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Subject: Public Application CAO24-008 [6236 SE 22nd ST, Mercer Island WA 98040]
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May 22nd, 2024

Dear Grace,

I am writing in regard to the public application for construction work located at 6236 SE 22nd ST. I want to express my/and several neighbors grave concern for this project. The primary concern is for removal/preservation of the mature grove of trees located on the property. Needless to say, these are special trees. In addition to their significant environmental benefits and aesthetic value, it is also habitat for a pair of eagles that nest on a nearby tree (not on the property but very close proximity). From our nearby dock vantage point, we observe that these eagles perched on one of these trees.

There is *very little habitat for eagles in this area. Most trees in the neighborhood have been chopped down/removed over the years, this is one of the remaining areas with trees tall enough for eagles to land. It is well known that eagles only land on trees that have reached a certain height.

After reviewing the project documents, it ***seems*** that the proposal is to remove only four of these trees – no more. My hope is that this plan is indeed limited to four trees and overall application is strictly adhered to and monitored (we will, too) during/after the project. Should it not be, we will take maximum legal action for recourse if current project plan is breached. We have a team of environmental lawyers on retainer (for other purposes) and we will not hesitate to fund them to focus on this. This would be a long process, unpleasant and expensive for the owners. We assure that.

To be clear, this is not intended to be personal (I am sure they are great people) as I do not know the owners, it's solely about preserving this special grove. At this time, we are not planning an appeal, but my hope is that this message is conveyed to the owners so they understand the consequences. It is important for all to know before commencement of project.

Could you please confirm receipt of this message? We all greatly appreciate you and your hard work for the city of Mercer Island!

Best regards and thank you,

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