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Dear Shoreline Council Members,

We have lived approx 2 miles from the future site of the 185th St. light rail station for the past 18 years. We plan to stay here indefinitely. We have also been supportive of seeing the 185th St station become a reality.

However, we do not support the proposed high density rezoning around this future station site. We believe this proposal is much too extreme and will unnecessarily damage the residential area in the vicinity of the station.

Per the study from BAE Urban Economics submitted to the City Council and City staff late in 2013, BAE recommended that retail space be limited to a small amount of convenience oriented retail serving residents and transit riders located around the transit station. They did not recommend, nor does the community support, retail mixed with commercial all along 185<sup>th</sup> to Aurora.

Quite simply, the additional tax revenue that may be generated from a commercial expansion is not worth the damage that will be done to our beloved Shoreline community.

We urge you to follow the voices of our community and make a right decision about high-density zoning. Shoreline is a wonderful city and we want to see it preserved, not only for us but for the next generation as well.

Thank you,

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