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Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2016 7:21 PM
Subject: Planning Commission Meeting

Dear Rob,

I am out of town and not able to be at the Planning Commission meeting on Thursday September 8. I would like the following letter to be included in the Agenda Item 10.D.2 as Public Comments.

How is it possible a project that is going to deface the waterfront of Haines, that is opposed by so many residents of Haines, that will benefit so few residents, be steam rolling ahead at such a pace that the bids are being accepted for only a short period of time, before the makeup of the assembly might change with an upcoming election, and consequently be revisited by more rational members? How did the initial need of an expanded boat harbor, morph into \$30+ million dollar project with only \$20 million dollars of funding? How did a four acre parking lot become a want, regardless of what we need? How can you give the OK to a project that will (1) deface the waterfront of Haines, (2) have no cost benefit analysis, (3) cost more to maintain because the income generating portion--boat slips--won't be build because there is no funding, (4) create a boat repair industrial park, because you need to generate some income, displacing a uniquely pristine waterfront, and (5) do it with an incredible amount of opposition from the citizens of Haines? Moving forward with this out-of-control Small Boat Harbor and Parking Lot Expansion Project is a travesty. Stop this unfunded nonsense, go back to the drawing table, and give Haines something it needs, not something wanted by a few.

Sincerely,

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