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**From:** [Joseph Irons](#)

**Sent:** Friday, October 4, 2019 4:53:32 PM

**To:** [Plancom](#); [City Council](#)

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comments made at Plan Comm meeting 10/3 by Joseph Irons

**Response requested:** Yes

**Sensitivity:** Normal

**Attachments:**

[Joseph Irons Letter to Plan Comm and Council to Delay Amendment 1 Public Hearing - Comments from 10-3-19 PC Meeting.pdf](#);

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Hello I am sending in writing the comments I made at last night's Planning Commission public comment period.

I will also present this at the City Council meeting on Monday, 10/7. Thank you for your attention.

It is attached as a pdf an also in the copy below.

October 4, 2019

RE: Comprehensive Plan Amendment #1 and #3

Dear City of Shoreline Commissioners and Council Members,

As you all should know The City has issued a SEPA Determination of Non-significance for our 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendments just two-three days ago. That's great, and as I found out it was late. Please don't penalize us if the City made a procedural error and needs to delay the public hearing, we were ready for the hearing 10/3/19. Unfortunately, we cannot be here the new proposed dates, October 17<sup>th</sup> or November 7<sup>th</sup> as we are out of town and country for that matter.

We have arranged our schedule to be fully involved in this process as this affects us personally and the lives of our employees, many of which are Shoreline residents. On August 9, 2019 Steve Szafran provided us the date of October 3<sup>rd</sup> as opportunity to present to the Planning Commission during public hearing a 10-minute presentation.

I REPEAT this is not our fault for the delay and we should not be penalized for this. We would like to have the 10 minutes to present our arguments of why our amendment should be supported at the public hearing we paid for.

I'm not a rezone expert and that's why we hired help to navigate this process for us. I can talk to the Shoreline community, as that is who I represent. In fact, I love being a Shoreline resident and business owner.

We believe it is imperative that we personally attend the public hearing and request that the Planning Commission and/or City Council move our proposed amendment - Amendment No. 1, to a date that we can be present at. If that requires our Amendment be removed from the 2019 Docket for potential consideration as part of the 2020 Docket, we will accept that so we have a fair chance to be present at the public hearing, we paid for and believe this is due process.

**SUPPORT SHORELINE SMALL BUSINESS'S**

Many of the community feel the city improperly rezoned for Light Rail. In fact, the term I hear often is "rezone raped". Our amendment is not that. Our amendment is supporting small business which the City and the Planning Commission should take a stance and support this as it directly aligns with the City Councils Goals, in fact it's Goal number 1, points 2-5.

Contrary to what the few in opposition allege, The City led us to believe we were operating legally and conforming all these years. We have jumped through every hoop, even when they were raised, and/or lit of fire.

We don't agree with a procedural error, however we do want a "fair chance" and ask that we be able to give our 10-minute presentation to articulate the reasons to support our Amendment.

It feels like the City is forcing out small businesses and your actions voice that. Historically North City is a business district. Unfortunately, the city doesn't enforce mixed use and ground floor commercial per the Growth Management Act. That is exactly what our property is. Recent projects the City has approved, many residents believe don't require or provide ample parking, green space, and ground floor commercial and it's a shame. Support Small Business. They are the life of our city.

We have so much Growth coming and not supporting small businesses is not smart planning. Please listen to the whole community not just a few neighbors in opposition and allow all parties to be present for the public hearing.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph Irons

Parkwood and North City Resident, Shoreline

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