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Shoreline City Council members-

Our family is very excited about light rail coming to our city. We have lived in Shoreline since 1984 and have raised our 3 children here. Our youngest child Blair graduated from Shorewood and is an adult with cognitive/developmental disabilities who has attended the Shoreline Specialized Recreation programs for many years. In fact, in the last few years Blair and I have spoken before the City Council regarding the importance of the "Choices" program in our lives, and most recently shared our feelings about the importance of Choices on a video the City made to raise awareness about it's programs. Our biggest frustration and concern right now is the lack of affordable housing/full-time caregiver options for Blair in our area. We have discussed possible housing solutions with one of Blair's care providers, Jill Rogers, and she lives close to where the 145th street station will be located, but the current zoning in that area does not allow Jill to create the shared housing opportunity for Blair and others with DD that we desperately need. Her plan is to continue providing respite care for many Shoreline families and to also add a housing unit for several folks with disabilities so they have the opportunity of affordable housing (Section 8) with staff support.

Please include 15824 5th Ave NE in the MUR-35 rezone for affordable and accessible housing for people with developmental disabilities. Instead of stopping at 158th, expand to 160th which is the end of the block or farther- even if it's just the east side of 5th Ave NE. We, and other parents of adult children with disabilities in the area want the chance for our children to stay near us in Shoreline- and the housing options for this population are sadly few and far between. Yes, Shoreline already has some state run Adult Family Homes, but they are not the right solutions for Blair and many of her friends. We want Blair to live with the peers she knows and enjoys and we want her to have a caregiver that we know and trust. We desperately need affordable and accessible housing options in Shoreline that are close to convenient light rail transportation!

Thank you for your consideration! If you have any questions or want additional input, feel free to contact us at 206-542-4267 (or Gail's cell 206-778-6510).

Gail & Chuck Buchanan