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Honorable Council Members:

As a resident of 1017 NE 196 Shoreline for 40 years, I wish to express my concern with the considered rezone of our North City neighborhood. The entire complexion of our community would change if multi-unit housing and businesses were exchanged for single family residences.

I understand the value of rapid transit and wish such a proposal would have been enacted in the 1960s with the Forward Thrust funding. I do not support or see the need for razing of neighborhoods for businesses and multi-unit housing. Transit stations should not require decimating the present neighborhood.

As an elementary school teacher in the Shoreline School District for almost 30 years, I am well aware of the current crowded conditions of our elementary schools. After North City Elementary was closed, I moved to Ridgecrest which is now so overcrowded that a kindergarten class meets in the daycare portable. I cannot imagine the impact of more students on existing facilities. North City and perhaps other sites still owned by the District need to be reopened just to meet the current pre-school and elementary aged population.

Please consider the value of our Shoreline/North City neighborhoods and do NOT turn our property into a business/multi-purpose zone.

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