



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Roberts and City Councilmembers

FROM: Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk

DATE: July 11, 2016

RE: Documents received at 7/11/16 Council Meeting

CC: Debbie Tarry, City Manager  
John Norris, Assistant City Manager

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Attached hereto are documents received from the public at your July 11, 2016 City Council Regular Meeting.

- 1) Written comments regarding Resolution No. 389 – Potential Levy Lid Lift Renewal submitted by Ginny Scantlebury.
- 2) “Vote No on Proposal 1” Flyer submitted by Dan Jacoby.
- 3) Written comments regarding Resolution No. 389 – Potential Levy Lid Lift Renewal submitted by Richard Potter.

Shoreline City Council

July 11, 2016

Re: Levy Lid Lift

To the Members of the City Council,

I am writing as a Richmond Beach homeowner and as observer/participant in 3 different Levy Lift meetings – the concluding Financial Sustainability Citizen Advisory Committee and 2 public meetings – Richmond Beach church and Shoreline Library.

My first concern is that the staff's numbers are incorrect. They begin with the medium home value in Shoreline of \$356,757 (which is only 1.93% above 2015 rate.) According to Zillow, the median home value in Shoreline is \$454,000. So, when they say that our average property tax will go to \$62/homeowner if the Levy Lid passes, this is not based on verifiable facts.

The most important fact to know is that this new tax will not pass in November. Many homeowners can barely afford what they have to pay now. Why don't you take the time right now before it's too late and come up with a smaller levy rate? I also agree with Dan Jacoby that we need to focus on welcoming new businesses into Shoreline. In addition, we need to support those that are already in Shoreline. Businesses are important sources of tax revenue for the city. I've spoken to many businessmen in the city who have never had anyone in the city visit them and ask how they can help.

I hope you will discuss all these issues tonight and especially I hope you ask staff how they came up with their various numbers.

Thank you,



Ginny Scantlebury  
Shoreline

# Vote NO on Proposal 1

*(Taxes pay for needed services, but ...)*

Are rising property taxes turning your dream house into a nightmare?

Would you like another double-digit local property tax increase?



- ☞ The City of Shoreline wants YOU to vote for a *20-25% local property tax increase*.
- ☞ This massive tax increase will provide nothing new. No parks, no police, no sidewalks – nothing.
- ☞ It's just another tax increase to balance a city budget that is projected to grow far faster than inflation for the next 10 years.

(They also want to add more to the city car tab fee and create a new Business and Occupation tax.

Apparently, their appetite for new and increased taxes knows no bound.)



Paid for by Dan Jacoby  
16750 3rd Ave. NE, Shoreline, WA 98155  
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# City Council Comment Form

## Shoreline City Council Meeting

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Name RICHARD POTTER

Address 18400-15TH PL NE

Phone Number 206 367 5477

Agenda Item (if applicable) 9d

Comment:

I RAN THE NUMBERS AND THIS PROPOSED PROPERTY  
TAX WILL INCREASE MY CITY PROPERTY TAXES BY 20%  
THE FIRST YEAR. I'VE HEARD THE CITY'S 'SALES' PRESENTATION  
TRIKE AND I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON THE  
IMPACT ON TAX REVENUES OF THE 185TH AREA BEZONE. IT  
APPEARS THAT THIS NEIGHBORHOOD HAS BEEN SACRIFICED  
TO RAISE PROPERTY TAXES <sup>THE</sup> <sup>OF</sup> ~~FOR~~ BENEFIT THE REST OF THE CITY.  
HOW MUCH MORE DOES THE CITY NEED? I'M NOT CONVINCED  
THAT THE PROPOSED RATE IS JUSTIFIED OR REASONABLE.

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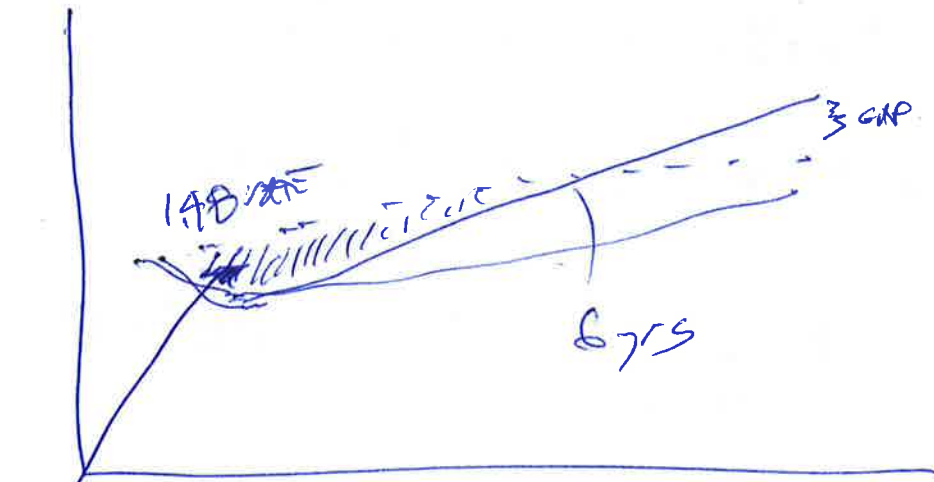
Address 10400 - 15TH PL NE

Phone Number 206 367 5477

Agenda Item (if applicable) 921

Comment:

THE CHART SHOWING THE GAP/BREAK-EVEN  
POINT IN SIX YEARS ACTUALLY BLOWS A HOLE  
THRU THEIR ARGUMENT FOR A \$9.48 LEVY RATE,  
UNFORTUNATELY IT APPEARS THAT NONE OF THE  
COUNCIL SPOTTED IT. SEE BACK OF THIS SHEET →



WHAT HAPPENS TO ALL THE MONEY  
RAISED IN EXCESS OF BUDGET NEEDS  
BEFORE THE 6 YEAR BREAK-EVEN POINT?

IS THIS SURPLUS BEING BANKED FOR  
FUTURE USE OR WILL IT BE SPENT, THEREBY  
BLOATING CITY SPENDING? IN FACT, IF  
THE ~~LEAST~~ RATE IS LOWER BUT STILL  
ABOVE CPI YOU CAN BANK THE SURPLUS  
FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO STRETCH THINGS OUT  
TO THE 6 YEAR POINT.