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1. Pamela Kumpel
2. Shoreline
3. (o) North City
4. Not answered
5. 03/16/2015
6. 185th Subarea
7. I am dismayed, disappointed, and angry with the poor decision making on the part of the Shoreline City Council regarding the rezoning in the 185th subarea. This rezoning will destroy the east side of Shoreline as we know it, making way for increased traffic and a transient population. Homes and neighborhoods that were built between the 50s and the 70s will be gone.

I have lived in Shoreline the majority of my life. My parents built two homes here in 1961 and 1971; I grew up, attended UW and moved to Seattle. I married another Shoreline kid, and when my widowed mother decided to move up the hill to a condo in North City, we bought my childhood home.

Here we raised two daughters, both of whom attended Shoreline schools from Ridgecrest Kindergarten through Shorecrest High School. Sadly, we don't envision a time where they will ever live in Shoreline again. My husband and I will not retire here. Our home will be sold.

Our home is in Phase 3, but Phase 2 ends in our backyard. A 4-story apartment/condo could be built within 50 feet of our bedroom window. There goes the equity. The time and money we have spent to build a home, gone. The only thing remaining will be land value. How can we ethically market our home knowing that the neighborhood will be gone? I envision random vacant lots or unmaintained, vacant homes or owner-occupied turned into rentals while developers buy up land and wait for the rezones to open.

What is the reason for this massive undertaking? Light Rail will not arrive for a minimum of 8

years. Why now? What is the rush? These actions should be done with the utmost caution and deliberation to ensure that the existing quality of life is maintained. The things that made Shoreline great will be gone forever. These changes are being approved too quickly and without adequate public comment and input. The plans have changed too much and without public mailings to ensure that everyone affected has been informed.

Has the fact that property taxes for homes in Phase 1 will change been communicated? Taxes will be at the highest possible given the land's new use/zoning. Has the lack of adequate roads and sidewalks been properly addressed? 10th NE and 5th NE will not be able to handle increased traffic. How will cars get from 15th NE or Highway 99 to 5th NE? From NE 175th to NE 185th? What about schools? North City Elementary was closed. Will the district use this as an excuse to sell off the old Shoreline High School property?

Targeted development in already higher-density areas (Highway 99 and 15th NE) should happen before the wholesale destruction of hundreds of single-family homes though poor zoning is accomplished.

Please, table your pro-forma vote. Listen to your voting constituents. We are not a "vocal minority." We do not want the opportunity to "have a yoga studio in our home." Back off and give this time.

Pam Kumpel

8. Oppose

Thank you,
City of Shoreline

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