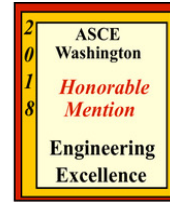


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Project No. 2EJ01261028



Buping Wang & Wanqiu Yang
c/o Siyao Studio
siyaow@siyao.studio

Re: Geotechnical Engineering Investigation for Residential Development
6450 E Mercer Way
Mercer Island, WA 98040

Dear Buping and Wanqiu:

At your request, I provide this letter of minimum risk statement.

Merit Engineering has reviewed the latest Architectural Plan dated 05/05/2024 from Siyao Studio, Civil Engineering Plan dated 06/03/2024 from Merit Engineering, INC and Structural Plan dated 11/17/2023 from HAREZLAK Engineering. Based on our review of the plans, it is our opinion that the geotechnical aspects of these documents are generally consistent with the design recommendations presented in our geotechnical report dated October 05, 2023.

Provided that the project is completed in accordance with the plans and specifications and that the geotechnical engineer of record provides observation during construction, it is our opinion that the areas disturbed by construction will be stabilized and remain stable and will not increase the potential for soil movement. The risk of damage as a result of soil instability will be minimal on the property being developed, and on adjacent properties. The use of the word “minimal” in the above statement should not be taken to imply that there is no risk, but rather that it is our opinion that the risk is low.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you on this project. Should you have any questions regarding to this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,



June 9, 2024

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