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Hello City Council,

Please hold off (vote no, at least for now) on the rezoning of the 185th street subarea.

I feel the current rezoning plans are far too aggressive, too rushed and not fully thought out.

The more I find out about the degree of rezoning that is planned, the less I understand what the motivation is. Communications from the city indicate that the motives are to prepare for impending growth and foster a more walkable/public-transportable lifestyle within the city. The current plan, including the not-very-reduced "phased alternative", upon closer inspection seems somewhat disconnected from those motivations. The scope of expansion (in terms of housing units) seems to be significantly larger than forecasts for growth that I've seen (particularly so when the rezoning/developments under way or under consideration for other areas of the city (145th st, Westminster triangle, Pt. Wells, Ballinger) are taken into consideration.) Development along the 185th "corridor" rather than in a compact area surrounding the light rail station seems to make the likelihood of large numbers of residents living along the corridor without a car unlikely.

Before such a drastic rezone is finalized, I would have assumed that things like: planning (including funding sources) for improvement along 185th, planning (including funding sources) for utility improvements, the fate of Shoreline Center (whether it is to be developed and when/how) would have been fairly well sorted out. These things have a large impact on whether the rezone will produce the kind of benefits which are being touted. As far as I can tell, no one knows quite how any of these things are going to work out.

One of the best parts of Shoreline is it's affordable single-family housing with foster neighborhoods of long-term residents and a sense of community. This rezone, obviously, does irreparable damage to that aspect of Shoreline.

Once the area is rezoned, it will be very difficult to undo, even if the will to undo it should become manifest.

This is an important issue and I feel that the city government is not serving the interests of city residents very well on it. How you vote on this will certainly affect who I support and vote for in elections going forward.

Best Regards,  
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