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✓ To The Burien City Council
To The Burien Planning Commission
To David Johanson
To Scott Greenberg
April 15, 2010

At the Planning Commission meeting of March 30, 2010, The Shoreline Master Plan Draft was voted on by the Commissioners and approved to be sent out to the City Council. At the end of that meeting, I asked the question as to whether the Technical Documents (Shoreline Inventory, Shoreline Restoration, Cumulative Impacts Analysis, Shoreline Analysis and Characterization) had been corrected and were available to the public. Joe Fitzgibbon told me that those documents would be discussed after the meeting ended. The meeting was ended and no discussion followed on the documents.

As two of the Planning Commissioners (Rachel Pizarro and Janet Shull) were going out the door, I asked them about the Technical Documents. Both of them responded that they did not know what I was talking about and I should speak to Joe Fitzgibbon (chair) about them. I went over to the front desk and asked Joe Fitzgibbon about when the corrected Technical Documents would be available to the public. He said that he did not understand. I told him that these documents were the Appendices to the SMP. He then told me he would give me his copy and tried to give me Appendix 8-C. Again I said that was not what I was speaking about. I was talking about the four baseline Technical Documents. His response was that he did not know what they were and that I would have to talk with David Johanson (city staff member) about them.

I stepped over to speak with David Johanson. I asked him when the corrected Technical Documents would be available to the public. He told me that they had not been completed. David's response was that the city staff had been busy making the corrections in the SMP draft and did not have time to correct the Technical Documents. I asked when they would be ready and he said that he could not say. Again I requested that the documents be ready so that the public could review them before the SMP draft was given to the City Council. I stated that I thought they were germane to the SMP draft as they are the foundation to the SMP. He agreed with me but again said he did not know when they would be corrected.

My Concerns:

1. At least three members of the Planning Commission had no idea of what the Technical Documents were and how they related to the SMP,
2. Nicole Faghin from Reid Middleton told them that they did not even need to be bothered with these documents,
3. The flow chart in the SMP draft on page I-4 identifies the Technical Documents but does not correctly indicate how these documents are related to the SMP draft,

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4. The four Technical Documents are the foundation/baseline that the SMP is to be built upon. They are supposed to contain the current/best available science about these shoreline areas and they are supposed to contain the information by which "no net loss" is measured against for the shoreline areas. These documents create the baseline measure for the SMP. Additionally when the SMP is adopted, they become the Critical Areas Ordinance for these shoreline areas. The original four documents contained errors,

5. The four corrected Technical Documents are still not available for the public to view and they are not available for the City Council to review. Additionally, the original Cumulative Impacts Analysis has never been online for the public to review and,

6. These four corrected documents should be read before a review of the SMP draft is read and reviewed by the Council in order to understand the SMP draft.

While I and other citizens repeatedly submitted both oral and written comments about these documents, the Planning Commission paid no attention to comments about these documents. At least three of the five members did not even know what the Technical Documents were.

I would like to be notified when these corrected documents will be made available to the public. The public cannot comment intelligently on what it has not been given the opportunity to review.

Lastly, I am requesting that this letter be made a part of the city's SMP file.

Sincerely,
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