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Jeni Woock
<b>Complainant Name</b>
Raymond Shjerven
<b>Complaint Description</b>
<p>Rshjerven</p> <p>Wed, 27 Sep 2023 at 10:19 AM</p> <p>Why can I not submit?</p>
<b>What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?</b>
<p>Over the course of the last 7 months, Gig Harbor City Council member Jeni Woock has sent out more than twenty emails to the public using her official email from the city of Gig Harbor in her capacity as a member of the Gig Harbor City Council. Those emails advised residents on a variety of things and frequently were under a header called Jeni listens. Examples are included.</p> <p>On September 6, 2023 Jeni Woock sent out another Jeni Listens email (Email is included) promoting the attendance of a candidate she is supporting for the upcoming Gig Harbor City Council race, Ed Nadler. In this one email she used the same mailing list but changed the email address in this list so as to hide her use of city resources. In this mailing she used her personal email. Yet she did not change the header on the email, or the intended recipients. She changed the settings enough that this email is hidden from her main email account with MailChimp. These actions clearly demonstrate she knew what she was doing was in violation of the law.</p>
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### **Jeni Listens with Gig Harbor City Administrator**

Date: Tuesday, August 22

Time: 10 am

Location: Cutter's Point Coffee, Olympic Dr  
at Bartelle's Shopping Center

Dear Neighbors,

You are invited to a very special Jeni Listens. My special guest will be our Gig Harbor City Administrator, Katrina Knutson.

City Administrator Knutson is a wealth of knowledge about all things City of Gig Harbor.

Mark your calendar today and share with a friend. Bring your questions and come for a chat.

Make it a great day!!!!

As always, it is an honor to serve you

Jeni

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**Jeni Listens**

Date; July 11

Time: 10:15 am

Location: Cutters Point Private room

5500 Olympic Dr (Bartell's Shopping Center)

New information for Jeni Listens on July 11.

Maybe you'd like to talk about the Judson Street shopping center?

City Department Updates is great new information that comes directly to you. Give a click here for a preview:

<https://www.cityofgigharbor.net/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/1924?fileID=2848>

You'll find a little information there about the Judson Street Shopping Center.

You can sign up for this bi-weekly information at Notify me:

<https://www.cityofgigharbor.net/list.aspx> Then click the envelop to the left of City News and you'll receive the latest news the city wants you to know.

Bring your questions on lots of this and it will be an informative chat!!

See you Tuesday!!

Jeni

### **A little walk back through history.**

Please remember back to 2017.

Many people believe developers, and their special deals ruled the city business in Gig Harbor. In 2017 the election was about over development, ignoring the voice of the people and lack of infrastructure. The 2017 election was to save Soundview Forest, trees and herons from clear cutting and stopping 100 new vehicles from traveling Soundview Dr. Citizens voted to keep their quality of life. Citizens believed their voice was continually ignored and they voted.

Former Mayor Guernsey and her council members up for re-election, S Ekberg, Payne, Arbenz and Kadzak, were either *massively* defeated or decided not to run for re-election.

In 2017 Gig Harbor citizens voted to slow growth, bring back transparency, end secret meetings and fund needed infrastructure. Gig Harbor voters elected 4 new council members and mayor.

- The newly elected 2018 council told Gig Harbor developers they had to *play by the rules that all builders abide by.*
- We increased buffers, protected critical areas, slowed destruction of trees. We set up policies to protect Gig Harbor from over development.
- The 2018 council told developers their days of taking money out of Gig Harbor and leaving citizens to deal with over development impacts were over.
- We told developers special deals for them, in our hometown, were over.
- Council told the Department of Commerce that Gig Harbor believed in local decisions that were good for our community. Give us the desired growth number and we will include growth where our community wants it and we did.

The 2018 council listened to Gig Harbor citizens who wanted to keep your hometown livable. We had a 6 month moratorium on building and put new policies in place to keep Gig Harbor the reason you love it. We increased buffers, protected critical areas, wildlife and trees. We slowed down growth and put the emphasis on infrastructure.

***Is this what you still want for Gig Harbor?***



### **Current Day 2023**

Thursday, June 29, in our online study session you will hear that income to our city is down. Some believe it is developer/construction income that is down, voiced perhaps due to the slow growth policies put in place by the 2018 council. By the way I am very proud of listening to our citizens, doing what you asked and working keep Gig Harbor special.

**Here's the question that will surely come before you.....**

**Are citizens willing to prioritize projects, work at a slower, affordable place and continue with the needed infrastructure first**

**or**

**Do you want again to see over development, density, loss of trees and loss of critical habitat so all projects will be completed as soon as possible?**

**I SUSPECT THIS QUESTION WILL BE ASKED!**



**Different Subject....still about growth and housing and density.**

Our city is working on our comprehensive plan and meeting dates for our Housing

Element are listed below.

House Bill 1220 had decreed that Gig Harbor needs to add more affordable housing in the next 20 years, not a surprise. Affordable housing is needed everywhere. This is what our consultant has told Gig Harbor we need to do:

In the next 20 years Gig Harbor needs to add 892 housing units:

**271** of those 892 housing units in the income level of 0 - 30% of adjusted median income.

**165** of the 892 housing units in the income level of 31 - 50% of AMI

**131** of the 892 housing units in the income level of 51-80% of AMI

**56** of the 892 housing units in the income level of 81-100% of AMI

**51** of the 892 housing units in the income level of 101 - 120" % of AMI

**218** of the 892 housing units in the income level of 121% + of AMI

***Currently the Adjusted Median Income for Gig Harbor is about \$82,000-***

***\$85,000.00***

About 1/3 of our current Gig Harbor citizens are cost burdened for their housing.

**Our Gig Harbor City Administrator, Katrina Knutson, says our citizen voices matter.**

- Do you want to see our Gig Harbor citizens, that are housing burdened, have 1st opportunity to occupy any affordable housing units?
- Do you believe we should keep R-1 neighborhoods and place duplex, triplexes, fourplexes in more dense areas of our town?
- What would you like to see?

City Administrator wants to hear from you. [kknutson@gigharborwa.gov](mailto:kknutson@gigharborwa.gov)

The City of Steilacoom has included in their current comprehensive plan the desire and need for affordable housing but notes, in writing, it is doubtful those affordable housing numbers will be met in their city.

**Don't let anyone ever tell you there is nothing that can be done on this housing issue.**

There are folks who would like to see Gig Harbor have the density of a big city. Don't let these builder folks take away your voice!!

- The first Open House to discuss the Housing Element will be held at the Civic Center on Tuesday, August 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- The second Housing Element event will be held at the Pierce County Library on Wednesday, August 22 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- We are seeking a location for additional Open House events in Gig Harbor North. Stay tuned for future announcements

Please share with a friend and bring your questions. If I don't know the answers I will get them for you.

Make it a great day!!!!

As always, it is an honor to serve you

*Jeni*

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Bring a friend!

**Jeni Listens**  
**Tuesday June 13, 9 am at Kimball Coffee**

Dear Neighbors,

We sure had a wonderful weekend. The Maritime Gig Parade was back to full strength and the Blessing of the fleet is always a moving and celebratory time for Gig Harbor. It was a weekend full of fun and music!!!

**There's lots to talk about for Jeni Listens on June 13.**

Did you vote using Flash vote on what you would like to see in our city parks? Here are the results of your votes:

- #1. The Trail Connection between Cushman Trail and downtown. 62.4%
  - #2. A Senior/Community Center 42.0%
  - #3. Convert the existing little league fields at Pen Light Fields to lighted multi-sport fields 41.4%
  - #4. Better playground next to the Civic Center 39.2%
  - #5. Expand the Maritime Pier Dock 35.4%
  - #6. Expand Cushman Trail across Borgan Blvd to the hospital 27.5%
  - #7. Phase 3 of the Sports Complex 24.3%
  - #8. The Homeport for commercial fishermen 20.8%
  - #9. Rehab the Wilkinson Farm Park 16.9%
- None of these averaged about 20%

**If you have not signed up to take these surveys on Flash Vote, you can sign up here:**

**[https://www.flashvote.com/users/sign\\_up](https://www.flashvote.com/users/sign_up)**

## **The Gig Harbor Comprehensive Plan**



**It is urgent that everyone understands what is about to happen to our hometown.**

Every 20 years Gig Harbor must write a Comprehensive Plan on what our citizens want Gig Harbor to look like for the next 20 years. This plan has always been written by our Planning Department with valuable community input. The State Legislature signed a bill in 2021 mostly eliminating the ability of our city planners and citizens to have input on areas of our Comprehensive Plan. Read the bill here: <https://www.cityofgigharbor.net/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/1829?fileID=26>

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**. EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT THIS.**

## **Affordable housing is important and we need more affordable housing in Gig Harbor.**

One report says GH has 1/3 of Gig Harbor citizens paying too much money for their mortgage or rental.

The state has said GH needs to add 892 new housing unit by 2044 with 567 affordable units. "Of those new affordable units, almost half 48% all allocated to extremely low-income households (0 - 30% of Area Median income, 29% are allocated to very low-income 30-50% AMI and 23% are allocated to low income 50-80% AMI"...

<https://www.cityofgigharbor.net/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/1827?fileID=2620>  
page 5 Executive Summary)

No one is sure how to pay for affordable housing. The state has included recommendations on how to accommodate affordable housing. Here are a few state requirements/recommendations, coming from HB 1220:

- end single family zoning everywhere in Gig Harbor
  - up zone to allow more density everywhere in Gig Harbor, HOAs are NOT exempted.
  - cut trees for more dense housing
  - ignore critical environmental areas like streams, to build multifamily housing
  - eliminate/reduce permit fees, impact fees, utility connection fees....who will pay those fees if not developers?
  - having the city purchase land and "donate" the land to developers for affordable housing. Who will pay if the city purchases land and gives it to developers?
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- Read the consultant's report here, recommendations begin on page 65: <https://www.cityofgigharbor.net/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/1827?fileID=2620>

Do you have a preference on how would you like to see the city handle affordable housing?

**??????????**

**What is on your mind? Questions? Happenings in the city?  
If I don't know the answer I'll find out for you.**

I'm always available to meet for a chat and good discussion about our community.  
It is an honor to serve you!!

Jeni

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Dear Neighbor,

Thanks to everyone who came, supported neighbors and spoke at last night's city council meeting. The soul of Gig Harbor is you, each of you who decide to make Gig Harbor your home, who live in neighborhoods and care about neighbors. You have spoken and emailed, and the overwhelming majority of Gig Harbor citizens do not want STRs in residential neighborhoods.

Last night was not the outcome we had hoped for. It looks like February 27 the vote for short term rentals will happen. Without any changes to the proposed ordinance unlimited short term rentals will be allowed on every block and every neighborhood. No one is required to live in the short term rentals/hotels even one night. Each LLC/corporation member can have one STR.

I made several compromise motions:

- allow Short Term Rentals in Commercial Zones, but not in Residential Zones;
- allow owner/occupied STR in Residential Zones;
- allow owner/occupied 9 months of the year and 3 months allow STRs.

None of these motions moved forward.

It wasn't so long ago that I was sitting in the audience speaking before a different City Council that ignored the voice of citizens. Instead of being frustrated, I got inspired, ran for office and was elected to our City Council to represent your voice. Don't be frustrated. Be inspired.

Gig Harbor has volunteer commissions that need your important voice and your important thoughts. There are three council seats that are up for election this year. Whatever you do, don't be frustrated be inspired and volunteer with your community.

Thank you for making a difference and for caring about our hometown.

It is an honor to serve you,

Jeni

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## Jeni Listens

Wednesday September 13

9 am - 11 am

Cutter's Point in the Bartelle's/Ross Shopping Center





**You are invited to meet Gig Harbor City Council Candidate, Ed Nadler**

Dear Neighbors,

Gig Harbor has a City Council election this year. 3 seats are up for election, 2 of those 3 seats are running unopposed.

Running for seat #4 is Ed Nadler. You can check Ed out at his website

<https://www.electnadler.com/>

**And**

You are invited to come meet Ed and ask him questions in person.

Who is Ed Nadler?

Why is Ed running for council?

Why does Ed care about Gig Harbor

Why does Ed care about you?

***Bring a friend to meet Ed. Ask Ed your questions. Tell Ed your concerns.***

Happy September! It is an honor to serve you!

Jeni

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