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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Enhanced Shelter at 163rd and Aurora/support

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Hello,

My name is Lois Harrison and I'm a senior citizen, long term Shoreline resident (Briarcrest neighborhood), who has through all those years been an active volunteer in areas ranging from youth group leader to, in the 1980's, the volunteer in charge of the Shoreline Food Bank when it was located on the Fircrest Campus. I have participated in the one night count of the Shoreline homeless.

Last winter I was a frequent greeter at one of the week night free dinners in an area church and in time I was able to spot at least some of the people - young, old, male, female -- who had no place to sleep. They were usually the last to leave the building after pulling on a second warm jacket, or maybe picking up what was obviously a bed roll. They broke my heart.

I am writing in strong support of the proposed Enhanced Shelter at 163rd and Aurora. To the best of our ability we must provide for our increasing homeless population the bare minimum of a clean, dry place to sleep. If that safe shelter is unavailable, those unfortunate folks will still be with us. They will be shivering in some doorway, or in some park. I prefer the shelter option.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lois Harrison