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This letter is a formal response to the application for demolition SEP17-020 and the application for subdivision of the property SUB19-002. I wish to be a party of record on both applications and to be notified of any hearings or meetings concerning these applications.

I attended the meeting on June 20, 2019 with regard to the property, which was facilitated by the city and well attended by interested Mercer Island residents and others. This note expresses my hope for one aspect of the plan for the property being developed.

I inquired at the meeting as to whether the city had placed any limit on the height of trees to be allowed on the property. My interest in this matter derives from the fact that our current home on Mercer Island has excellent views of the lake since it is situated across West Mercer Way between 28<sup>th</sup> Street and 30<sup>th</sup> Street directly up the hill on 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. There are, of course many homes up our hill that have similar views. These views could be affected by trees subsequently planted on the property being developed which might rise above the height limits of the houses which would be built on the property.

According to my recollection of conversations at the meeting, the city indicated that there are currently no height restrictions in the city code which would currently apply to trees.

Also, I recall that Eric Hansen, a real estate broker who was present at the meeting at the request of the developer, Mr. Mike O'Brien, said that Mr. O'Brien has always had the interest of other Mercer Island residents as one of his own interests and could well wish to preserve the current views for homeowners up the hill by placing a limit in perpetuity on trees subsequently planted on the developed properties equivalent to the city's limit on the height of homes. Of course that would be up to the developer and Eric could not speak to his determination.

I hope that the city will work with Mr. O'Brien to insure this sort of restriction on the height of trees.

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