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**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to minutes of April 22, 2013 City Council Business Meeting  
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Dear Council,

On the Consent Calendar for the May 6, 2013 Business Meeting of the Shoreline City Council are the minutes from its April 22 meeting. I urge you to revise your reporting of my Public Comment delivered that evening.

The draft states:

*5(a) Tom Jamieson, Shoreline, expressed opposition to a ban on single use plastic bags and*

*threatened a referendum petition campaign against it if the Council approves it.*

I take strong exception to your use of the word "threaten," and regard its publication in your Council Packet for May 6, 2013 injurious.

Black's Law Dictionary (Eighth Edition) defines 'threat' as *A communicated intent to inflict harm or loss on another or on another's property, esp. one that might diminish a person's freedom to act voluntarily or with lawful consent.*

There is nothing in my remarks that could reasonably be construed as a communicated intent to inflict harm or loss. I simply communicated my intent to employ the process by which the People exercise their powers of initiative and referendum, powers they reserved with their ratification of the State Constitution. There is nothing adversarial, let alone threatening in my communicated intent. If we can agree on the principle of government of the people, by the people, for the people, then we have the same ends.

Respectfully,

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