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1. Brad Lancaster
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4. brad@lancasterlawoffice.com
5. 03/20/2017
6. Ordinance 762
7. My name is Brad Lancaster. I live in Shoreline.

I address proposed zoning amendments for transitional encampments, Ordinance 762. If staff's purpose is to regulate homeless people out of Shoreline, the proposed amendments are a grand success. If staff's purpose is to remove obstacles to a vulnerable populations in Shoreline, staff has failed abjectly. So, my question to you tonight is what are you trying to accomplish: helping homeless people or driving them out of Shoreline?

Being a city council person is no easy job. I believe each of you to be a good person in a difficult position. I believe you intend to do well for us. When you get things right, life gets better for Shoreliners. When you get them wrong, matters get worse for us.

As Americans, we have gotten things right, and we have gotten things wrong.

Native Americans. Our ancestors drove the native peoples across the continent, disparaged them, gave them diseases and alcohol, and murdered them. Ultimately, we put native Americans in ghettos. We feared the Indians. We behaved badly. But our political leaders were well-intentioned. They just got it wrong.

Slavery. America bought the human products of the African slave trade. We used those kidnapped peoples as agricultural machines, held them as property, and ultimately killed a million Americans

changing those laws. All involved were well-intentioned, but wrong.

Internment Camps. Japanese maniacs destroyed our Pacific fleet. We responded by incarcerating useful American citizens because they looked like the Japanese maniacs. Well-intentioned people made those terribly errant decisions.

Tonight, you consider Ordinance 762. The statute singles out a group of people for intensive government oversight. Poverty is not illegal, though one would never guess that from Ordinance 762. The statute hides invidious discrimination beneath a veneer of bland zoning talk. That statute makes school children move mid-school year. That statute gives inordinate discretion to city staffers. That statute reduces possible homeless encampment sites from many to very few. That statute infringes the constitutional free exercise liberties of citizens of Shoreline, in violation of both the First Amendment, and Article I, Section 11 of the Washington Constitution. Worst, the statute douses human compassion. The statute leaks fear. Discriminatory fear. Loathing and fear of homeless people.

You have good intentions. But are you doing the right thing?

Ordinance 762 does not do the right things. Please vote "No."

Thank you for listening.

**8.**      (o) Oppose

Thank you,  
**City of Shoreline**

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