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Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support the homeless shelter

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/* Font Definitions */
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/* Style Definitions */
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p.MsoNormal, li.MsoNormal, div.MsoNormal
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{margin:0in;
font-size:11.0pt;
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.MsoChpDefault
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@page WordSection1
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{page:WordSection1;}
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ze:14.0pt'>I am a retired social worker who worked for 40 years with homele=
ss, chronically mental ill, refugees and persons with many life challenges.=
Placing a shelter in Shoreline will be a first step to helping some of the=
most vulnerable. I am not afraid of these people, and unlike many in Shore=
line who seem to have quickly jumped to the conclusion that this will be the=
end of Shoreline, I believe it=80=99s a great first step.<o:p></o:p></=
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/o:p></span></p><p class=3DMsoNormal><span style=3D'font-size:14.0pt'>What =
I have noticed is that people make up their minds very quickly on topics li=
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ke this. Usually with little to no actual factual information. One person starts talking, and sharing miss information and fear and then people jump on that bandwagon. Its then hard to get the real information out there, as their minds have already closed.

What the chronically or newly mental ill need is shelter and support, as do those with substance use addictions. It takes time to create change, and it can and does happen. We have allowed the problem become so much worse by doing nothing. Its very easy to say that these people need to be locked up, which changes nothing and is also a very expensive approach, but it seems to be what some favor. Thank you for standing up and saying, we are going to do something, and that we see the homeless and want them to have services.

If I can help with this effort in any way I am very happy to do so.

Sincerely,

Sammie Fick