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As a Shoreline resident I am opposed to radical rezone in Shoreline and request that Shoreline planners and city council members consider the following:

- 1 a radical rezone would cause high density and harm the liveability of Shoreline;
- 2 pressure from Sound Transit (an unelected entity) is based on questionable assumptions about the popularity of light rail (small electric cars within 10 years could easily make light rail uneconomical and unfeasible);
- 3 the Growth Management Act does not mandate growth levels, and was never intended to be a basis for a radical upzone;
- 4 it is undemocratic for a small number of city officials/developers to enact radical rezone with minor citizen input; zoning changes have a dramatic impact on a community and should be decided by a public election;
- 5 light rail could not handle the high volume of high density.

Since the issue of zoning is so critically important to Shoreline, I urge you to go slowly in considering this potential change. Do not let Sound Transit cause a rush to judgment. Many have chosen to live in Shoreline because we do not have high density and all the repercussions it would have for infrastructure (roads, schools, public services like fire dept., water demands, etc.).

Please distribute this e-mail to all members of the Planning Commission, and all City Council members. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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