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To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Shoreline Preservation Society S.P.S.](#)
Subject: Zoning map and letter of August 23
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Dear Council,

Regarding the letter written to the citizens on August 23; I wish the City had sent out this much information throughout the whole process. I would have remembered getting such in the mail had the City kept the residents better informed throughout the whole process. I know that for many, this will come as a shock, even as the City feels it has done a good job in keeping the neighborhoods informed.

I have wondered, if those looking to be elected can find the time to go door to door in my neighborhood, why no one found the initiative to do that and actually talk to the residents in their own neighborhood regarding the zoning. I wondered why the Planning Commission and Council found time to look at 5th and 145th recently at Sound Transit's behest, and not find time to attend neighborhood events like the Ridgecrest Ice Cream Social.

I am adding comments to the much longer letter I sent earlier, before I received the City's letter and map. I do note that in spite of indicating buffer zones at the bottom of my neighborhood the Planning Commission still forwarded an MUR 35 map. For most of the buffer zone area it kept the zoning at RU 6 and I still feel that would make far more sense for everything between 145th and 151st (I believe that is the cross street that leads into the neighborhood above mine to the north) and from the east side of 8th to the west side of 12th (where the zoning is RU 6).

Should it be necessary, zoning can later be changed to MUR 35, this is the phased approach that the citizens have requested. Necessary might not be a good word to use, perhaps something more to "in time" might be a better reflection. In any case, this area in particular is where residents have requested a phased approach.

I also would like to add, in reading the FEIS there are segments that talk about zoning specifics, set backs, etc. If the City is fearful of mega mansions being built (indicated in the FEIS), as I noted in my earlier letter, it can make changes to the RU 6 zoning that specify exactly how big a home could be built in the more sensitive areas ... to indicate that some zoning can be changed (to MUR 35) or that some requirements must be met (in how MUR 70 zones are built up) and then say that RU 6 can't be adjusted ... that is an argument that makes no sense. If the City can change some specifics, it can surely change others, developers may not like it, but I am sure many of the residents would appreciate it, many would not want a mega mansion built either.

For tax purposes, of course it is helpful to note in the August 23 letter about property values. However it is still offensive to this citizen to imply by such a statement that it should make me happy. Only an idiot would not realize that zoning that makes developers salivate would drive up property values. This is a snarky comment, I acknowledge that ... but much about the whole process has made me feel snarky. And forgotten as a citizen.

Thank you for your time.

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