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Dear Council members,

As an active voter, I never miss the opportunity to vote I want you to hear from me again. I am hoping that you are listening on this occasion as I did not feel like you even care to hear public comment unless it is in line with your thinking. I did testify at a public comment period before the council last summer. All but the Deputy Mayor looked bored. That is a really sad state of affairs, you should not be on the council unless you wish to engage with your community members.

I am concerned about the up-zones proposed for the 185<sup>th</sup> street station. I think that your staff (who does not live in Shoreline) has gone way overboard increasing the densities around the station. They are looking out 50 years and are purely guessing what might happen. A 10 or 20 year time frame might be realistic. NO ONE can even get close on a 50 year plan, let alone 10 or 20 years. Look at the economic recession, who in Shoreline Planning Department predicted that? Since none of the decision makers live in North City, it's no skin off your nose what happens and "it's for the greater good" of the community. A polite way of saying we can screw the property owners, because they do not own expensive homes in nicer neighborhoods. With your plan, you will be wiping out "affordable homes" and replacing them with high priced apartments or condos. The less affluent simply get pushed out and you do not seem to care one iota! All the talk about an affordable house policy and how to "make developers" create that housing is silly. Look to the big city to your south, they have not succeeded in getting developers to produce any significant amount of affordable housing. What you do succeed with this up-zone is to give developers lots of money and profits. If that is your goal or intention, then just stop pretending that is not the end result of an up-zone.

P.S. At least at Northgate, the light rail station is adjacent to the transit center. What happened in Shoreline? Is having the transit station near a light rail station smart and good planning? There is no connection in Shoreline with the transit center at 200<sup>th</sup>. What are you thinking!

Best Regards,

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