

Dear Assembly Members !

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I'm writing this letter in support of Jim Dinley's proposal of the Community Development Department which was presented to you at the last Assembly Meeting on August 24th 2010.

I think it is a very wise proposal from our city administrator Jim Dinley in foreseeing an improvement based on the history and present situation in dealing with development issues right in the township of Sitka. It will create oversight and accountability just simply by the fact issues can not be rushed through and more then one person will look over applications and other concerns of the citizens of our town.

We recently defended ourselves on Kasiana Island and through a lot of research on our own we layed out to you the discrepancies at hand. With the new CDD the citizens will be served better and more thorough which is expressed in point one 'Greater focus on customer service'

The land owners on kasiana Island would have definatley benefited from point number four with the new CDD 'More time on "update/review" on planning documents' I'm sure we are all aware of past situations where this new 'guideline' would have greatly benefited the assembly in their decision making and lessened the pressure.

Some of the land owners on Kasiana Island with the support of other neighbors on Islands surrounding Sitka are in the process of submitting a petition which will suggest a more clear language in the Sitka code which could have avoided a subjective interpretation of the town code. Point number three of the new proposal 'greater focus on comprehensive plan rewrite' would give the citizens of the town a fair opportunity to have these parts of the Sitka code reviewn by a number of people to come up with wise and justified interpretation.

Point number five: 'providing a dedicated staff support to long range planning and historic preservation commissions' could have helped with the possible endangering of the herring spawn around the town not to mention the protection of other planning issues coming up for the future of the township.

Again I would like to express my kudos and firm support to the new CDD. It will create accountability and oversight this growing town desperately needs. Sitka is 'up and coming' and not a 'small' town anymore where important decision can be left to individual people. We all need to look into the future and with the attraction of turism and an ever increasing realty attraction to 'out of towners' from the west coast and cities like LA and New York, this is important revenue for the township with it's increasing beauty.

I ask you from the bottom of my heart to vote in favor of this new CDD and trust the wisdom of an experienced city elder with his wisdom and foresight.
Sincerely, Christian Fabian