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Dear City of Shoreline Staff and Council,

I have attached an invitational letter for your consideration.

I appreciate you taking the time to read and consider it.



Meghan Peterka

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15 October 2020

City of Shoreline Council and Staff
17500 Midvale Ave. N
Shoreline, WA 98133

Dear City of Shoreline Council and Staff,

Just recently, our family heard of “Real Rent Duwamish”, <https://www.duwamishtribe.org/donate>.” This is an opportunity to acknowledge and support the Duwamish Tribe.

You may have heard these words, at meetings, in church, or at other community events **“I would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People past and present and honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe.”** These are the words that are being spoken to raise awareness and to honor the Point Elliot Treaty of 1855, which has yet, from my understanding, to be acknowledged by our Federal Government, or us.

This is an opportunity for us to make amends for our history both past and present.

I would to invite the staff and council, members of our Shoreline community to: consider making a monthly or annual contribution to “Real Rent Duwamish”, start each Department and Council meeting with the words, **“I would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People past and present and honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe”**, and include a contribution to Real Rent Duwamish in our annual budget as our city’s way of acknowledging and honoring our privilege to live, play, work, and build community here.

I understand that our budget had been and will continue to be impacted by our current state. We are all having to consider what is important at this time, as we all decide how we will participate and what we will contribute too. I think this has foundational importance to the values of our city and can carry us into tomorrow with equity and love.

Thank you for all that you are doing to make our world beautiful. I wish you all wellness and safety.

With Gratitude and Love,
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