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Mayor Chris Roberts, Deputy Mayor Shari Winstead, Will Hall, Doris McConnell, Keith McGlashan

Jesse Salomon, and Keith Scully

City of Shoreline

17500 Midvale Ave. N.

Shoreline, WA 98133

Dear Council Members,


I am a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Shoreline. In 2004, I retired after serving nearly 40 years as a Lutheran Pastor, last serving for 15 years as the Pastor of Trinity Lutheran in Lynnwood. Trinity in Lynnwood has a long history of caring outreach for the homeless. Our "Neighbors in Need" program provided shelter, food, fellowship and care for homeless individuals and families. When looking for a congregation to join after retirement, my wife and I chose Prince of Peace because of its ongoing compassion for people in need. We are very grateful for our pastor Pam Russell and her leadership.

We were concerned to hear last Sunday in worship that our ability to host tent city would be compromised by the Planning Commission's proposed 20 foot setback for tent encampments. We are asking you to provide the needed leadership as Mayor and council so that congregations like Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will be able to continue providing this kind of care for the needy in our community.

I am confident that you will want to insure that we will continue to provide this needed support and friendship to homeless people.

Thanks for your ongoing service to our community.

Sincerely,



Mark and Elaine Reitan