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Shoreline City Council-

Five years ago, during the recession my wife and I took a risk and invested in the city of Shoreline when we bought our first house near 185th and Wallingford. In our mid 20's, it was risky, but we like the city of Shoreline, its small town feel and admired Shoreline's schools. In short, we decided this is where we wanted to raise our family. We invested heavily in remodeling our home as we planned to stay here for a very long time. We could have elected to buy in a more urban setting, but we liked the trees, the views and the larger yards for gardening and play. Now that we have a 1 year old daughter this is even more important to us. The rezoning does not support the life we thought we would have for the following reasons:

1. Your informational pamphlet says we will not be forced to sell. But what happens when neighbors on both sides of us sell to developers? Those developers will simply rent out or board up the houses waiting for us to sell. Those houses will soon become filled with homeless people, sex offenders and drug dealers. Then our daughter won't be able to play in the yard... But we won't "have to sell." You might excuse this as a slippery slope argument, but this actually happened in a house a few blocks from us until it was torn down and replaced with a new single family home.
2. This will of course cause our property value to decrease... As no one but a developer will want to buy our house.
3. If we do hold out long enough, 4 story buildings will be built all around us, blocking out sunshine and ultimately impacting our way of life.

I support light rail and possibly even rezoning the immediate area around the proposed station site (assuming the station will be located there). But I am hoping you can answer the following questions:

Why is the rezoning so aggressive and happening so soon?

Why have it reach all the way from 15th to Aurora?

Why didn't we receive any official notification about this until Monday March 9th?

Why were you trying to hide this from impacted citizens and property owners?

Now that we know about this, we will be at the meeting on Monday to voice our concerns.

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