SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION ORDER ASSESSMENT YEAR 2024 – TAX YEAR 2025

PETITIONER: Larry Parfitt Anacortes Yacht Club PETITION NO: 24-211 611 Rotary Park Lane PARCEL NO: P56859 Anacortes, WA 98221 **BOE VALUE DETERMINATION** ASSESSOR'S VALUE \$ 847,300 847,300 LAND \$ 273,500 **IMPROVEMENTS** \$ 273,500 1,120,800 \$ 1,120,800 **TOTAL**

The petitioner was present at the January 21, 2025, hearing.

This property is described as a commercial property situated on .46 acres located at 611 Rotary Park Lane, Anacortes, Skagit County, Washington. The appellant cites, the land assessment increased by 141% over the previous land assessment valuing the land now at \$847,300 from the previous value of \$351,300. Of the eight comparable properties provided, ours is the highest. We do not have waterfront views. There is a road that goes through the Yacht Club property that provides access to the marina and the Rotary Park that is included in our land. The property is also in a residential zone. We are a non-profit organization and feel the land value was assessed to high.

The Assessor, represented by Deputy Assessor Andrew Corcoran, provided a response to the appeal, noting that the assessor's market evidence provided support for the current assessment. The Assessor requests the board sustain the current evaluation.

BOE members present were Rich Holtrop, Angie Bossarte, and Betta Spinelli.

The burden of proof is on the petitioner to provide clear, cogent, and convincing evidence to support the appeal. In this case, the petitioner did not submit sufficient evidence to support a reduction. Market evidence was not provided, and assessment comparisons are not acceptable market-based evidence that we can consider. Therefore, the Board finds that the petitioner has failed to overcome the evidentiary standard necessary to overrule the assessor. However, the board does suggest that the non-profit research other tax classifications due to the charitable activities.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously upholds the Assessor.

Dated:

Skagit County Board of Equalization

Rich Holtrop, Chair

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