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Via Email: Atkinson, Stephen [satkinson@ci.tacoma.wa.us]

RE: Shorelines Update

Dear Mr. Atkinson,

The Chamber has been a continuous participant in the Shoreline Update process and wishes to express its suggestions in a written communication. This action is undertaken acknowledging that the Chamber's suggestions have been included in summary documentation.

The purpose of this communication is to address our specific suggestion for a portion of the S-8 Shoreline District, specifically that on the eastern bank, north of the E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street/Murray Morgan Bridge. The Chamber notes that such a boundary change is consistent with the applied criteria of other presently-considered changes: i.e. grouping like uses and continuous areas; using definable physical markers like streets as the proposed separator; and not dividing property as the present separator does between S-8 and S-10 (which is currently defined as the middle point of the peninsula).

It is our suggestion that Tacoma update the Shoreline regulations by removing the present limitation on industries to expand beyond their property lines of 1996, in a portion of the S-8 Shoreline District. It is our opinion that this action is consistent with the amendment of the Comprehensive Plan that prevents residential and hotel/motel uses in that area. (While we were involved in the Comp Plan amendment process, the Chamber sought to address this issue, and was told such action needed to take place in the ((present)) Shoreline Update.)

The Chamber suggests that there are various ways to accomplish this goal.

1. The East Foss Peninsula north of the E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street/Murray Morgan Bridge could have its boundary adjusted so that the area is designated as S-10.
2. The S-8 District could have the restriction on development beyond 1996 property lines deleted.
3. The S-8 District could have the restriction on development beyond 1996 property lines deleted only north of the E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street/Murray Morgan Bridge.

Your consideration of this goal, and several options, is most appreciated. The Chamber would like this suggestion addressed.

Sincerely,



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