Good evening, my name is Paul Barnette. Considering current retail development trends and a variety of community impacts, as a resident of South West, an architect and an elected Director of the Harbour Square Board of Directors, I have determined:

1. The PUD Waterfront zoning proposal is on target with current thinking and planning for similar projects across the country. I support the change.
2. Without the PUD zoning change, existing matter-of-right zoning allows re-development of the Waterside mall including the potential reopening of Fourth Street with or without cars. Stopping the PUD zoning change will NOT prevent the street from being reopened under matter of right zoning. I support the change.
3. Matter-of-right zoning does NOT require community input, the inclusion of retail services or the inclusion of housing. The PUD zoning change does. I support the change.
4. With PUD zoning the community accepts 42' higher buildings at 4 corners of the site to retain guaranteed retail and residential components, and continued input into the planning process at each phase of the implementation – including building materials and set backs. This is a fair trade off for input into the planning process for as long as 20 years. I support the change.
5. The development of a vibrant new town center will provide improved shopping in a new version of the old downtown with pedestrian-friendly, store-lined streets. This is a far better outcome than what the community has now, and far better than the destruction of mature trees and historic landmarks currently taking place in our community as a result of matter of right zoning with no required community input. I support the change.

The Harbour Square Owners Inc. Board of Directors recently passed a resolution 9 to 0 in support of the PUD zoning change.

In conclusion, I strongly support the proposed PUD zoning change because I, as does the Harbour Square Board of Directors, believe it offers the community more than it asks.

Thank you. Paul Barnette, March 31, 2003.

Paul Barnette

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