

From: [City Council](#)
To: [Lisa Basher](#)
Subject: FW: Paramount Park
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Could you forward this to the Planning Commission and include in your public comments?
Thank you!

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From: Cathy Aldrich [mailto:cmacathya@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 3:43 PM
To: City Council; Preserve Shoreline
Subject: Paramount Park

Dear Council,

This is regarding the September 17 meeting of the Planning Commission, I have a prior commitment so cannot make my voice heard at the meeting.

I live just above the Paramount Park wetland in the area being considered for rezoning. I also read through the complete EIS that the City commissioned, which seems to imply that any development will not have an impact upon the wetland area. This premise should be called into question since the maps of the proposed rezone area actually show housing being built in areas that the EIS deems to be buffer zones.

If the housing that is currently on site is deemed to be encroaching upon the margins of the wetland area, how in the world would rezoning for mixed use, and allowing building on these same lots *not* encroach? Not only that, the likelihood of a large influx of new residents caring as much for the park area as the current residents do would also be questionable. Those of us who live in this neighborhood know we have a gem and we take good care of this important resource.

The residents, quite the contrary to the EIS, know this to be an important, if small, ecologically viable drainage system that attracts a large variety of birds and wildlife. In my own yard I have identified close to 50 different species of birds, attracted by the Paramount Park wetland area.

The needs of developers should not take precedent over saving the few, small pockets of wetlands that remain in our area. If anything, the City should look to expand those wetlands for the sake of any future residents, not build the areas up just because of what *might* happen years in the future, even with the inevitable arrival of light rail.

Thank you for your time.

Cathy Aldrich
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