

My name is John McCoy and I live in the North City neighborhood of Shoreline.

First I would like to thank the Councilmembers for your time here tonight and for all the work you have done for our fine city. We have a lot to be proud of in Shoreline and it's due in large part to our elected officials sacrificing their personal time to serve their constituents so well.

I am a Shoreline native, I graduated from Shorecrest High School, and I am a United States Army Combat Veteran with two deployments to Iraq and a volunteer mission in New Orleans following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Tonight, I am here to highlight a concern I have regarding the proposed rezoning request by Iron's Brothers Construction of two lots they own on 170<sup>th</sup> street, specifically the 1510 and 1517 addresses. Their request is to change their lots from residential to community business lots. Iron's Brothers Construction has grown over their years in Shoreline. Their request for a rezone is undoubtedly due to their growth. My concern about this rezone is based on the integrity of our neighborhood staying a neighborhood, where families can enjoy peace of mind knowing that their street will not have any variety of potential businesses moving directly next door. While I don't doubt that Iron's Brothers simply wants to house their business on these lots for many years to come, the potential for what can happen if they sell their rezoned lots is extremely concerning to me and my fellow neighbors. Furthermore, the potential for a developer to offer large sums of money for these lots and surrounding lots could also pose issues for neighbors not interested in having large complexes built on our street.

I myself am a carpenter and it's certainly a good time to be in the building industry. Iron's Brothers has grown in Shoreline because of the work they do. I am not here today to hurt their business, I hope they have many good years ahead of them. However, since they have grown into a company that requires commercial space, I believe they should do so in Shoreline where the zoning permits. We simply want to protect the integrity of our neighborhood where kids and families can enjoy the street they live on and not worry about the potential of any variety of commercial businesses that can move onto the street.

I'm proud to be from Shoreline. We have a city that takes care of our safety and works hard to plan for our future. I respectfully ask the honorable members of this council to reject this specific rezoning request to protect our residential street. Your careful planning has helped Shoreline grow safely and responsibly. Thank you again for your valuable time on this matter and your service.

Very Respectfully,

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