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Dear Mr. Herzog,

I am looking forward to this evenings City Council meeting and meeting you in person. However, I am uncomfortable speaking in public so am sending a letter in support of "Sanctuary City" status for Shoreline.

Our neighborhood (Richmond Highland) social network has been alive with the pros and cons of the status, so I really want to congratulate each and every member, regardless of their personal view, for stepping in the line of fire-hosing that happens with issues with such highly charged emotions. Thank you to each of you.

I understand "sanctuary city" has no precise legal meaning and we use the King County Sheriffs Department as our law enforcement officials, which means we basically have what I envision when I speak in favor of such a designation. I realize we may not have to create the legislation of such an idea because they might already be in place; however I see the population at Parkwood Elementary, the population of the stores I where shop, when I go to Starbucks, to church or even on my daily walks. Shoreline is very diverse.

I worry the NIMBY attitude is by those that have rather than those that don't and wonder if those that don't know its safe to speak up. Those of us who do know we can safely do so because we won't suffer directly no matter what the legislation or law says. We will suffer indirectly though. We will be part of a process that is out of balance, that is not equitable, fosters fear and encourages intimidation.

I went to an assembly at Parkwood Elementary not long after the 2016 election and heard the Principal tell the children not to be afraid, the school was a safe

place. Elementary children should not have heard that. The Principal of 5 year old school children should not have to reassure those children or their parents. It should be a given.

Again, thank you for taking this matter up before your retreat and especially for being open to all the dialog such a matter brings up.

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