

Tumwater City Council
c/o Water Resources & Sustainability Department
555 Israel Road SW
Tumwater, WA 98501

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Name Rusty and Cathy Weaver Date: 03.31.2022

Address: 1009 Lake Terrace Drive SW, TW 98512

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*Let's continue the wonderful work we
started many years ago. We are getting
our lake back!*

Name:

Anna Day

Date:

3/29/2022

Address:

231 Lark St. SW
Tumwater, WA. 98512

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Living on Barnes Lake is an amazing privilege & its health and care is invaluable. We support an increase to continue the maintenance & healthy upkeep of the lake.

ERIN HOWER - ~~Call Over~~

Name:

AARON HOWE - ~~Call Over~~

Date: 3/24/22

Address:

215 LARK ST SW
TUMWATER, WA 98512

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*We are both delighted AND excited
to see our lovely lake becoming
more and more scenic, with great
bird and fish life - such improvement on
years ago!*

Name:

Judith Roth

Date: *MAR 29 2022*

Address:

*1012 Lake Park Dr. SW.
TUMWATER WA 98512*

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We are very proud of what has been accomplished so far in restoring this beautiful lake. We are happy to continue our stewardship by investing in our Lake Management District. This very modest but necessary increase will help finance future progress.

Kathy Burns Peterson

Name:

James A. Peterson

Date: March 29, 2022

Address:

213 Lark St. SW
Tumwater, WA 98512

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*Barnes lake adds much to our neighborhood -
enjoyment, recreation + a balance to our
ecosystem.*

Name: Sandy Ward - Pastor
Tumwater UMC.

Date: 3/20/22

Address: 1401 Lake Park Dr., Tumwater, WA 98512

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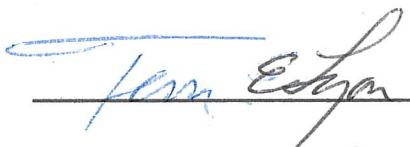
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Name:



Date: 4-7-22

Address:

1202 Lake Park Dr. SW
Tumwater, WA 98512

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April 8, 2022

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kim & Allan McInnis', is written over a faint, illegible background.

Kim & Allan McInnis
227 Lark St. SW Unit A
Tumwater, WA 98512

April 12, 2022

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Tumwater, WA 98501

RE: Proposed Barnes Lake Management District (BLMD) 2022-2035 Assessment Increase

I write in support of the Barnes Lake LMD Steering Committee's recommendation to increase the annual LMD assessment for the duration of the charter term.

By the time I moved to Barnes Lake in 2000, the noxious Eastern U.S. water lily had already invaded the lake. Thick vegetation smothered the surface by mid-summer, depriving the lake of essential sunlight and oxygen for supporting microorganisms, fish and the entire food chain for wildlife. Photos on the city's website (www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/BLMD) show the extent of lily infestation at that time.

The citizen-initiated Barnes Lake LMD was chartered by Council action in 2004. City staff scientifically monitor water clarity, water level, temperature, acidity, dissolved oxygen, nutrient load and other metrics in compliance with state regulations. Data gathered over the past 18 years show resounding success in improved water quality, noxious weed management and habitat restoration. Today the lake is teeming with fish, geese, heron, eagles, ducks and other fauna.

The LMD is a model partnership between the city and the neighborhood. The 100+ shoreline property owners in this self-taxing special purpose district have already invested nearly \$300,000 in private funds to restore the lake, or just under half of what the LMD will raise through its thirty-year term (assuming passage of the rate increase).

The annual assessment has not increased since it commenced in 2005. Because of inflation, the \$17,300 annual budget now only buys about 75% of what it originally purchased. It is imperative that the assessment catch-up and keep pace with the cost of stewarding this precious resource.

Watching Barnes Lake come back to life as a flourishing wildlife preserve has been a joy and one of the highlights of living in Tumwater. The LMD is a tool for empowering neighbors to save imperiled habitat in a rapidly urbanizing region. Strong neighborhoods create strong cities and a shared legacy to future generations.

Thank you for considering approval of the proposed modest increase in the LMD assessment.

Sincerely,



Tom Oliva
227 Lark Street
Tumwater, Wash.

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Name: Jody Keys

Date: 4/14/2022

Address:

1031 Daisy Ln SW, Tumwater

Dan Smith

From: Carolin W. <carolinwaddington@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 10:24 AM
To: Dan Smith
Subject: Barnes LMD fee increase - support

This email is to register our support for the proposed fee increase so that the Barnes LMD can continue to do its work.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carolin & Jeff Waddington
823 Linwood Ave SW
Tumwater, WA 98512

Dan Smith

From: Dan Smith
Sent: Monday, May 2, 2022 4:18 PM
To: r-ctalmage@reachone.com
Cc: David Kangiser
Subject: RE: BARNES LAKE MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT APPEAL

Thank you Cheryl, we will enter your comments into the Hearing record.

Dan Smith, CSM | (he/him)
Director, Water Resources & Sustainability
City of Tumwater
555 Israel Road SW | Tumwater, WA 98501
Office: (360)754-4140
desmith@ci.tumwater.wa.us | www.ci.tumwater.wa.us

From: r-ctalmage@reachone.com <r-ctalmage@reachone.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2022 2:41 PM
To: Dan Smith <DESmith@ci.tumwater.wa.us>
Subject: BARNES LAKE MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT APPEAL

My name is Cheryl Talmage and I own the house at 1006 Lake Terrace Drive. My father built this house in 1965 and my family has owned this house since then. I am writing with regards to the Barnes Lake Management District Property Assessments. I have paid the annual assessment for a residential lakefront property annually since purchasing the property from the estate of my mother, Edna Van Meter in 2005. Although I agree that Barnes Lake is a fragile ecosystem, I do not agree with the idea that the lake management district should continue to treat the lake for recreation and aesthetic value. The idea of an aesthetic value pristine lake is only true of a handful of residences around the lake. My feeling is that the lake should be allowed to slowly progress to a pond/marsh ecosystem. No treatment necessary.

I would also like to petition to have our assessment property type changed from residential Lakefront to residential with view only. I have done some research looking at the lake area with Google maps and also using the plot map from when the Lakeside addition was plotted. See attached.

Our house is located on plot 4 (58380000400). Please note that the "lakeside" property line does not touch the lake and that the lakefront property is actually owned by the owners of plot 9, Lakeview addition (5840000800). Please see the attached plot map and Google earth map showing the property line.

I will be traveling and unable to testify at the Public Hearing

Please consider my appeal and if the results from the public hearing is to go forward on the assessment, please change my assessment property type to residential with view only.

Thank you.

Cheryl Talmage (Van Meter)