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I just receive the proposed map plan that the council will vote on in but a few days in the mail. Although I have been aware of this but still had this still small hope the final zone proposal would be much less aggressive and have applied the public inputs you have been able to get.

The list of concerns I have for expanding this area with such an aggressive high density plan continues to grow longer and the issues are not addressed or resolved in the extensive 2-3 year research report nor in the mailing this week. The council needs to slow down the zoning plan until the public can vet this through. I don't see the harm or risk of zoning just the footprint Sound Transit asked for and consider the other zone changes starting in 2021 rather than 2015.

You really should build some trust by solving the other problems here first; such as traffic (185th and Meridian, 10th Ave, 188th are bad now, try it some time during heavy traffic days), water runoff and drainage is still a problem, water and power utility services are marginal and not able to handle 600% increase, property taxes are high here compared to other cities and should be reduced-this zone plan will increase them, park and public areas need to be preserved-not MUR zoned, crime needs to be under better control, prime property vacancies like Top Foods should be rare, community transit needs to be better, roads are in bad repair, etc..

In the time between now and 2021, you need to focus on these conditions to make this area more attractive for families to move here. the zoning will not accomplish that and the Rail is not going to accomplish that, it is not intended to. Rail is to service a rich community you are responsible to help create. Don't destroy what you have by zoning the way you are proposing.

As the zoning discussions continue, I strongly encourage the council to change the 185th corridor MUR 45 to MUR 35 at the most and not until 2021+. Many lots just boarding that corridor are 6-10' below the grade making the property terrain a 55' and not just a 45 wall and 45' is not necessary for the volumes and densities that will be realized.

Finally, it is too late for you to finally getting to the impacted constituents with the mailing this week. This is not how other Cities have conducted business that affects the public directly. I am very disappointed in my council, it is unprofessional and tears way the trust those that voted you into office to do. Multiple folks I talked to in this area initially said they trusted what you would do zoning wise because they had faith in the council's ability to have the republic's best interest in heart. They quickly lost that confidence after seeing the zone

plan that is under vote in a few days and has immediate impact.

Please slow down, involve your public and lets do the right thing,

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