

From: [Patrice Schafer](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Proposed Rezoning/MUR Meeting
Date: Monday, March 16, 2015 3:47:21 PM
Attachments: [New Zoning - City Council.pdf](#)
[ATT00002.txt](#)



To: Shoreline City Council
Re: New Zoning/MUR

March 16, 2015

As homeowners residing on 12th avenue, we recently received the March 4th proposed re-zoning plans the City sent to ourselves and our neighbors.

First, it is my personal opinion that the east side of 12th street has been zoned for commercial use since 2013, prior to this current discussion, allowing plans for Polaris (an MUR) to go forward in the first place. Furthermore, it is my belief that the City has not been forthcoming in acknowledging this. Hence, this dense structure (165 units) was permitted entirely without thought to the repercussions to the homeowners nearby, interest in their approval or their input. One could surmise that the financial gains the developer offered outweighed such concerns.

However, I would like to ask whether any of the council members currently live near a dense MUR structure? Has your neighborhood been re-zoned? No? Well, permit me to provide feedback from this experience.

Since Polaris occupancy has reached full capacity, we have been forced to interact continually with the City of Shoreline, Customer Response Team, Police entities, Polaris management and the tenants themselves to maintain the safety and integrity of our community as we tackle relentless issues (parking, traffic flow, trash, noise, vandalism, etc.). It's always something. Our neighbors, homeowners who've invested 20+ years of their lives here, say this used to be a wonderful place to live...because it isn't now. "Neighborhood character?" "Quality of life?"

"Prospects for selling my home?" We'll learn the answer to the last question soon enough. After less than 2 years, we've had enough and will be selling our home. Our disappointment with the City's oversight, management and plans for its future is so profound, we are consciously eliminating potential homes in the entire Shoreline area.

In closing, may I assert that this is not Ballard. If you are using that model of chaos as your template, the plans your propose are right on target.

Sincerely yours,
Patrice Schafer
17570 12th Ave. NE
Shoreline, WA 98155