

Exhibit D

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To Whom It May Concern,

The PRIBC first identified in Mid-May of 2019, the glaring inconsistencies and rampant socio-economic disenfranchisements which are deeply embedded within 20.72, and the risks which 20.72 poses to the economy of Point Roberts.

Our 20.72 concerns were consistently brought to the attention of the Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee, Whatcom County Council, the Whatcom County Executive's office, as well as Planning and Development Services throughout 2019, and in our clearly articulated 2019 PDS Application to Request a Comprehensive Review of 20.72.

Sadly, earlier this year, Whatcom County Council ensured that no Comprehensive Review would take place.

We have thoroughly researched the threat that 20.72 poses to the economic well-being of Point Roberts, and we believe that this threat should be of particular concern to everyone on the Planning Commission at this 'critical tipping point'.

The PRIBC's position has not changed. We oppose implementation of the current updates.

We respectfully request that the Planning Commission recommend to Council that a moratorium be immediately established on 20.72, until such time as a reputable 'third party' provide can provide a Comprehensive Review of 20.72.

Prior to the Covid-19 outbreak, 20.72 did already pose a significant risk to the economic well-being of Point Roberts, as it is not only in stark contradiction to even its own Sub-Area Plan, it has countless flaws throughout which discriminate against certain social, ethnic, and economic sectors within the community.

Now that Point Roberts has already suffered an 80% decrease in economic output since International Border Restrictions were put in place, 20.72 poses an ongoing risk of further damaging Point Roberts' present and future economic prospects.

Throughout the nearly two decades long history of 20.72, Whatcom County has never willingly and transparently tested the efficacy of this unnecessary Small Town Commercial Code Overlay.

We thank you for your consideration on what is arguably the single most important governance and economic issue to face Point Roberts in its history.

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