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**Subject:** Rezoning Application PLRZ20240110 (Bigham) / 3334 Port Washington Road

I am writing in support of the rezoning application for the current use and proposed future use of land by Big Digem.

We have been residents for 19 years. When we purchased our home at the corner of Port Washington and Otter Bay Roads, in 2021, it was clear that the property now used by Big Digem is located as part of a commercial and “light industrial” cluster. Big Digem has made significant efforts to improve the general appearance of the site since they started using the site.

Heavy trucks do damage roads much more so than the more numerous passenger vehicles. Port Washington Rd is a rural road, but so are the roads throughout the islands, so a change of location will be of no benefit. Moreover, as the service provided is essential, the provision by off-island companies would mean trucks driven by those that have no investment in the islands. I have noticed that Big Digem trucks are avoiding our corner (Otter Bay & Port Washington), which because of the tight turn, damages easily. The trucks were just part of the flow of ferry traffic on most days.

I know from my own community involvement that both the management and staff of Big Digem are involved in helping community organizations with donations of equipment and time. In my experience, this has been a ten-year commitment to Pender Island Junior Sailing Association.

My understanding of this zoning process is that it is akin to what I understand as “contract zoning” in that the zoning exists for the current purpose and does not give license to broad industrial uses.

I have read the staff report and it describes a logical process and the recommendations are appropriate.

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