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To: [City Council](#)
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Dear City Council,

I have seen a drawing on the cover of the “Review Guide for the 145th St. Station” and have to say, that is one fine drawing. Fully marked crosswalks, lots of walkers, a bike and one car, with the roofs of tall buildings in the distance. But if this is really “YOUR” vision, at least acknowledge that it is not the vision of many of us that live in this area. Ridgecrest was planned and built as a “single family” neighborhood. Your various proposals to create a complex neighborhood appears to also propose the displacing of a lot of homeowners. And all of the options appear to be expensive to actually accomplish. Is that why you want to remove the lid on taxes? You want to change our neighborhood, and make us pay for it as well?

I met Mr. Salomon about 1 ½ years ago on the bus and was talking to him about the rezoning and the city council meetings. He told me that urban sprawl had to stop and it was up to the Shoreline to make it happen. When I said that is not what my neighbors or I want, and he responded with, and I quote “That is because most of them are stupid.” I was not sure why he said that, since I was obviously one of those people. Now maybe he was just so passionate about “his plan “ that he could not see the local residence’s point of view, but isn’t that what he is on the council to do, represent those that voted him in.

Do you recognize these words: *Promoting high ethical standards and being accountable to those we serve ensures that our community can trust us. The City of Shoreline makes a determined effort to promote and sustain an ethical culture grounded in values such as fairness, transparency, honesty, integrity, commitment, and stewardship.* It is the ethical code of the city council. Do you stand by these words?

Although many of us do not want rezoning, most of us realize there will be rezoning, but even your lowest impact plan is still too large. Why can’t you bring to initial scope down, and set up increments of increase, but only if the buildings get built and are occupied, and do not bring urban blight to the area. Then do the second phase. There is no reason to not go slower, unless you have something to lose.

I respectfully request you reduce the initial size of rezoning and only allow the next stage after the first stage is complete and considered a success to the neighborhood.

Thank you.

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