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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Meeting regarding impacts to Auke Bay created by the cruise ship industry  
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The Auke Bay Neighborhood Association received this email from a neighbor just prior to the cities meeting with Neighborhood Associations and wanted to pass along so it was included as input to the Visitor Association Task Force.

Thank you,

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Kathleen Samalon <[ksamalon@yahoo.com](mailto:ksamalon@yahoo.com)>  
**Subject:** Meeting regarding impacts to Auke Bay created by the cruise ship industry  
**Date:** December 11, 2019 at 4:08:20 AM AKST  
**To:** [kleins@aukebay.org](mailto:kleins@aukebay.org)  
**Reply-To:** Kathleen Samalon <[ksamalon@yahoo.com](mailto:ksamalon@yahoo.com)>

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this neighborhood meeting. If I were there, I would make the following two points.

(1). There physically is no room for transit expansion. Auke Bay is already the hub for whale watching and fishing charter excursions and Statter Harbor is already being expanded to try to accommodate just these two functions - and completion is still in the future. Adding mini cruise ships to the mix would require even more transportation infrastructure. A long term study resulted in Glacier Highway recently being expanded - that plan did not include an intensive number of buses to support cruise ships. Unless the city can move mountains and take homes/businesses under eminent domain, providing safety turn lanes is impossible. The proximity of Auke Bay Elementary School to the harbor compounds the safety issues associated with increased cruise ship traffic.

(2) Mini cruise ships should not be allowed in the harbor. If the cruise ship industry seriously considers expanding to Auke Bay, they also need to seriously consider the fact that Statter Harbor is the home to at least 125 families (see graphic) that live along it's shores in condominiums and

apartments. If cruise ships do come, an unassailable plan needs to be put in place that would mitigate the inevitable environmental consequence of increased human activities .... noise, fumes, lights, etc. The docks are the front yards to many Auke Bay residents and should be respected as such.



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