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Hello,

I have been a residence of Shoreline for 6 years. I moved here because of Shoreline's lovely neighborhoods, safeness, and feeling of community, among other reasons.

While I have great compassion for homeless people, I very strongly oppose the City of Shoreline allowing homeless encampments in the backyards of Shoreline residents. I purchased my home knowing that it is located in a solid area zoned for single-families. Homeless encampments for up to 9 months certainly violate the zoning issues.

A neighbor could invite whomever they please to live in their backyard. The proposed code amendments state, "There are rules about prohibition of sex offenders, drug use, alcohol and violence." What ARE the rules? How is a homeowner going to enforce them? It appears that thieves, felons, sex offenders and more could be allowed onto neighboring properties because neighborhood tent cities would not have to adhere to the strict rules of the organized tent cities found on church properties .

Property values would plummet. Would you purchase a home with a tent city in the neighbor's back yard? If property values decrease, so do the property taxes collected by the city.

I understand that ONE Shoreline resident is the catalyst for discussion on this matter. I also understand that they are proposing zero setbacks from the property line. Would you like to have a portable toilet on your property line?

Shoreline offers such a wonderful quality of life. Why is the Shoreline Planning Commission (and subsequently the City Council) even considering a proposal that would diminish the reasons so many families move here?

I implore you to vote against allowing backyard homeless encampments in Shoreline.

Thank you for doing what's right.

Sincerely,

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