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**From:** Christopher Taylor <kitjtaylor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 16, 2019 11:59 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Marin Building C proposal

Dear City Council:

We are owners of a condo unit in Marin, unit 306A. We also lived in Bellingham for 23 years between 1968-1992, and more recently we have been returning annually with the past 6 years in Semiahmoo, and last year at the Marin. We chose to locate in Blaine, rather than in Bellingham where many of our longtime friends reside, because the Bellingham we knew in the 70s and 80s is no longer. Rapid development, especially development that seems out of place with the flavor of Bellingham and Fairhaven, has caused for us a different town than the one we knew and in which our children grew up. But for us the re-discovery of Blaine brought back the fond memories and a small-town sense of cohesion and pride. The Semiahmoo Spit embodies this spirit to the fullest. That was the major consideration of why we decided to purchase the Marin condo.

We have known that a Building C would eventually be built. Our assumption was that every effort would be made to model that building after the Marin style, architecture, features, and flavor. That was what was done when Building B was built and added to the existing Building A in 2013; that was what we believed would be required for the last building of the condo association.

We have had the opportunity to review and study the application and drawings for the proposed Building C. We were impressed that the developers did in fact poll current owners to ascertain what worked and what could be improved. What they did not do was adhere to the character, style, integrity, design, and appearance of either of the other two buildings in Marin, or the style of the Resort or surrounding other properties along the Spit. The new townhouses have made an effort to blend; the Beachwalker has been a Spit staple for style and design for decades. What we see in the current proposal is an ultra-modern, linear, stark architectural style not consistent with our condo or the surroundings, or Blaine. In our opinion this rendering would be sorely out of place and, therefore, basically an eye-sore. Not only our property value, but more importantly our enjoyment of our community, would be severely diminished. And such a radical departure from the surrounding benchmarks appears to us to be totally unnecessary. Surely the existing two Marin buildings provide ample details and features that the new building could emulate to everyone's benefit and enjoyment.

Accordingly, we strongly urge you, the City Council, to reject this application and send the proposal back for changes that are more compatible with Blaine, the Marin, and the entire Spit community.

Respectfully,

Christopher and Sandra Taylor