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Dear Jen Machuga,

As a party of record I would like to comment on the appellant's argument dated May 7th, 2013.

I am in total agreement with the appellant's argument and would hope that the City Council would come to the same conclusion.

Since the early 1990's I have followed the public notices in the paper. Many times these do not hold any interest, however I have become involved in many through out the years that have a center theme of land use decisions. Still to this day I must pull out my dictionary and look up words and terms I do not know because land use issues are not my profession. It is important for me to stick my head into the discussion when I feel in my gut that something is not right with a proposal for a variance.

As I did with this one, I went to the property and walked around. I read all of the information that was supplied by the City. I try to be fair in my thinking, putting myself in both the applicant's shoes and as a citizen of Edmonds that wants to see the best for the City.

I do not live near this site but as I said at the hearing, this case will be a true test for all future rulings. I have been surprised at times in the past on a ruling that a hearing examiner has made but this one will bother me for a long time if the homeowner gets to build a house on this site.

Thank you for your time,

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