

## **Skyline House Condominiums**

414 Boulevard and 415 S. State Street  
Bellingham, Washington 98225

Waterfront Futures Group  
Attention: Patricia Decker, Project Director  
1801 Roeder Avenue  
Bellingham, Washington 98225

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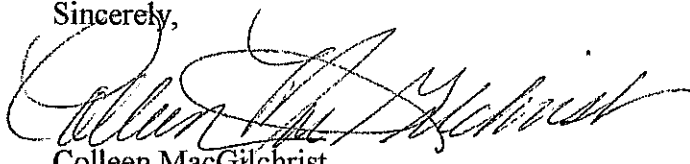
Dear Ms. Decker,

Thank you for your invitation for public input. I am writing on behalf of the board and home owners of Skyline House Condominiums. We are a 30 unit condominium built in the 1960's. Some of the current owners were among the first buyers. They have seen many changes to Boulevard. For instance, there was ample on-street parking on both sides of Boulevard when they purchased their homes. Now there is no street parking and only one parking space per unit on site plus two guest spaces. As Boulevard has been improved for the enjoyment of bicyclist, joggers and pedestrians the enjoyment has decreased for the home owners on Boulevard. Several older residents report that their friends do not visit due to lack of parking. We live with these challenges and know that we will make the best of it. We still have our views.

Recently the city began a project of cutting down the berry vines along the west side of Boulevard and replacing them with trees and shrubs. We have been assured that they will not grow to a height that will interfere with our view. We hope this is true. We whole heartedly support the beautification of our city, the preservation of the environment and the right to enjoyment of our treasured bay and shoreline by all citizens. We have chosen to invest in our view property because we too treasure the bay view, the feature that represents the main value of our property. Since the City of Bellingham does not have a view ordinance, we are concerned. We think the protection of views of the existing properties should be a prime consideration of any future development; height restrictions for buildings, extraneous structures and landscaping.

Thank you for being sensitive to those of us who are already here as part of the waterfront present and past. We are sure there is a way to share the bounty and harm no one. I have attended your meeting and know that this is your goal as well. Again thank you.

Sincerely,



Colleen MacGilchrist  
On Behalf of Skyline House Condominium Board