

To whom it may concern,

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RECOMPETE: A New Opportunity for the North Olympic Peninsula.

Hello all,

I am personally shocked at the actions of Commissioner Greg Brotherton, his public comments on KPTZ, IGC meeting and the private meeting at Edensaw Woods. His direct and blatant attempt to misuse funding for housing from the "Recompete Act" opportunity should disqualify his proposal for the Glen Cove area all together.

Facts are, the City of Port Townsend's General Sewer Plan, treatment plant is 30 years old, "showing its age".

80 Miles of the City's sewer pipes are over 50 years old and need rehabilitation.

This critical investment is shared by everyone who uses the system. It has not paid for itself and why?

Given the extensive costs forthcoming to the utility, Council will consider rate increases later this year.

The system must be in proper working order and show it has the sufficient capacity for all the infill within the city limits before any extension out into the county. This is a violation of the growth management act. The City of Port Townsend has had that responsibility as the UGA to make sure it has the infrastructure to support itself and the infill required within the UGA.

There is no accounting of the sewer volume in numbers, for what the Glen Cove Industrial Park and Commercial properties that exist now, and or the future industrial needs, then adding in the "back door addition of 500 housing units" next to the industrial park, as proposed by Commissioner Brotherton, this is adding again unknown volumes to this all ready over "taxed" pun intended, sewer system.

As a business owner here for over 40 years, this type of misrepresentation has gone on unchecked for too long and it is time to stop the misuse of funding. Some of the land owners, manufacturers and job creators cannot continue to pay more for services that may not even be needed or used. We have to be able to "compete" with offshore industries and do work that will allow us to remain profitable, yet we are unsupported by many that preach the living wage argument and then they buy from Amazon, Wal-Mart and other online suppliers, even though many products are made right here.

I strongly support the project proposal of the Port of Port Townsend for the JCIA and the shipyard expansion. Many of us in Glen Cove have limited expansion opportunities, and the JCIA and shipyard projects will allow for the next generational investments to be made by local business. I support the Marine trades and their future with solid numbers and a growing work force.

Respectfully,

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