

## Nicole Gaudette

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**From:** Gerry Kaelin <gerry\_kaelin@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 3, 2019 1:44 PM  
**To:** Nicole Gaudette  
**Cc:** John Kenney; Mona Davis  
**Subject:** Comment re: the request for Bldg Permit File no 1905-178

Good afternoon,

I am commenting on the bldg permit request/file no. 1905-178, parcel # 2162000070.

Our concerns as adjacent neighbors re: this proposed development at 4825 E Mercer Way continue to be focused primarily on safety. Based on expert feedback from reputable, impartial arborists, the state of WA and other professionals, we continue to be highly concerned about the proposed development in a wetlands area where trees are falling at a faster rate than is typical on Mercer Island due to the increased water levels in this area based on developments and major tree clearances above the hill from this proposed development. It was advised not to reduced the standard wetlands buffer, and this advice was ignored in order to proceed with the current design.

Since several trees have fallen on our home and property in recent years, based on the expanding wetlands bordering our properties, our health and safety are our biggest concerns considering we are right next door to the 8 foot diameter exceptional tree and other large trees which will obviously be detrimentally impacted by the development based on expert arborist feedback on record.

Please indicate that our comment is recorded. We will hold all parties involved with this development, including the City of Mercer Island responsible for any damage, injuries or deaths that may result from this development.

Thank you for your time.

Gerry Kaelin  
4819 E Mercer Way

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**From:** Nicole Gaudette <nicole.gaudette@mercergov.org>  
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**To:** Seth Davis <seth@srdassoc.com>; Gerry Kaelin <gerry\_kaelin@hotmail.com>  
**Cc:** John Kenney <John.Kenney@mercergov.org>; Mona Davis <Mona.Davis@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** FW: Arborist Memos In Response to Air Excavation Report

FYI...in response to your e-mail and the attached peer review provided by your arborist, we have asked the applicant to provide additional information to directly address the additional concerns identified by your arborist. We will keep you apprised as further information becomes available. Please feel free to check in with me at any time should you have any questions or concerns.

### Nicole Gaudette

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**From:** Nicole Gaudette  
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**To:** 허상 <shoumkleee@gmail.com>; Brian Gilles <bkgilles@comcast.net>

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**Subject:** Arborist Memos In Response to Air Excavation Report

Sang,

The City has received further comments from neighbors of your lot (located at 4825 E Mercer Way) who've hired their own arborists to evaluate the site and submittal materials associated with your application in response to the recent air excavation report dated June 10, 2019 and your arborist's report prepared by Brian Gilles. Please have Mr. Gilles address these peer reviews and provide a written response to all comments. E-mails from the neighbors with their arborist's reports are attached for your convenience.

Thank you,  
Nicole

**Nicole Gaudette**

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