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1. Barbara Twaddell
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7. Dear Councilmembers,

Someone on NextDoor said this:

"I don't like having homeless folks living in our parks and I'm not a big supporter of the low barrier proposal, but I'm having a hard time figuring out any better solution."

Here is a solution, ENFORCE EXISTING LAWS.

In my view, the number one problem of people sleeping and shooting up illegal drugs in our parks, parking lots, and people's yards is drug addiction pure and simple. The number one reason this has become an epidemic is zero enforcement of drug laws in Seattle and Shoreline. If Shoreline enforced drug laws, we wouldn't have the need for low barrier shelters because the addicts would be getting treatment, forced or voluntary.

I just want to remind the council that possession of illegal drugs is a class C felony for very, very good reasons and the law in Washington is clear. I also think these laws should be enforced. All these new up and coming addicts might think twice before they try that first dose of heroin if they knew they might get arrested. As it is now, it is a free for all. Police regularly walk right by addicts shooting up on downtown streets.

Here's the law and I think it is reasonable and necessary because these drugs are so dangerous, even one exposure can start a young person down the path to addiction:

"Simple possession of a small amount of heroin, methamphetamine, or cocaine is charged as a Class C felony in Washington and can result in up to five (5) years in prison and/or fines of up to \$10,000. The state also offers probation and drug diversion programs for first-time offenders.

In some cases, particularly with first-time offenders, Washington State has a Drug Offender Sentencing Alternative (DOSA) program, First Time Offender Waiver, and a Diversion program. These special programs focus on drug treatment, as an alternative to a long term prison sentence."

Please stop this social experiment that is bound to fail. Do not allow a low barrier shelter that encourages, by lack of screening, illegal drug use. You will be helping to condemn a whole new generation of addicts.

Sincerely,
Barbara Twaddell RN

8. (o) Oppose

Thank you,
City of Shoreline

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