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Dear Council,

I write in opposition to the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan that would allow rezoning of 1510 and 1517 NE 170th Street.

The "[Rezone of Property/Zoning Map Change Criteria](#)" states "The City may approve or approve with modifications an application for a rezone of property if:

- a. The rezone is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan;
- b. The rezone will not adversely affect the public health, safety or general welfare;
- c. The rezone is warranted in order to achieve consistency with the Comprehensive Plan;
- d. The rezone will not be materially detrimental to uses or property in the immediate vicinity of the subject rezone;
- e. The rezone has merit and value for the community."

Criteria "a" and "c" deal with the [Comprehensive Plan](#). The first page of the Comprehensive Plan under "What is a Comprehensive Plan?" states,

"A comprehensive plan indicates how a community envisions its future, and sets forth strategies for achieving the desired vision. A plan has three characteristics. First, it is comprehensive: the plan encompasses all the geographic and functional elements that have a bearing on the community's physical development. Second, it is GENERAL: the plan summarizes the major policies and proposals of the City, but DOES NOT USUALLY INDICATE SPECIFIC LOCATIONS or establish detailed regulations. Third, it is LONG RANGE: THE PLAN LOOKS BEYOND THE CURRENT PRESSING ISSUES confronting the community to identify long-term goals and policy direction for achieving them." (The emphases are mine.)

I am respectfully pointing out that this proposed amendment is contrary to the city's own definition of comprehensive plan. The amendment is not general and cites specific locations. Further, the amendment was proposed to rectify a current pressing issue—code violations on the part of the applicant.

I have previously commented on "d"; that R8 zoning serves as the transition between the community business along 15th NE and the R6 homes to the east. Shrinking the transition has a detrimental effect on the residential neighborhood in the area.

Lastly, more than 200 nearby residents oppose this rezone, basically saying the rezone has no merit and value for us. Perhaps to the Council overseeing a city of more than 50,000, 200+ residents appear to be insignificant. But please keep in mind that on the whole, the City of Shoreline is made up of many, many communities—

neighborhoods within a neighborhood, small individual communities within the larger community of Shoreline. We should matter.

Thank you for reading.

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