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I am writing to you in support of the phased zoning proposal. I know that you all have put in many hours, days and months to try and make the best decision you can on behalf of the people in Shoreline.

I was around over 30 years ago when light rail was first discussed and was never developed. I always wondered why that happened. I don't remember what governmental agency made that decision, but maybe they were afraid to look to the future and preferred to maintained the small town mentality that drives a lot of decisions in Seattle. What exactly has that accomplished? Gridlock?

Seattle has always ruled with a small town mentality and that is the reason that traffic is such a mess today. If the Seattle City Council had a vision to the future and did not make decisions based on a misconception that Seattle is going to stay small we might have already had light rail in place and not the traffic situation we have today. I remember when the freeway construction was approved; it was already out of date when construction was completed. Why do you think that happened?

I have been thinking about the decision that the Shoreline City Council needs to make soon. Will the Shoreline City Council look toward the future with a small town mentality that is ruled by a single family dwellings, or will the Shoreline City Council look at a future that will be building a new community? Light Rail cannot be a stop for single family dwellings; it has to be a destination for multifamily dwellings. It will need to be a place where people can live and commute back and forth to work.

Recently a Shoreline resident told me that he wants to be able to drive to the new light rail station and be able to use it. If there is only minimal change, the light rail station will not make sense here. People will need to have places to live, shop and work around the light rail station. There needs to be a futuristic vision that really sees the light rail system as a true means of transportation to go places, and not just a glorified bus stop for the people that live in Shoreline.

I have lived in Shoreline over 37 years and will be impacted by the light rail system, but I can see and embrace the future and realize that it is more than just about me; it is the future for my children and grandchildren. I am hoping that the Shoreline City Council looks to the future also. Actually, I am confident that the Shoreline City Council will look to the future and make the right decision.

Sincerely Yours,

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