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To: Shoreline City Council (council@shorelinewa.gov)

Members of the Shoreline City Council,

I am writing to express my concern with an interaction with a member of the Shoreline Planning Commission (SPC) in recent business regarding the rezoning of property near to 192nd and Aurora ([02-04-21 Meeting Minutes](#)).

Co-Chair Malek made an unsolicited bid on part of my property in 2014. Mr. Malek was acting as an agent on behalf of an existing property owner attempting to increase their property holding for redevelopment. I do not know if the current property owners asking for rezoning are the same parties that were behind the bid, but it is concerning that a member of the SPC had a prior commercial interest and business relationship with parcels under review by the SPC. Mr. Malek did publicly disclose a portion of his involvement as a broker in the acquisition, but not the details on the parties involved or any existing relationship with developers, nor future plans.

The Planning Commission was created under provisions in [SMC 2.20](#). This code specifically references [42.23 RCW](#) and [42.36 RCW](#) as ethics guidelines for the commission. A business interest in properties under review by the commission should be disclosed thoroughly in conjunction with these provisions.

I am concerned that the SPC is acting on behalf of developers and not objectively weighing the rights of existing property owners, many who have been long term members of this community.

I ask that the council investigate Mr. Malek's involvement with the development of this parcel to confirm there is no conflict of interest.

Thank you for your careful review of this situation.

Regards,
Ameer Dixit