

Dear Shoreline Council Members,

This letter is regarding the privately initiated proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone (Amendment and Rezone) at 1510 and 1517 NE 170th St, Shoreline, WA to permanently change these two residential (R8)-zoned parcels to community business (CB) to rectify ongoing City violations at these properties resulting from illegal business use by Irons Brothers Construction. The applicant, Irons Brothers Construction (Irons Brothers), has not discussed how their proposal meets the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Criteria, the Rezone Criteria, the relevancy or consistency to the Comprehensive Plan, or how their proposal is consistent with land use or general planning laws and principles. Instead, Irons Brothers has chosen to focus on character, brag about how much they think about themselves, how good they think they are for the community, and has resorted to targeted harassment, false complaints, intimidation, and coercion tactics against neighbors that publicly speak out against the Amendment and Rezone.

The latest is a letter sent to the City by Bruce Irons (dated April 12, 2019) which spews all kinds of lies and inaccuracies targeted directly at me and my family in an attempt at slandering and defamation of myself and my family for standing with our neighbors in opposing this rezone. We have never spoken with this person and this is just one more example of the lies and intimidation that Irons Brothers is targeting to those that publicly oppose their Amendment and Rezone. We had an amicable relationship with Irons Brothers until we disagreed with Irons Brothers wanting to take our property along our shared fence line, and especially, after we stood with our neighbors in publicly opposing this permanent Amendment and Rezone, which is when the targeted harassment, false complaints, intimidation, and coercion tactics – the true character of Irons Brothers, came out. Bruce Irons falsely attempts to make it look like we were in a feud with Irons Brothers before this situation, which is just simply not true. We have never attempted to have a business on our property or at 1517 and we are not going to respond one by one to all of the lies in Bruce Iron's letter.

The residents and neighborhoods are not the ones that are breaking the laws or the reason that Irons Brothers are in the position that they are in. Irons Brothers tries to blame the residents and neighborhoods for opposing the Amendment and Rezone and portrays themselves as the victim of this situation when in reality the residents and neighborhoods are the ones that have had to deal with the impacts of the illegal business use in the neighborhood, and if approved, are the ones that will have to live with the permanent impacts of the construction company and any, and all, future business uses that come after Irons Brothers.

Below is summary of the timeline of ongoing targeted harassment, false complaints, intimidation, and coercion tactics by Irons Brothers:

- Pre-April/May 2018 – No issues or complaints against us (lived there since April 2008)
- ~Aug.2017 to Dec.2017 – Had arrangements with previous owner to store 1 snowmobile and 1 ATV in the garage. During sale process made arrangements with Joeseph Irons (J.I.) to leave them in the garage until they wanted them moved and said I can remove them at any time. I removed the items from storage ~January 1 or 2, 2019 upon request from Irons Brothers and have written documentation to the effect. We were not at all upset to remove our property from that location.
- April/May 2018 – J.I. got mad at us for not wanting to lose a couple of feet of our property along our shared property line by allowing him to put a fence that far onto our property, instead of on his property. J.I. stated he'd spray roundup on our garden and that he'd hate to have his kids eat roundup vegetables/fruit. J.I. would not respect our decision for our property. We told J.I.

numerous times in 2018/2019 that he can put his fence anywhere he'd like on his side of the property line.

- Numerous building and car alarms going off occasionally throughout the years and all hours of the day at IBC.
- 2018/2019 – Over ten bright lights installed, unshielded, and trespassing light and glare off their property
- 2018/2019 – Numerous surveillance cameras (4-6) aimed at our home and backyard and recording and watching our children and us. J.I. stated yeah, I can see raccoons go over your fence.
- 11/2018 – Alarms going off at 3-4 am (they don't live there and take a while to respond)
- 12/11/18 – Lighting - Asked IBC to shield lights and turn one particular light off.
- 1/18/19 – Specific light was shut off as requested (other lights not dimmed, changed to motion, or shielded)
- 1/23/19 Neighborhood Meeting publicly commented w/ neighbors in opposition to rezone
- 1/28/19 – Received ongoing and numerous harassing text messages about how many trees am I going to remove and accusing me of getting the neighbors mad at IBC. Other neighbors also received text messages after the Neighborhood Meeting.
- 1/30/19 false and targeted harassment tied to our specific home was submitted to the City as an “anonymous” complaint – Resident removing over a dozen trees, they have rounds stacked up all over the property, see more trees removed every time they walk by, can they have a business sell wood from their property, etc. Even though we had one hazard tree removed as it fell down in a December wind storm.
- 2/7/19 Planning Commission Meeting publicly commented w/ neighbors in opposition to rezone
- 2/9/19 another completely false and targeted harassment tied to our specific home was submitted to the City as an “anonymous” complaint – Using a snowmobile and acting dangerously.
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- 2019 – Aggressively messaged people on the Save Shoreline Neighborhood Facebook page and got into it with residents online
- 2/25/19 - We made Council meeting opposing comments
- 3/18/19 - We made Council meeting opposing comments at the Council Rezone discussion
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- 3/31/19 – Irons Brothers removed my property line rope and no trespassing sign that we put up between two surveyed corner/pin locations. Irons Brothers also removed a fence post and material on our side of the survey pin (twice) and threw the material against shrubs we just planted (to block the view of the illegal construction yard for us and our neighbors).

- 3/31/19 – IBC put a manikin in their unoccupied second story apartment with a back light to intimidate and harass us by making it look like someone was staring into our home and bedrooms (and lack of privacy).
- 4/12/19 – Bruce Irons's letter to the City dated 4/12/19 with blatant lies and inaccuracies in an attempt to slander and discredit my family and the over 200 Shoreline residents opposing this rezone.

This proposal does not meet the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Criteria or the Rezone Criteria, is not in the general welfare of the community, and is likely illegal as a spot rezone under Washington State case law. Irons Brothers has chosen to attack neighbors that are educating and defending the neighborhood from rezoning residential lots to business lots to fix their illegal operations and violations instead of trying to provide rationale for why the Amendment and Rezone might be legitimate from their perspective.

Please do not allow this to continue. We urge you to not put this on the Docket and vote no on this Comprehensive Amendment and Rezone proposal.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank You,

Mark Rettmann