

Thank you city voters for Eddon

THE entire Peninsula community should give the voters of the City of Gig Harbor a loud and lengthy round of applause. They are the ones who agreed to increase their own property taxes over the next 20 years so the city can purchase the historic Eddon Boatyard on the downtown waterfront.

The super-majority vote in favor of the \$3.5 million bond is truly a defining moment in Gig Harbor's history. The Eddon Boatyard, situated in the mid-point of the harbor walk between the Tides Tavern and Finholm, may be the vehicle that changes the character of our town in the future. Certainly, it has preserved a piece of our history and the flavor of our maritime roots.

While city property owners are footing this bill for the rest of us, the Eddon preservation project wouldn't have even gotten off the ground except for the vision and passion of a core quartet of citizens: Lita Dawn Stanton, John McMillan, Guy Hoppen and Chuck Hunter. These four really made it all happen.

Of course, they were helped by large crew of volunteers who went doorbelling throughout the city, contributing materials and donating funds. They all deserve our thanks, too.

And, of course, we should thank our city council and administrative staff for sharing the vision and providing the technical support.

All around, it was a tremendous community effort. Now, with the funding in place, there are still challenges ahead, including finalizing the sale and developing the actual plan for the site.