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From: Robert Martin <bobwmartin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 11:55 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: Industrial Waterfront Planning

Dear Mayor and Assembly,

I just learned of the planning commission's decision to support the sale of borough property leased to Wikan Enterprises. I watched the recorded meeting and was surprised how easily this decision was reached. I'm not sure the planning commission is aware of the extensive planning that has gone into that waterfront area. While each deviation from the planning and zoning may seem reasonable and supportive to those valued businesses and residents on waterfront industrial properties, these allowances add up to the slow death of any vision or leadership in the economic development of Petersburg. Rather than relaxing the intentionality of our planning and zoning in the area, I feel it is important to bring it back into focus and insist on a very high bar for exceptions. Please review the history, maps, and reasoning behind existing waterfront planning before throwing it away piece by piece. I will try to get the harbor board together to consider this issue before your August 7 meeting.

Sincerely,
Bob Martin, Harbor Board Chair