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Dear Council Members,

As a fan of public transit I am very excited to get the light rail to Shoreline but as a mother of 2 boys and a single family home owner I am very concerned about your efforts to up-zone neighborhoods past the studied requirements and recommendations of Sound Transit as well as the inflexible approach to zoning regarding responsiveness to actual need.

My third concern is for the Shoreline schools. They are full to capacity and do not have a ready place to expand without major reconstruction and new build. My sons' school (Cascade K-8) for example, will likely be forced to give up their STEM room in exchange for another class room as our school is growing. We are located in the Meridian Park Elementary School building and MP is also running out of classrooms to 'loan' us. This is a great loss for the kids as the STEM room gives them the opportunity to work with wind tunnels, 3D printers and 'old fashioned' power tools to build and learn about physics and engineering.

I would venture to say that most young couples planning a family make a move to a safe, family oriented city with quality schools and that is right now what Shoreline is and why we chose to move here. That is an edge Shoreline has to attract solid community oriented residents/tax payers and up zoning past the point of reason and requirement would put the quality of the Shoreline schools at risk.

There is so much more to say in defense of our city and our neighborhoods but I know from reading public comments that those points have been made by others.

An alternative plan of action has been submitted to you by Dan Jacoby on March 12th and after carefully reviewing I find this a smart and viable solution to transit oriented development and the growth of the 185th station area.

Please vote tonight to delay the zoning until all studies are in for review and please consider the above mentioned alternative plan as a sound and reasonable solution. It is not too late to listen to your constituents and make smart choices for Shoreline's future.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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