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Subject: 32nd District Democrats Resolution Opposing Radical Rezones
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This Resolution (attached and below) was passed at the regular meeting of the 32nd District Democrats last night, 2/11/15.

I request that it be included in the comment record on both 185th and 145th Rezones/Subarea Plans and Planned Area EIS'.

Thank you.

Janet Way
Shoreline Preservation Society

Resolution Opposing Shoreline Rezoning in the Area of Light Rail Stations

Whereas the City of Shoreline's founding EIS and Comprehensive Plan specifically declare it to be a "bedroom community," with single-family neighborhoods integral to its character; and

Whereas the City Council has proposed two radical rezones of Light Rail station areas that would fundamentally change the character of huge sections of Shoreline by authorizing structures over 85' in height, eventually displacing thousands of tax-paying residents in contravention of the letter and spirit of the above founding documents; and

Whereas we support policies that benefit vibrant, middle-class neighborhoods, but vigorously oppose policies that, by rezoning huge blocks of communities and consigning single-family homes to "non-conforming" use status, would displace people whose life savings and family futures are invested in those homes; and

Whereas the proposed radical rezones would inevitably bring enormous negative impacts to the environment, including increased stormwater runoff and loss of open space, tree canopy and wildlife habitat, with further adverse impacts on city utilities, budgets, schools, social services, and transportation infrastructure – in addition to higher taxes on residents of the rezoned area; and

Whereas Shoreline residents have still not been fully informed of what is proposed, and the Rezone processes on the two affected neighborhoods are running concurrently – with important City Council actions on each often taking place on the same day – citizens need more time to assess the total situation and comment intelligently; and

Whereas we could readily support transportation infrastructure improvements that are scaled to our existing community, do not adversely affect our environment, and which our taxpayers can afford;

Therefore, we call on the Shoreline City Council to reject the currently proposed radical rezones and protect our neighborhoods and environment by approving a scaled-down, reasonable plan with "phasing, transitional zoning and triggers related to infrastructure project completion," in keeping with the residents' wishes and ability to afford, thereby adhering to a true community vision that will take Shoreline into the next decades; and

We further call on the Shoreline City Council to delay or extend the hearings and/or comment periods for the EIS and Subarea processes in order to truly include the majority of citizens who will be affected by this proposal, and

We request that both the Shoreline City Council and City Manager be informed of this Resolution.

Adopted February 11, 2015 by the 32nd District Democrats

Originated by Janet Way, former Shoreline City Councilmember, and
John Behrens, former Shoreline Planning Commissioner