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Dear Mayor Kidd,

I want to express my concern about, and opposition to, the “Wild Olympics” plan as currently formulated.

There are enough protected natural areas on the peninsula already. Olympic National Park does not even have the resources to properly take care (maintenance and repairs) of the area it already has.

I am concerned that implementing “Wild Olympics” as currently proposed would result over time in a substantial loss of family wage jobs and tax revenue. Our community can not afford this, particularly in a time of economic crisis, layoffs and straightened local budgets.

“Wild Olympics”, to be acceptable, would have to be modified to ensure no net loss of jobs, economic activity or local tax base. This could be done by including in the plan the freeing up for sustainable logging in the peninsula an area at least equal to that being further protected, as proposed by the North Olympic Timber Action Committee. I urge the City of Port Angeles to state its opposition to “Wild Olympics” until such time as the proposal may be so modified.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kaj Ahlburg