

February 7, 2019,

Mayor Molly Hughes  
Members of the Town Council  
Town of Coupeville  
PO Box 725  
Coupeville, WA 98239

Re: Letter of Support of Coupeville Mayor Molly Hughes and Town Council/ Statement of Langley City Council Opposition to Growler Expansion at OLF Field

Dear Mayor Molly Hughes and Coupeville Town Council:

With this letter, the Mayor of Langley and the Langley City Council express our support to the Coupeville Mayor and Town Council for the letter written by Mayor Hughes on August 28, 2018, and unanimously approved by the Coupeville Town Council (Letter Attached). We share your concerns regarding the impacts to your community and our region that will result from the expansion of Growler flights at Outlying Field Coupeville (OLF).

Our City of Langley Comprehensive Plan notes: "The City of Langley is interdependent with other communities in the county, the unincorporated area, and the Puget Sound region." ("Executive Summary," p.3.) As the only incorporated area of South Whidbey Island, this Langley Council has a responsibility to state a position and take a stand on issues that affect our City as well as our region.

Though Langley and South Whidbey are less impacted than North and Central Whidbey, this situation may negatively affect Langley interests indirectly and possibly directly. By standing against the Growler expansion at OLF field, we hereby exercise the Precautionary Principle which is defined as: "When an activity raises threats of harm to the environment or human health, *precautionary* measures should be taken even if some cause and effect relationships are not fully established scientifically."

Areas of concern for our own community include:

1. Negative impacts on tourism which affects our businesses.
2. Increased pressure on housing.
3. The possibility that common aquifer contamination may occur as it has in the Coupeville municipal well.
4. Decrease in county-wide property tax base due to expansion of the Accident Zone and related diminished property values.

We realize this is an evolving issue. We invite you to stay in touch with us and we will do our best to stay current on this issue and be there to lend our support as needed.

Regards,

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Tim Callison, Mayor, Langley, Washington

Date

