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Subject: Prioritize the city-owned property at 198th and Aurora for Affordable Housing

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Dear City Councilmembers,

As you consider options for the use of the property at 198th and Aurora, I hope that you will choose to prioritize this land for the creation of affordable housing. The need for homes that Shoreline residents of all income levels can afford is real and urgent, as was made apparent when, during the 2014-15 school year, the Shoreline School District identified 349 of its students as being homeless.

Prioritizing the 198th St. property for affordable housing is one concrete step you can take toward addressing this need. Its location, two blocks away from a Rapid Ride stop, makes it particularly well-suited for affordable housing. As we consider the future of our region, coordinating the development of transit and affordable housing will be vital to maintaining and creating equitable communities.

To that end, I also wish to express my support for Res. No. 393. The coordination of transportation investments with the creation of affordable housing proposed in Sound Transit's Proposition 1 make it a powerful potential tool for ensuring that all members of our community are able to benefit from those investments.

Thank you for your consideration.

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