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

Attached is my letter in support of the city's efforts in re-zoning for higher density around proposed station area, in particular to the N 145th St Station at I-5. I will not be able to attend the meeting, but wanted my thoughts and views on the subject expressed to the council.

Thank you for considering the perspectives of me, a citizen of Shoreline.

Kind regards,

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Re: Shoreline Planning Commission and LCLIP for 145<sup>th</sup> Rezoning for Link Stations

To the Shoreline City Council,

I am writing to express my support for re-zoning around the N 145<sup>th</sup> St sites for the installment of Link Light Rail Stations. I have been a resident of Shoreline since January 2015 and I am a young person in my late twenties. As a young person, I was interested in Shoreline's affordability, greenery and parks, and relative quiet.

However, I understand that myself and others like me are bringing rapid change to the region – rapid change which needs rapid responses. The unincorporated “bedroom community” that once existed in Shoreline cannot continue to exist in status quo. As soon as 2023, the Lynnwood Link Extension could be completed and the city must find away to adapt. Being passed by is not an option.

This is a chance to use certain development and planning tools, like LCLIP and TDR schemes for transit-oriented development for small areas in Shoreline. As I understand it, the city would have access to public funding to add much needed infrastructure updates around station sites. Already the city is in need of sidewalks, street lamps, protected bike lanes, and pedestrian crossings to name a few of these necessities. In addition, the City of Shoreline could potentially link infrastructure upgrades from light rail stations and transit-oriented communities to other redevelopments like the Aurora Square project. Shoreline would have the opportunity to purchase development credits from surrounding natural areas to increase urban density within its districts whilst protecting natural environments.

It would be wonderful to have an urban center in Shoreline that is economically thriving, environmentally appealing, and socially equitable with jobs and services while knowing that natural areas are left in peace. As a conservationist, I have already seen the city's commitment to protecting and improving natural places through my fieldwork with non-profits in Boeing Creek Park, Hamlin Park, and Innis Arden Reserve. I am confident that you will act prudently and use available policy measures to see that work gets underway on bringing Shoreline out of sleepy suburbia to become a more vibrant part of urbanity, west of the Cascades.

Sincerely,

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