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To: Shoreline City Mayor Roberts, Deputy Mayor Winstead, and Council Members Hall, McConnell, McGlashan Salomon and Scully, and City Manager Tarry:

Ever since the invasion of the North American Continent in 1605, just slightly over 400 years ago, the new settlers, now known as Americans, have been ravaging and raping the environment, stripping it of its resources, on the land, in all its varied fresh and salt waters, and the atmosphere, and exterminating to the point of extinction the varied marine, avian, and terrestrial resources, animal, vegetable and mineral for our own convenience and profit. We have desecrated the environments of our share of this North American continent that the varied Native Tribes people kept in pristine condition for 10,000 years.

Not a day, week, month, year goes by without Americans permanently and irrevocably damaging the increasingly threatened habitats of numerous other creatures, many of whom provide us with benefits that enable and facilitate our survival. We continue to do this heedlessly forgetting that every action that destroys the environment leads to our own extinction as a species. As we remove trees we increase the amount of CO2 that exists and permeates the atmosphere that we - an oxygen dependent - species breathes. As we destroy marine environments - whether fresh or salt - we contribute to the extinction of species that must have these environments in order to live.

Environmental destruction is happening now, and has been happening every year since the 1996 incorporation of this section of North King County into a municipality now known as Shoreline. The destruction is caused by personal choices of individuals, businesses and city government. Now with the intent to impose a hugely costly Light Rail system environmental and residential destruction continues. The loss of so many homes that will be destroyed by the Light Rail route adjacent to the I-5 freeway is insane, displacing and dislocating many hundreds of families and individuals.

In addition to this residential destruction, the plans for the Light Rail extension going north and south through Shoreline threatens environmental habits, such as the wetland areas of south Paramount Park and the Twin Ponds area. Both these environments are home to a variety of terrestrial, marine and avian species. These parks add to the attractions that we herald as desirable in Shoreline. The varied habitats, once covered over with concrete, asphalt, and roadways are lost permanently. Who has ever seen or heard anyone in Shoreline the city council recommending that roadways be transformed by using permeable surfaces that would allow water infiltration that removes the poisons and pollution we humans contribute to the environment. It simply has not happened despite pleas for such environmental considerations.

We cannot continue to destroy the natural environment. Remedies are not only hugely expensive but ineffective. For example, millions of dollars have been spent to clean the pollution in the Salish Sea where salmon, seals, various water fowl, plankton and other aquatic species are striving to survive, and all this without being able to clear up the pollution

we have caused. Our destruction of the environment is becoming irreparable and irremediable.

For this reason, the radical re-zone proposed for the 145th St corridor must be scaled back so as not to have any adverse impact on the wetlands of south Paramount Park and Twin Ponds. We humans cannot continue to ravage the natural habitats to suit our own questionable needs for convenience and profit. We must cease and desist from our wanton destruction of the environment, and do so in the interests of our own survival. as a species. What long term benefit will there be to us, as a species, if we destroy the habitats that allow us, and other creatures, to survive? It is time to JUST SAY NO to environmental desecration and destruction.

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