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Mr. James Gribaudo, Senior Project Manager
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Dear Mr. Gribaudo,

We are writing to express our concern about the proposed plan to build five stories of condos including a large restaurant and hotel on Pier 5 in front of our building, Flagship Wharf, in the Charlestown Navy Yard. This area of the Navy Yard is congested with traffic both day and night. What will happen when all of these residents, hotel guests and restaurant patrons descend on us? There is no more room for expansion on Eighth Street. It is already difficult to leave the Navy Yard during the morning rush hour. When the development at yard's end on Parcels 4 and 5 is completed, it will be nearly impossible. To expect that users and residents of the Pier 5 development will use public transportation is ridiculous and naïve.

After attending the Neighborhood Council meeting in the Charlestown Navy Yard on June 15, which was attended by about 300 neighbors, we have several serious concerns with the developer's proposal. There were many obvious inaccuracies, not the least of which was the absurd traffic plan. Also, the marina for speed boats between Pier 4 (The Courageous Sailing Center) and Pier 5 would make it extremely difficult and dangerous for the Courageous sail boats to maneuver in the waterway between the piers. Also, they neglected to take into consideration the disturbing of the mud below the pilings. They claim they would only replace the pilings from the water level to the pier. How can they possibly think they do not have to replace the entire piling which could create environmental hazards?.

We believe that a park and additional sail boat marina use would be far better alternatives to the proposed development on Pier 5. The Charlestown community would benefit from a waterfront park dedicated to those who worked in the Navy Yard when it was a working facility. The very successful community endeavor, Courageous Sailing Center, could expand to Pier 5 with positive benefit to the greater Charlestown community. Additional slips for sail boats that could be rented or sold to the public could provide income to the city of Boston.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Thomas & Stephanie Deeley

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