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Shoreline Council,

In lieu of me coming Monday night and in case there is no time for a non-agenda public comment, I would like the Mayor and entire council to be aware of the Shoreline Science Fair and STEM Career Expo at Shoreline Community College on May 31 with attendance by and speech from from Rep. Ruth Kagi.

I have attached a letter with more detailed information about it and hope that the council will see the incredible importance of this event for the entire community.

Thank you,

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Shoreline City Council

My name is Raymond Koelling and I live in Lake Forest Park. While I know that area is outside of your city limits, the following comments have to do with the Shoreline School District area to which Lake Forest Park belongs.

I would like the entirety of the Shoreline area to be aware of the Shoreline Science Fair and STEM Career Expo which will be held at Shoreline Community College on Saturday, May 31 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm with students, Boeing, SCC labs, medical research and other such experiences.

Actually this second, and hoped for annual, event was born out of the STEM educational summit with Superintendent Sue Walker and then SCC President Lee Lambert and hosted by then Mayor McGlashan right in the council chamber area in November 2011. Of the few ordinary public citizens who showed up, I was the one sitting toward the back and to your right. A meeting two months later with Lee Lambert secured Shoreline Community College as the venue for the event. The first one was March 23, 2013 and this year is May 31. This has one and only one purpose; a community, volunteer effort to attempt to help all the students of Shoreline in STEM for a better future.

The incoming (July 1, 2014) Superintendent will be speaking between 1:30 pm and 2:00 pm that day as well as Representative Ruth Kagi from the 32nd district who has been very supportive of this.

As goes a school district, so goes the surrounding community. In order to make this event functional, I have approached businesses in Shoreline who I thought would bend over backward to help the students of Shoreline and Lake Forest Park. But support has been minimal to non-existent resulting in funding being made through my back pocket which I assure you is just not that deep.

A similar announcement to Mayor Goss and Lake Forest Park has been met with great enthusiasm. I hope you will do whatever you can to get the word out to businesses and community about May 31 and that Mayor, members of the council, event planner and others will stop by to see what is going on and hear Rep. Kagi speak about STEM and education.

I attend noon concerts, walks and the summer Festival and I do celebrate the past and the present. But if we do not spend an equal amount of time celebrating the future, of which current students and STEM are an integral part for a community's survival, then the world will just pass us by.

Please, ALL of Shoreline come by and see.

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