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Calvin Chan, Associate Planner and Danny Castro, Community Development Director

Re: Pier Construction 2 Alexander Avenue Sausalito-- Application ADR-VA 13-310

Dear Mr. Castro and Mr. Chan,

I have many concerns about this application. First, notice is defective. It was received late in the day before the August 4 noon deadline for comments to be included in the hearing packet and only 7 days before the hearing. A new deadline for submissions and a new date for the hearing must be set.

Evidently there have been hearings set previously but I did not receive notice of them. This is the first time I have received the required notice about this project or the one at 20 Alexander. There is not a proper amount of time to review materials and prepare for the hearing.

This is a matter requiring a major permit from BCDC and is not a fit subject for administrative review. It must go before the Planning Commission.

CEQA must come into play here with either the City or BCDC being the lead agency and the other the responsible agency. I do not see CEQA addressed. There are issues of eel grass and public views of the bay and public access to Fisherman's Beach, among others. Staff at BCDC yesterday said it was assuming the City would deal with CEQA as the lead agency. BCDC tells me it has requested Mr. Fotsch to provide the CEQA document but he has not done so. BCDC is prepared to become the lead agency if proper action is not taken by the City and evidence thereof is not provided by Mr. Fotsch. This project is not eligible for a mitigated negative declaration. An EIR must be prepared.

BCDC also informed me that while Mr. Fotsch has a pending permit application, it is incomplete and is not yet deemed filed.

It is my belief that the Corps of Engineers should be involved as the pier may be an navigational hazard in the bay.

And there are issues of privacy and noise impacting 6 Alexander.

This is not just a variance for a setback requirement. It is part of a larger project which must be reviewed as a total by the Planning Commission. This continues the City's improper pattern and practice of piecemealing projects at 2 Alexander.

Sincerely,



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