this request based on the law.

With due respect, if Southwell wants to build a house on Lopez, why can't she buy a legally buildable lot and put it on that, just like the rest of us have to? Why subject the County to all the legal contortions that would follow based on the precedent created by this ill-advised map amendment request?

I would ask that you vote “NO” on this matter.

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