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Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 8:45 AM
To: bsalzman@att.net
Cc: Calvin Chan
Subject: Marin Audubon Society Letter re: 2 Alexander Pier Application
Attachments: Letter from Barbara Salzman 08-10-15 Audubon.pdf

Ms Salzman, I read with interest your letter of 10 August, 2015 (attached) re: my family's application for a pier in front of our home at 2 Alexander here in Sausalito. In the letter you make assertions/statements as follows:

1. Our pier would impact or make inaccessible a rock in the Bay which you assert- without facts- would somehow make this "partially submerged rock" inaccessible to birds.
2. You state that "there appears to be eelgrass in the vicinity of the pier" then go on to explain the importance of your speculation.
3. You state "the project would give away city property for private use and benefit of the owner only."

Had you read the staff report, or made the slightest effort to learn facts related to our pier application, you would know that your assertions above are baseless and/or fabrications to wit:

1. At the request of BCDC our pier plans span the rock formation which you reference leaving it fully accessible to birds, fish, etc. For your information the rock is submerged ~60% of the time making it inaccessible to birds during those periods. When not submerged the rock will remain accessible to birds.
2. There is no eelgrass in our area as confirmed by written fish and wildlife survey
3. The proposed city lease is quite common here in Sausalito for both residential and commercial purposes. In these leases private owners pay the city for the use of small amounts of city land. Nothing is "given away."

Also had you spent any amount of time collecting facts, and/or reading the staff report, you would know that nearly all of our neighbors have piers that extend into the Bay which have, or would, require the same entitlements from the city that we seek in our Administrative Variance request.

May I suggest that the next time you elect to use the good name and letterhead of the Audubon Society as a means of inserting yourself into local civic issues that you make at least a modest effort to acquaint yourself with relevant facts.

Sincerely,

Edward Fotsch, M.D., CEO

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