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Council Members,

I want to commend you for moving ahead with the purchase of the Storage Court property near City Hall. At some point in time we are going to need it. I voted against Proposition 1 on last November's ballot in spite of supporting several of the measures components. Here's what I was thinking:

1. I would have voted for all of the park maintenance/improvement projects for existing parks. You've done a great job improving our city's parks. Keep it up.
2. Both a new Senior Center and Civic Center are needed. Placing them close to City Hall makes sense for increased citizen participation, access to public transportation and creating a geographic center to the city. I would vote for a bond that included these projects with high quality design and fully adequate space.
3. The Aquatic Center may well be needed but I question whether it should be built in the center of the city. The school district is likely a major user and needs to be a bigger financial partner though construction costs and/or higher long term user fees. If the facility were designed with a larger vision and plenty of space, close to light rail, I believe it could be a regional resource meeting the needs of Shoreline citizens and students and neighboring communities. Placing this facility east of I-5, or even on the property offered by the school district would diffuse traffic and spread economic benefit around the city.

My major objection to Proposition 1 was that it seemed to concentrate too many activities into the civic center compromising the design for each because of limited space. Separate bonds for each of the items would allow citizens to express their priorities in more detail and over time allow all of these needs to be addressed.

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