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**Subject:** FW: Homeless encampments  
**Date:** Thursday, December 01, 2016 7:51:34 PM

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From: Constance Thayer[SMTP:CONNIEJILL@COMCAST.NET]  
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 7:51:19 PM  
To: Chris Roberts  
Cc: Plancom  
Subject: RE: Homeless encampments  
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Dear Mr. Roberts,

Thank you for your prompt reply.

You claim that the Council is not considering policies that would change existing policies toward backyard tent encampments. Do you claim this only because the Shoreline Planning Commission has not presented its recommendations to the Council yet?

On October 20, 2016, the Shoreline Planning Commission held a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Shoreline Municipal Code to create a new type of permit, a "Transitional Encampment Permit." The proposed amendments would streamline the process for getting a permit to host a homeless camp in my or my neighbors' back yards for up to 6 (or possibly 9) months at a time, and as frequently as once per year.

On December 15 at 7:00 PM the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing, and then decide whether or not to recommend this plan to the City Council.

I have strongly implored the Planning Commission to say "NO" to transitional encampments on properties that are zoned for single homes. Should the Planning Commission not do the right thing for Shoreline residents and present the amendments to the full City Council in January, I also strongly implore you and the rest of the Council to vote down the amendments.

I hope to make Shoreline my home for decades to come and I do not want to see this inch-by-inch creep of making our neighborhoods less desirable.

Thank you for your attention and best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,  
Constance Thayer

-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Roberts [<mailto:croberts@shorelinewa.gov>]  
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 11:16 AM  
To: [conniejill@comcast.net](mailto:conniejill@comcast.net)

Subject: Homeless encampments

Constance,

Over the past few years we have seen a rise in the number of individuals who are experiencing homelessness. Shoreline is a partner with All Home (<http://allhomekc.org/the-plan/>), which has at the heart of its mission that homelessness is rare, brief, and one time.

The Council is not considering policies that would change existing policies toward backyard tent encampments. All tent cities hosts must apply for a temporary use permit and must abide by the conditions of that permit. We have found that the organizations that have received permits were well-managed and respectful of the concerns of the surrounding neighbors.

I would be happy to meet or talk to you more about this issue.

I hope you have a wonderful day,

Chris

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