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April 28, 2010

Marie Annette Brown & Eric Leberg
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Dear Ms. Brown and Mr. Leberg:

Your recent letter was received by the City of Burien on April 26, 2010, and was referred to me for response.

I have been advised that there is no new public access proposed in the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) that has been recommended to the City Council by the Planning Commission. The City Council is beginning its consideration of the recommended SMP, and all of the Council's SMP presentations and discussions will be conducted in public and on camera, viewable on Burien Channel 21 or on the City's Web site, www.burienwa.gov, so that the community can be fully aware of the Council's deliberations. The City Web site also contains many useful documents that provide information regarding the SMP update process.

The Burien City Council meets on the first, second and fourth Mondays of the month, starting at 7:00 p.m., and all are welcome to attend. The Council meetings will not always include the SMP update as an agenda item, so please check the agenda on the Web site for dates when the SMP will be discussed. The Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers on the first floor of the City Hall/Library building, at 400 SW 152nd Street.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Respectfully,

Lisa Clausen
City Manager's Office

cc: Burien City Council

CFTR: 05/10/10

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Burien City Council

April 2, 2010

CITY OF BURIEN

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

As waterfront property owners on Burien's shoreline, we recently learned about the possibility of changes resulting from the Shoreline Master Program (SMP.) We have concerns, specifically with regard to safety, if citizens are allowed to access the beach through our property, and also regarding insurance and protection of our home.

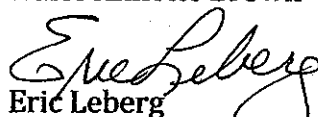
1. Access through our property goes via a steep concrete boat ramp, which is very slippery. If citizens, (including children) were to fall and injure themselves, would the City of Burien be assume costs of injuries and/or harm to these people?
2. Recently our neighbor had a stroke, and the first responders needed to come down our long driveway to provide emergency assistance. (She was incidentally the mother of King County Prosecutor Dan Satterberg.) Will provision be made so that emergency responders can have adequate access to our homes under such circumstances?
3. A neighbor's house burned down recently. Will adequate provisions be made so that the fire department can access our property without the parked cars blocking access, in the event of a similar incident? What are those provisions?
4. If we understand correctly, recommendations are being forwarded to the council changing the classification of our homes, which would make it difficult/impossible to insure, and possibly sell. Since we have invested our life earnings in this home as our primary support for retirement, what steps will Burien take to protect our investment from such changes?

For everyone's welfare, we request that you to provide specific answers to these important questions, or advise us how we can have these questions answered.

We personally encourage the public's use and preservation of our beautiful natural resources, and we also feel that everyone's safety should be paramount in any changes that occur. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


Marie Annette Brown


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