

Via email

Written testimony follows:

December 14, 2020

Town of Steilacoom Planning Commission
1717 Lafayette St
Steilacoom, WA 98388

Dear Planning Commissioners,

On behalf of the Steilacoom Historical School District, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on the proposal to re-designate and rezone the Mill site –item F on your Monday, December 14, 2020 agenda.

We have reviewed the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application submitted by Heartland LLC, dated November 23, 2020, including all proposed amendments, the site plan, and the SEPA checklist. The Steilacoom Historical School District supports the change in the Mill site’s designation from Industrial and Industrial Open Space to a Master Planned Development and has no concerns regarding the other proposed amendments for consistency purposes.

We respectfully request that any and all projects within the new master planned development that include any proposed residential housing include the school district as a critical part of the review process. The district does not want to inhibit or prevent future housing options, but does have a significant interest in understanding future residential development and wishes to incorporate future housing projects in its comprehensive plan. Specifically, we would like to be engaged in the process as early as possible to ensure that we have facility space available to serve all additional students that are generated based on the new housing available within the master planned development.

We look forward to working collaboratively with both the developer and the planning commission on future projects within the master planned community.

Sincerely,

Shawn Lewis, Planning Director
Steilacoom Historical School District