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Attending city council meetings over the past weeks has made it very clear to me that the council has not considered the impact this rezone will have on our school district and other city resources. The last council meeting ran 6 hours with an end time after midnight. Seeing decisions affecting our schools made at such a late hour with such an unclear process only increased my concern for our schools with overcrowding, and loss of revenue from 10 or more years of tax incentives for developers.

Councilman Hall painted a picture of our neighborhoods not having young families and our schools on the brink of closure due to low enrollment. While the school district did close schools in the past due to enrollment they are now faced with the serious dilemma of overcrowding. Last month the Shoreline School District closed new non-resident boundary transfer applications for grades K-6 for the 2015-2016 school year. The reasoning for this was based on classroom size and building

use. Currently the elementary schools are near or at 95% capacity. In addition to schools already being stretched for building space Initiative 1351 that was passed last November will decrease classroom sizes causing new teachers to be hired and more classroom space to be utilized as our district is projected to have 9,000 students enrolled next year. This is a far different picture than what was painted the at the city council meeting. Many young families like ours are buying homes form the original owners and raising them in these single family residential neighborhoods. The proposed 70 MUR zone will cause enrollment to increase even more without offsetting that growth through property tax.

This is not the time for the city to cut a revenue source for the schools by ten years. The cost to the standard of education we have come to expect for our children is too large of a price to pay to recruit developers.

The city needs to scale back the area size and structure size of this rezone for the sake of our entire school district. What affects one of our schools affects all of our schools. What affects part of our city affects all of our city.

Stacey Chlarson  
Shoreline resident

<http://www.shorelineschools.org/news/release.php?releasesid=1615>

<http://www.nytimes.com/1991/05/22/education/business-tax-breaks-are-hurting-schools-educators-complain.html?pagewanted=2>

<http://www.goodjobsfirst.org/accountable-development/key-reforms-protecting-schools>

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**City of Shoreline**

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