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1. Very Rev. Brad Hagelin
2. Shoreline
3. (o) Richmond Beach
4. Frbrad@stlukecp.org
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6. North KC Shelter

7. Dear Civic Leaders,
I am the pastor of Saint Luke Parish, and we serve this nursing home with pastoral care when it functions that way, and would continue to support it will whatever volunteer and partnership help the shelter desired.

I am also the Vicar for Catholic Charities, meaning I serve as Chair of the Board for Catholic Community Services (CCS) and Catholic Housing Services (CHS) of Western Washington. So I have a two-fold connection to our community, and homelessness generally in King County, as CCS is THE major player in King County homelessness. I must have had my head in the sand in not having heard about this project until today! I also wonder how many other faith leaders have not gotten a chance to chime in about how this facility will both help the current homeless problem and also alleviate the attributed problems deemed as nuisances by the community at large - from comments I am seeing here; but it is also the right thing to do as a society.

I will be disappointed if our civic leaders fail to do the right thing (pragmatically and morally) in supporting the North King County Shelter.

An enhanced shelter is the only great first line of connection to form relationships with homeless folks, because those relationships are how the chronically mentally ill and addicted find their way to seeking treatment and housing. We should count ourselves lucky that such a facility finds its way into our neighborhood. Lesser shelters (temporary or "day" shelters) do have a few things some neighbors might view as downsides, but enhanced shelters just do not carry these same incidental potential reasons for complaint.

Please do the right thing and support the shelter, and learn about all the advantages of an enhanced shelter coming into a community already dealing with significant (though often unseen - in Shoreline) homelessness.

With my support,
Fr. Brad Hagelin
Pastor - Saint Luke Parish
Vicar for Catholic Charities Western Washington

8. (o) Support

Thank you,
City of Shoreline

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