



**Eastin, Darryl**

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**To:** Eastin, Darryl  
**Subject:** Pt Wells Development

Mr. Eastin,

I am not negative regarding Pt Wells Development. I see the possibility of a positive addition to the neighborhood. I have lived in the immediate area for over 30 years including 18 years on Richmond Beach Drive and 14 years on the Beach (27<sup>th</sup> Ave NW). I do have two suggestions that may merit your attention.

Please consider the following:

**1. SAFETY AND THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT**

Consider requiring a 2<sup>nd</sup> Egress and Access to the Point. I have seen Richmond Beach Drive wash out (right in front of my then home) and be totally closed. The cause was an undergrounded stream that is still served by only an 18" culvert. A SECOND ACCESS would obviously be better than one; Insuring access for Emergency Services and as well taking the "pressure" off Richmond Beach Drive and its upset Residents.

Obviously the developer does not want to do this as evidenced by their not exercising options to purchase hillside land owned by Chevron, but you the County have the power to require a road and the power of eminent domain to facilitate this. I believe it is your obligation.

**2. THE BEACH AND ITS "RESIDENTS"**

The Beach while not pristine is an area where Seal Pups are often left while their mother's continue to hunt for food. I have noticed that all the beach life around the point tends to repeat using the habitat as their fore bearers have for untold generations...even if resting and nesting places are not now what they once were! The developer's representatives claim the Point is all recent "fill" but I doubt that. Any Beach modification and/or a new large human population would really be detrimental to one of the last Natural Beaches we have that have served generations of wildlife. The only way to preserve it is to limit the development (the number of humans in the area)!

I hope your stewardship of this land reflects the above considerations as well as the desires of the developer. If others, such as Indian groups, raise the issue that this Beach was once a meeting place for Indian Tribes from all over the North West, there is evidence for that conclusion. But I don't believe that should be a major consideration because all our land probably has an interesting history. I would like to see development that would not put undue stress or create change in the Beach Environment.

If you plan on visiting the area, please stop in for a cup of coffee. You can observe the Beach without being observed yourself!

Thanks for your consideration of the above, and all your efforts related to Point Wells planning,

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