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7. Please reconsider your Deep Green Initiative ordinance. While it makes sense to pursue as it aligns with Council goals, and would certainly make good splashy press within the environmental community, it also runs counter to some other Council responsibilities.

First, a density bonus is not the right signal to residents of the community. To date, there has been a promise that with the rezoning for Light Rail, density would be concentrated as per the much-publicized maps. Allowing greater density in the neighborhoods that have been assured that they would stay single family - mostly intact, is disingenuous. You know from public meetings (the ones that are intended to be informative only yet somehow residents always think that they are allowed to change the scope or nature of a construction project by showing up) that people do not generally understand that if the zoning allows something, there is nothing that they can do to stop someone from doing something on their property.

It is simply not true that more building would not happen in our single family neighborhoods. Putting density into an ordinance allows just that to happen, and directly impacts the neighbors you're not even hearing from yet. If I want to put an extra house on my property, I should have to make an individual case for that action.

In Seattle, the Built Green program works because it is a marketing tool. Builders are not allowed to advertise as Built Green unless they have the certificate; the certification is from an extensive checklist of materials and practices. The only incentive needed is priority expediting of permits.

One of the best, greenest things you can do for the City is to consider a moratorium on builders' permits if they take trees down without first obtaining permission. Fines, even large ones, cannot be the only consequence for builders who clear more than they are permitted to. We are a Tree City, but by not holding builders accountable for those trees, we are permanently altering our environment. Please consider giving Shoreline the reputation of a City who requires "ask first" rather than "apologize later" when it comes to that part of our environment. Yank permits for companies who do not comply.

Incentivizing solar for homeowners makes sense. Working with utilities to make our resources more sustainable for homeowners makes sense. Entering into a broad program like Deep Green looks good on paper, but does not ultimately serve us as well as other measures could.

8. Oppose

Thank you,
City of Shoreline

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