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Attention: Ms. Allison Hogue

Subject: Supplemental Geotechnical Engineering Services

**Laban Residence Improvements** 

10 Brook Bay Drive

Mercer Island, Washington 98040

Dear Ms. Hogue,

Zipper Geo Associates, LLC (ZGA) prepared and submitted the following geotechnical report for the referenced project in Mercer Island, Washington.

• Geotechnical Engineering Report, Laban Residence Improvements, 10 Brook Bay, Mercer Island, Washington, dated 27 February 2023.

Per your request, this supplemental report provides revised geotechnical design recommendations for the permanent shoring walls and pipe pile foundation support in response to design changes and City of Mercer Island plan review comments. This report is considered supplemental to and should only be used in conjunction with our 27 February 2023 geotechnical report referenced above.

#### **Driven Soldier Pile Wall**

Section 3.7 of our 27 February 2023 geotechnical report provides geotechnical design recommendations for a driven soldier pile wall located near the southeast corner of the residence. We understand that the soldier pile wall alignment has been shifted slightly south and east to the outside of the buildings existing shallow spread permanent foundation. We further understand that the relocated soldier pile wall will function as temporary shoring and will provide permanent vertical or lateral support for the new basement concrete retaining wall that will be constructed against the soldier pile wall. Based on the new design parameters, we recommend that the driven soldier pile wall be designed in accordance with the Revised Lateral Earth Pressures presented in Figure 2 enclosed with this report. The active, at-rest, and surcharge loads presented in Figure 2 assumed a drained condition.

# **Pipe Pile Foundation Support**

Section 3.8 of the 27 February 2023 geotechnical report provides geotechnical recommendations for pipe pile support of new foundation elements associated with the remodel. We understand that the project has been modified to includes 2-inch and 3-inch diameter driven pipe pile support of both new and existing

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foundations to limit potential total and differential static and seismic settlements. We take no exception to this modification and the recommendations presented in Section 3.8 of our report are applicable to both new and existing foundation support.

Section 3.8.1 of the 27 February 2023 geotechnical report recommends an allowable axial compressive capacity of 3 tons per pile for 2-inch diameter pipe piles driven to refusal. We understand that City of Mercer Island plan review comments suggest that the standard of practice in this region is to limit the axial capacity of 2-inch diameter pipe piles to 2 tons per pile in liquefaction and peat hazard areas, presumable due to pile bucking concerns. Section 3.2 of our 27 February 2023 geotechnical report addresses City of Mercer Island geologic hazard areas and identifies the relatively level northwestern portion of the site (northwest of the site slope) as a seismic hazard area with the potential for liquefaction during the 2018 IBC design earthquake. To address the City review comment, we recommend that 2-inch diameter pipe piles located in the northwestern portion of the building be designed for an allowable axial capacity of 2 tons per pile while 2-inch diameter driven pile piles located in the southeastern portion of the building (beyond the limits of potential liquefaction) be designed for an allowable axial capacity of 3 tons per pile. Exhibit A enclosed with this letter presented our recommended transition line from 2 ton to 3 ton piles and is based on geotechnical borings B-1 through B-3, groundwater data, and site topography. We anticipate that total and differential static and seismic settlements for foundations supported on pipe piles design and installed as recommended herein and our 27 February 2023 geotechnical report will be on the order of ½ inch or less. Most of the settlement is expected to occur rapidly as loads are applied. Post construction differential settlement should be minor.

### **CLOSURE**

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance and we hope that this supplemental report meets your current needs. If you have any questions or comments, please call us at (425) 582-9928.

Respectfully Submitted, **Zipper Geo Associates, LLC** 

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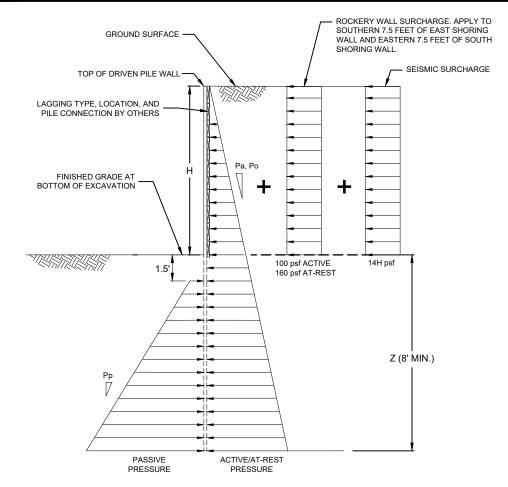
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Enclosure: Figure 2: Revised Lateral Earth Pressures

Exhibit A: 2-inch Diameter Pipe Pile Allowable Axial Capacity

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### CANTILEVER PRESSURE DIAGRAM

TEMPORA	RY DRIVEN SOLDIER PII	LE SHORING DESIGN PA	RAMETERS
BACKSLOPE	ACTIVE EARTH PRESSURE, Pa (pcf)	AT-REST EARTH PRESSURE, Po (pcf)	ULTIMATE PASSIVE PRESSURE RESISTANCE, Pp (pcf)
LEVEL	35	55	425

## NOTES:

- 1. ALL DIMENSIONS IN FEET.
- 2. PASSIVE PRESSURE APPLIES OVER THREE DRIVEN PIPE PILE DIAMETERS (OR THREE TIMES THE FLANGE WIDTH IF DRIVEN W OR H SHAPE BEAMS ARE USED) OR PILE SPACING, WHICHEVER IS LESS. PASSIVE LATERAL EARTH PRESSURE PRESENTED HEREIN IS ULTIMATE. AN APPROPRIATE SAFETY FACTOR SHOULD BE APPLIED
- 3. ACTIVE/AT-REST PRESSURE APPLIES OVER PILE SPACING ABOVE EXCAVATION BASE AND OVER ONE PILE DIAMETER/FLANGE WIDTH BELOW EXCAVATION BASE.
- 4 SHORING DESIGN MUST SATISFY FORCE AND MOMENT EQUILIBRIUM ANALYSES.
- 5. DESIGN LAGGING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6-16.3(6) OF THE WSDOT STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR SOIL TYPE 1.
- 6. SEE REPORT TEXT AND FIGURE 3 FOR CALCULATION OF SURCHARGE LOADS ACTING ON THE WALL, AND FOR ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

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REVISED LATERAL EARTH PRESSURES PERMANENT DRIVEN SOLDIER PILE WALL

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