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Dear Council,
Please see attached comments.

Thanks,

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Dear Council,

We are commenting today on several items on your Council Agenda this evening.

Agenda Item #8 A)

We strongly support 2015 Comprehensive Plan Amendment that would establish a supplemental V/C level of service for collector arterials. This would provide some relief to the Richmond Beach and Richmond Highlands neighborhoods and 185th Subarea neighborhoods as well, which will otherwise be completely overburdened by the additional traffic from the Point Wells BSRE development. This is a modest adjustment that reasonable councilmembers could accept.

SPS would also support the proposal for Amendment #7 in the Comp Plan amendments packet. Particularly in areas with “high water table” or ground water or which will provide opportunities for LID (Low Impact Development) drainage solutions in those zones where development may be proposed. This could provide an excellent way to mitigate existing drainage problems and retrofit neighborhoods such as the 185th Subarea which suffer from inadequate stormwater infrastructure.

We would support Amendment #2 as well, especially since the WA Cities Insurance Authority has revealed that the City’s outreach and citizens participation plan is inadequate. This was well demonstrated during the recent discussions and public comments at the Council Hearings on the Rezone proposals. It was clear that the public was not adequately informed.

Agenda Item #9 A)

Thornton Creek Low Impact Development Project and Basin Plan Update

Shoreline Preservation Society finds this agenda item extremely curious and also alarming. We believe it would not be unreasonable to ask why this basin plan and study

was not presented along with the extensive record on the Subarea/Rezoning. And why didn't the FEIS reveal that this infrastructure, according to your own report is "posing a risk to the public?" We realize that the Council is very busy and so are staff, but we think it might have occurred to you to mention these problems in relation to the rezoning? SPS members mentioned this problem frequently in our comments and comment letters. A historical map of the watershed area was presented and stories of buried ponds and sinkholes we raised by us and many citizens.

"The infrastructure condition assessments performed during basin planning efforts have identified 36,870 lineal feet (6.9 miles) of pipe with severe defects. The defective pipes may pose a risk to the public and may require attention as soon as possible. Approximately half of the known defective pipes are being addressed by the Stormwater Pipe Repair and Replacement Program in the SWU capital improvement plan (CIP).

This is a seven year program with a budget of \$5,289,000. With several basins having unfinished infrastructure condition assessments, staff expects the amount of defective infrastructure to increase. In addition to defective infrastructure, the basin plans have identified several other capital improvement projects that are not yet included in the SWU CIP."

The question of the "other half" of the defective pipes, which are not addressed in the CIP, is alarming as well. It is indeed a question of priorities. The health of this watershed and the public very much depend on what priorities the Council will set with regard to Surface Water Management. Thornton Creek is the largest watershed in Shoreline and Seattle. Hundreds of thousands of people are affected by it, along with the wildlife that share it, especially the 5 species of salmonids.

Our preliminary comments on this matter mainly ask how do you expect to pay for this and also give developers big breaks as incentives to build? Do you expect ratepayers to pay for the Millions of Dollars required to fix these problems?

We think it is not unreasonable to ask these questions now again, since you have deemed it the right time to bring to the Council agenda and to the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

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