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1. Silje Sodal
2. Lake Forest Park
3. (o) Not Applicable
4. staff@nuhsa.org
5. 10/12/2020
6. Enhanced Shelter
7. Thank you for your consideration of an enhanced shelter through a partnership with North King County cities and the County to serve homeless single adults in our region.

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 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. Before you is a rare opportunity to act boldly in addressing some of our most pressing challenges related to housing and homelessness. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

NUHSA is in full support of the proposal to adopt the Interim Development Regulations that would allow The Oaks Nursing Home to be used as a shelter and looks forward to supporting your continued efforts in creating a strong and healthy community through accessible services, shelter and housing.

Thank you.

8. (o) Support

Thank you,
City of Shoreline

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