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Property Tax Exemption

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Comments:

I would suggest uniformity in the PTE program by region and the staff report does not mention Aurora presently has a 5-year property tax exemption applied to the area. In the interest of fairness, the Aurora Square CRA should receive a 5-year property tax exemption. Those developers who elect to build in the Aurora Square CRA will also benefit from amenities funded (or partially funded) by the city - something unavailable to other developers building along Aurora.

Furthermore, the staff report still on the website as of 7/7/2013 omits the development that has already broke ground at the former Overland Trailer Park which began under the 5-year property tax exemption, I wonder what other project currently in the application process they have forgot to include in their staff report. ICHS has also bought land and began the permit process to build a new clinic along Aurora.

A property tax exemption is not the sole determinant of whether or not a developer choses to build, market conditions are equally important, if not more important. If the council choses to utilize a 12-year property tax exemption, then they should ask for a higher percentage of affordable housing and lower the percentage of median income that qualifies a person for affordable housing given the high median income for King County (or a combination of the two criteria).

Position: Support [] Oppose [x] Neutral []