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6. Study Item 9(a) regarding the development of a partnership with North King County cities and other stakeholders in support of citing a 24/7 shelter and navigation center to serve homeless single adults in North King County
7. Thank you for your consideration of Study Item 9(a) regarding the development of a partnership with North King County cities and other stakeholders in support of citing a 24/7 shelter and navigation center to serve homeless single adults in North King County.

As you know, there are very few resources for our unsheltered neighbors north of 145th Street. The rotating Winter Shelter, supported in part by the City of Shoreline and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, operates just one month each year here in North King County and houses up to 40 people each night between November and March. Ronald United Methodist Church hosted a small shelter this past year but recently closed, and the Shoreline Severe Weather Shelter, a partnership between the City of Shoreline and NUHSA, opened for the first time last winter and served over 30 individuals between December and March.

Housing - both shelter space and affordable housing options - has been a longstanding challenge for many of our North King County communities, but with the pandemic and resulting economic fallout, these challenges have only been exacerbated. Individuals struggling to find stability after finding themselves homeless would greatly benefit from a 24/7 shelter and navigation center where they can find a safe place to sleep and get connected to resources and services. It is significant that this center would be located in Shoreline and serve our North King County neighborhoods, allowing participants to stay in their community and maintain important local connections to family, work, and/or other resources.

Shoreline has long been a leader in advocating for increased housing options and thinking creatively about how to best serve a diverse and growing community. NUHSA is in full support of the proposal the City Council is reviewing. We look forward to supporting your continued efforts and hope to see an acquisition of The Oaks at Forest Bay Nursing Home as a first step toward the creation of a shelter and navigation center in North King County. Thank you.

Heidi Shepherd
Board Chair
NUHSA

8. (o) Support

Thank you,
City of Shoreline

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