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**Cc:** [John Norris](#)  
**Subject:** FW: January 10 Update  
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Hi –

Let's plan to put this in the Green Folder for the January 27 Dinner meeting.

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**From:** Chris Roberts  
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**To:** Debbie Tarry  
**Cc:** Carolyn Wurdeman; Chris Eggen; Doris McConnell; Jesse Salomon; Keith McGlashan; Shari Winstead; Will Hall; John Norris  
**Subject:** Re: January 10 Update

Mayor, Council,

I am very concerned with the recommendation for the Council to discuss the possible adoption of SODA ordinances in the City of Shoreline. Not only are the laws not effective in keeping offenders out of certain areas of the City, they can be costly to the City in terms of increased court and jail costs, as violators are arrested and have their parole revoked.

I would like you to read some research by UW professors Katherine Beckett and Steve Herbert a new published article about the practice and another (older) article about Seattle's SOAP ordinance.

<http://digitalcommons.law.seattleu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1805&context=sulr>

<http://www.artsci.washington.edu/newsletter/april10/Banish.asp>

[http://www.wmich.edu/hhs/newsletters\\_journals/jssw\\_institutional/institutional\\_subscribers/39.3.Bancroft.pdf](http://www.wmich.edu/hhs/newsletters_journals/jssw_institutional/institutional_subscribers/39.3.Bancroft.pdf)

From the description of Herbert and Beckett's 2009 work, *Banished: The New Social Control in Urban America*:

"With urban poverty rising and affordable housing disappearing, the homeless and other "disorderly" people continue to occupy public space in many American cities. Concerned about the alleged ill effects their presence inflicts on property values and public safety, many cities have wholeheartedly embraced "zero-tolerance" or "broken window" policing efforts to clear the streets of unwanted people. Through an almost completely unnoticed set of practices, these people are banned from occupying certain spaces. Once zoned out, they are subject to arrest if they return-effectively banished from public places. *Banished* is the first exploration of these new tactics that dramatically enhance the power of the police to monitor and arrest thousands of city dwellers. Drawing upon an extensive body of data, the authors chart the rise of banishment in Seattle, a city on the leading edge of this emerging trend, to establish how it works and explore its ramifications. They demonstrate that, although the practice allows police and public officials to appear responsive to concerns about urban disorder, it is a highly questionable policy: it is expensive, does not reduce crime, and does not address the underlying conditions that generate urban poverty. Moreover,

interviews with the banished themselves reveal that exclusion makes their lives and their path to self-sufficiency immeasurably more difficult."

Respectfully,

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On Jan 11, 2014, at 2:08 PM, "Debbie Tarry" <[dtarry@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:dtarry@shorelinewa.gov)> wrote:

o *Dinner Meeting (5:45 p.m.)* – Chief Ledford will provide an update on the Special Emphasis Team (SET) work in the City and specifically some of the focus most recently regarding criminal activity associated with activity around the methadone clinic on the 16700 block of Aurora. We would like to discuss with Council some actions that Seattle has recently taken in adopting a “Stay Out of Drug Areas” (SODA) ordinance and how this tool could potentially be used in Shoreline.