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**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Proposing a April 28, 2014 resolution to support Snoco's slide moratorium and opposing the Somers amendment to exempt Point Wells  
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Shoreline City Council

Dear City Council,

I urge you to pass a resolution tonight in support of Snohomish County's proposed moratorium on issuing permits in landslide areas, and against the Somers amendment that would exempt Point Wells from that moratorium.

You have stated repeatedly your intention to seek annexation Point Wells. It is part of your current Comprehensive Plan and 2011 Letter of Intent. You opposed state legislation in 2013 that would have given Woodway annexation powers, and approved legislation that withdrew them. If you succeed in annexing, all Point Wells decisions will become City of Shoreline decisions ex post facto. You will be accountable for Point Wells from then on. So when the mud washes SHORELINE's 3400 condos and their 6000 citizens out to sea, what will the City's alibi be? "Um, Snohomish County's Oso moratorium thing happened after BSRE's permit application and before annexation; there was nothing we could have done. Besides, the 2013 Supreme Court decision affirming vesting, blah, blah, blah." No way.

Tonight's City Council meeting is a perfect opportunity to pass a Resolution endorsing the moratorium and opposing the Somers Amendment, which I understand would allow BSRE's permit to be granted. There is no justification for the amendment. If the moratorium is on permit applications, BSRE is moot because they already have theirs in. The Washington State Supreme Court has settled that question. If it is a moratorium on permits, then BSRE's application is irrelevant because it is about processing the application, not disallowing it.

By acting tonight to support the moratorium unequivocally, you can go a long way towards rebuilding the trust you have lost with the Richmond Beach neighborhood.

I urge you to give additional backing to the City's concern for geological hazards in the area, which you expressed to Snohomish County during its Scoping Comment period for the Point Wells Environmental Impact Study. Act now to protect the City, present and future.

Sincerely,

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