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1. Peter Watters
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5. 02/23/2015
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7. Dear City Council Members,

Over the past six months I have become alarmed with the process that city staff has used to push through an agenda of high density growth. Solicitation for the early meetings for the 185th st substation was poorly advertised and misleading. The meetings appeared to be more about choosing public art for the stations instead of a massive change to the very nature of Shoreline. Then at later meetings city staff touted the overwhelming public support for light rail and presented the massive rezoning as something required by Sound Transit. City staff purposefully conflated the issues of light rail and massive rezoning. Recently, it has come to light that city staff outrageously overstated the amount of rezoning desired by Sound Transit.

As I watched a councilman balk at excluding a neighborhood from immediate zoning for 14 story buildings, I decided to calculate how big humans would be on the map we were all looking at. Let's see, 5/8 inch per 500 feet, that would make a 6 ft person about one hundredth the size of a sesame seed.

No wonder you have lost touch with the values of your neighbors and the community you should represent.

Since my wife and I moved to Shoreline 3 years ago we have grown to love our neighborhood and

neighbors. We enjoy seeing fathers playing basketball with their children in their front yards or teaching their daughter to ride a bicycle for the first time. We actually see children playing outside. We plan to grow old in our home and see more young people move into the neighborhood to start families just like our next door neighbors have.

The scope of the rezoning proposals preferred by city staff and the planning commission are more appropriate for rebuilding a community after a natural disaster or war than for accommodating light rail stations. There is no respect given to existing Shoreline homeowners living in their affordable single family homes.

The people of Shoreline don't want Transit Oriented Development - They want a family oriented community with transit.

At every meeting I attended, citizens raised concerns about surface and underground water issues. The city staff said that it will be the responsibility of the individual developers to study what sort of water issues they will need to address in individual projects. Developers - if you think this is a good approach – I know of some swamp land you can buy. The water issues are systemic throughout Shoreline. A decision on zoning before Shoreline's completion of its Puget Sound Drainage Surface Water Basin Plan (see RFQ 7937 - Puget Sound Drainage Areas Surface Water Basin Plan) is unfair to Shoreline citizens and dangerous for communities downhill.

If you value transparent representative government I ask you to take the necessary time to truly involve the people on Shoreline and have a basic plan for the affected water basins.

Sincerely,

Peter Watters  
Shoreline Resident and Voter

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Thank you,  
**City of Shoreline**

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