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Re: resolution 22-09-996

Dear Assembly Members and Mayor Olerud,

I am requesting that the assembly take no action on resolution 22-09-996.

The name alone, “bulk cargo handling facility”, to say nothing of the resolution, so conspicuously reflects the lack of promised transparency it’s embarrassing...its offensive and an insult to every community member who would like a voice in determining the future direction of Haines.

This is a resolution to obligate us to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars for a company to design an ore terminal before the need or desire by the community has been determined.

Tonight each of you, theoretically, will reflect what the community wants. The burning question is, “What does the community want?”

The answer: you don’t really know, because you haven’t asked.

Your obligation to this community is to conduct open public meetings to provide detailed information and answer community concerns. Because that has not happened, you need to take no action on resolution 22-09-996.

There are so many critical questions associated with this consideration not the least of which includes:

lack of transparency regarding the need for this new design considering our freight needs

lack of stakeholder involvement and support for the MARAD grant

lack of clarity re our potential financial obligation since the new design changes were not included in MARAD grant request

lack of evaluating and publicly noticing potential resident's future financial obligations associated with this proposal

Most disturbing, is what appears to be a great deal of effort, planning and expense on the part of the current administration to make consequential decisions that could potentially have long term negative impacts to our quality of life, health and welfare of our community, and to our existing commercial fishing and tourist industries and subsistence way of life **without informing and assessing what the community wants.**

Please take no action on resolution 22-09-996.

Sincerely,
Kip Kermoian