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Dear Shoreline City Council,

While we are very compassionate and strongly feel something constructive needs to be done to help our homeless and drug-addicted population, we are **against** the proposed low barrier facility/shelter as it's been presented thus far.

We feel that with no background checks and no drug testing, that this is going to simply enable most homeless into doing what they already are doing - drugs - but with a roof over their heads to assist them further. I've heard from 2 firefighters that have experience in going on calls to assist at low barrier shelters, residents Ed Jirsa and Neil Junkin, both who have reached out to you directly in which they've given their testimony as to the dangerous conditions they found themselves in on these calls.

We are deeply concerned as to the increase in crime this will bring to the area, not to mention the daycare centers, parks and schools within close proximity to this site at 160th and Aurora. We had planned on this being our "forever" home when we bought it less than 5 years ago, and for our home and community to provide a safehaven for our 3-year old children, however, we're deeply concerned that if this moves forward as currently presented, we're going to be forced to sell our home and move out of Shoreline. Our biggest priority is the safety of our children.

What we would like to see is a shelter that has clearly defined rules and regulations that show the homeless that reside there, truly wants help and wants to improve their lives. We understand bad things happen to good people and they shouldn't be thrown to the wolves, so-to-speak. We do, however, feel that background checks should be run on each and every candidate and that drug tests are given on a normal basis. We feel that the drug testing would prohibit the shelter occupants from going into the neighborhoods where Shoreline's children live - and would stop them from doing drugs there and/or committing crimes. If this means we aren't able to take funds from King County, there are certainly enough compassionate Shoreline residents who won't have a problem paying higher sales tax to cover this. We are one of them.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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