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# CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

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## PLANNING COMMISSION

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**To:** City Council

**From:** Daniel Hubbell, Planning Commission Chair

**Date:** November 24, 2021

**RE:** 2022 Comprehensive Plan and Development Code Amendment Docket

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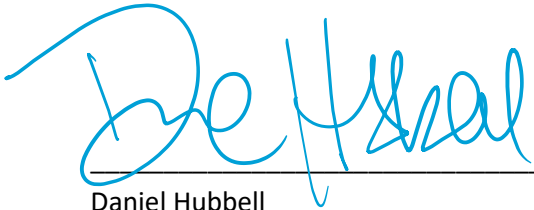
On behalf of the Planning Commission, I am pleased to present our recommendation on the 2022 docket of proposed comprehensive plan and development code amendments.

The City opened the annual docket submittal process during the month of September 2021, and received sixteen submissions. The Planning Commission reviewed the submitted docket requests at a special meeting on October 27, 2021. Public comment was received from five individuals. Three of the docket applicants also spoke briefly to the merits of their proposals. The Planning Commission considered the staff report dated October 21, 2021 as well as the decision criteria for the final docket found in MICC 19.15.230(E) in making its recommendation.

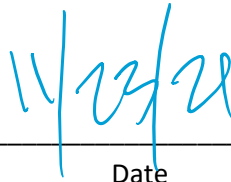
After considerable discussion and deliberation, the Planning Commission approved the following 2-part recommendation by a 5-2 vote. The Planning Commission recommends that:

1. The City Council should add to the final docket the submissions numbered 1, 3, 4, 13, 14, 15, and 16 on the preliminary docket.
2. The City Council should also consider further review of the concepts included in the submissions numbered 5 and 6 on the preliminary docket. While these submissions are not eligible to be added to the final docket due to either the content of the proposed amendment or the timing of the submission, the Commission felt that the proposals have merit, and the Council should consider placing them on the City's work plan through other avenues.

In regard to the items numbered 7-12, all of these pertain to the residential design standards that were recently updated in 2017. The consensus of the commission was that since these had just been updated, and a more thorough review of the impacts of these changes is planned in the coming 1-2 years, and given the size of the anticipated work plan for 2022, that these proposed amendments should not be taken up individually as a part of the docket but rather considered as a whole during the review of the residential design standards in the next few years.



Daniel Hubbell  
Planning Commission Chair  
City of Mercer Island

  
Date