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Dear Planning Commission:

I understand there is some discussion of allowing homeless tent encampments in private yards in our City. I have to voice my opinion that I am strongly not in favor of endorsing such a plan.

While I am not oblivious to the needs of the many individuals who have fallen on hard times, I don't believe allowing people to camp out in tents is the solution. While many people may be willing to follow rules and live peacefully, unfortunately there are a good number who are not living in traditional situations due to personal habits (drugs and alcohol) that do not lend themselves to having a job and a home. I have been the unfortunate victim of car prowls by an individual living in a tent in the Lynnwood area, and I understand this is an ongoing problem with the homeless individuals who have dependency issues. It appears a high percentage of those living in the tent situations have dependency issues.

Additionally, the sanitation issue would be of great concern. If the homeowner does not open their home 24/7 to their tent residents, where will these people find toilet facilities? Walking in Seattle is absolutely shocking today. So many of the building entry alcoves and alleys reek of urine and feces, and the trash left by the homeless camps is a complete blight. I have quit going into any part of downtown Seattle unless I am able to access my destination through parking garages or very public accesses due to aggressive panhandlers and sketchy people camped out around most vacant corners. I no longer feel safe in that city.

I am a life-long resident of Shoreline, and have generally felt this is a safe and wonderful community for my child, grandkids, and families who live here. PLEASE do not pass any legislation that floods our city with individuals who are not contributing to its progress, but who have the potential to turn our city into a place I would no longer want to call home.

There are a number of organizations for individuals and families who need some assistance

to get back on their feet, and I don't feel that opening private residences in our city to tent camping would be the best solution for those people. I fear for the element it would attract, and the detrimental impact it would have on our city.

Tent camping in our neighborhoods is not the answer. Please do not say yes to legislation that has the very real potential to turn our neighborhoods into unsafe, unsanitary tenements, with plummeting property values.

Valerie Bruce