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Dear Councilmember Will Hall,

I am writing to OPPOSE the enhanced low barrier shelter. It will house people who could even be dangerous sex offenders or drug users. Since no background checks are allowed, you won't know who you are placing in this shelter. It is situated right next to playfields, day care centers and a High school. Our community's innocent children will be placed in unacceptable, unnecessary risk! The kind of tragedy that can come from this very close placement is too easily imagined. If just one child's life is ruined, the cost is TOO HIGH.

Second, the economic cost is too high. I read the comments from the property developer who had been planning to develop the site vacated by Sears. They warned you of the terrible results caused by an ordinary (not low barrier) homeless shelter near another property they were developing. It resulted in numerous lost tenants and urban blight. You've been working hard to improve the economic position of Shoreline, bringing in more development and shops. But this shelter will blight that development! I've already noticed much more petty crimes, shoplifting, car prowls, mail theft, drug use, people laying zoned out in the Fred Meyer parking lot. The low income housing that has already been brought in has begun a decline in the area. This low barrier shelter, importing people with real problems (since they require a low barrier shelter) will speed up the decline of the area.

Respectfully, and with great concern, I urge you to not let this shelter open.

Carolyn Walker

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