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To the Members of the Shoreline Planning Commission:

As residents of the historic Firlands Way, we appreciate the beauty and magnitude of the fir trees that establish the unique character of the neighborhood, and set it apart from the urban bustle of Aurora Avenue. The prospect of losing the existing greenbelt at 192nd, west of Park N Ride, is a heartbreaking affront to the taxpayers and residents of this neighborhood who have chosen to live here because of the serenity and beauty of the surrounding trees.

Please reject the proposed rezoning for 192nd Street, west of Park & Ride. The proposed R48 rezone would deplete the existing greenbelt of nearly all its wonderful green growth and rob our neighborhood of a much-needed sound and oxygen screen. The lot in question contains a steep grade. The current trees and natural growth prevent erosion. Allowing 90% hardscape under the R48 zoning would destroy much needed protection for the soil, and green space for the health and happiness of current and future neighbors.

As Shoreline continues to grow and develop, it's essential that city planners actively choose not to sacrifice the green spaces, old growth trees and character that sets our community apart. Maintaining and protecting our old growth trees and existing landscape at the proposed site along 192nd, just west of Park N Ride is especially essential in light of the large apartment complex currently under construction by Shea, directly south of Park N Ride.

Again, we ask that you reject the rezone request for 192nd St. west of the Park and Ride.

Sincerely,
Leigh and Jan Wenstad
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