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Sent: Friday, April 24, 2015 9:50 AM
To: Countryman, Ryan
Subject: An issue of concern re Pt. Wells Development

Dear Ryan:

I am a resident of Shoreline, WA, living east of Aurora Avenue in the Ridgecrest neighborhood.

I have an unusual concern about the plans for development by the Blue Star Real Estate firm, which as I understand it is an Israeli firm. I have been encouraged by a member of the Save Richmond Beach group to share my concern with you. Although I am not a member of this group, I receive regular updates about the proposed development of Pt. Wells, and have expressed my opposition to the proposed Pt. Wells development to the Shoreline City Council.

As you know Pt Wells is a triangular shaped piece of land, of about 6 acres, located in the southwest corner of Snohomish County (and situated next to Shoreline's most northwest boundary.) It is also very flat.

This piece of land has a very extensive shoreline o Puget Sound, readily accessible by boats, and even planes, perhaps more easily available by boat than by autos or trucks, due to the problems of entry and exit to the Pt. Wells site.

My concern is that the long shoreline of Pt. Wells is so easily accessible by boats that it is quite possible that Pt Wells could be a place of destination by immigrants who want to enter the US undetected. As far as I know there is no regular or routine surveillance of this shoreline, or of any shoreline in either Shoreline, or Snohomish County.

Given the number of boats that are moored at the Edmonds Boat Marina, which often sail close to the shorelines of King and Snohomish counties, it is easy to conceive that people could come by boat from British Columbia (Canada) through the Straits of Juan de Fuca, and through the various waterways of the Salish Sea, melding in with other pleasure and commercial boats, with easy landing at Pt. Wells. They would not be easily differentiated from the usual pleasure craft that sail on this section of Puget Sound/Salish Sea.

I think at one time there was a pier at Pt Wells at which ships docked, although I am not sure it is still there. If there is no dock there one could easily be constructed so that boats could easily dock and be moored. I can hardly conceive that BSRE would not build a dock, allowing boating off the Pt, Wells shoreline, as one of the appealing amenities to residents and businesses.

In any case, I am concerned about the possibility of undetected illegal immigration onto the Pt. Wells site which would then enable easy entry into the US. If the real estate company which has purchased this land and which has proposed both residential and commercial development were other than a firm owned by a foreign nation, I would not be concerned. As it is such easy illegal access is an issue of Homeland Security and all that such concerns would involve.

While this is an unusual concern, think it is well within the realm of possibility, and ought to be taken into consideration when Snohomish County is granting development permits to BSRE.,

I appreciate your attention to this.

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