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Dear Virginia, Tom, Bill, and Kathryne,

First off thank you all for everything you do as commissioners; it's nice to have a group of people who have the community's best interest in mind. Y'all are a breath of fresh air compared to the past.

This lease scenario is simple: no person or entity should have more than one (maybe two) lease. 3 or more leases are being proven right now to be a nightmare for any one entity to have and create a monopoly. The Ketch JoAnne is an entity with multiple people. I worked at the Ketch for many years, and I have voiced my support for the family at the Ketch. I feel, although they have screwed up, and should never have closed the Ketch blaming anyone and everyone except for themselves, they have earned some margin for their mistakes. However, turning over all their leases to Pelagic is a nightmare for the community and is the quick and easy way for them to depart all things Ketch and harbor with a big [REDACTED] you as they go.

The Pelagic group should def get a lease, but I wouldn't want anyone to have more than 2. I wouldn't want my family or any of yours to have a monopoly on the row; it's not right and y'all already know this. You made a 5-0 vote that was wrong and it needs to be amended. I don't understand why you didn't vote to give Pelagic 2 of the leases and leave the 3rd (Princeton Seafood) open for proper community diversity. I do understand nobody has been honest with you and it's been difficult, but that is all the more reason to vote conservative on the issue and not allow any entity to have a monopoly on the row. Your

own precedent, the last time this came before you, is to not vote the way you voted; I believe his name is Simone from Sam's Chowder House. You denied the sale of all leases to his entity on the same grounds. Yes, I'm sure Pelagic gave a better presentation and proved they have better funding and a larger entity etc., but giving them the monopoly on the row is horrible in every way and is hypocritical.

Lisa Damrosch and I had a long conversation about this, being 2 people who both have interest in the row, and she said, "hey bri, I love you and I love your family, but I wouldn't want y'all to have more than one lease."

I replied, "thank you very much and I feel the same about you and your family, and I agree with you and I wouldn't want your family to have more than one lease on the row either." so true.

The whole thing is has taken a bad turn especially after hearing Lisa Damrosch and Cassandra Clark separate stories about how they both went to Albert/Ketch as well as their landlords through Jim to give their ideas. They were never given an opportunity for a presentation because this whole thing was cherry picked! I sent Jim Pruett an email as well and expressed interest in a lease on the row as well and, even though he knew the Ketch has defaulted on a few of the leases, he brushed me off and sent me back to Albert. We all know the Ketch defaulted on their leases and they are getting "good ol boy" consideration through Jim Pruett. Its really hard to go back to someone like Albert and Heidi, who defaulted on leases and just don't seem to be mentally or physically competent to run any business. I reached out to Albert and Heidi offering help and support and I sold them a used ice bin.

"Ok cool Jim I'll just go chat with these people who are making no sense in any of their business decisions who are negatively impacting a major part of a beautiful harbor." That is not fair or right and please fix this, so we don't find ourselves in this position again soon. Please don't let this happen!!!!

Cassandra's business (Mavericks Surf Company) is down more than 30% since the closures and HMB Sportfishing is way down too.

There is massive interest down there and to say Pelagic is the only choice is a joke. I've personally spoke to Dan Littlefield of Hop Dogma, Wyatt Fields of Breakwater BBQ, Cassandra Clark of Mavericks Surf Company, Lisa Damrosch of Morning Star Fisheries, Steve Fitz of Mr. Morgan Fisheries, Old Princeton Landing Corp has interest, El Granada Beverage Company and many more.

I hope you will consider this email today in your closed session meeting at 1pm.

respectfully,

Brian Overfelt