



Council Meeting 2/25/19 Public Comment

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Good evening,

I am glad to see that the city is trying to address homelessness proactively. It is very much a concern to me as well.

- My name is Mark Rettmann, and I am a Shoreline Resident.
- ~~Good evening Councilmembers, thank you for this opportunity to provide public comment.~~
- My wife and I hold advanced degrees in Environmental Science and have over 40 years of combined work experience in the environmental and planning fields.
- My comment is in regards to the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone at 1510 and 1517 NE 170th St in Shoreline, WA.
- ~~This rezone proposal will be brought to you for your decision at the March 18th Council Meeting.~~
- The Rezone would permanently change two Residential-zoned parcels to Community Business-zoned parcels.
- This Rezone would allow any Business to operate there in the future when the current business leaves.
- Unknowingly to the neighbors, the current business (Irons Brothers Construction) has been operating at one of the residential lots for some time. ~~Just because they have gotten away with operating there for a long time doesn't mean that they should continue to operate there and impact our neighborhood.~~
- This past year the business purchased the second residential property and have expanded their business operations onto that property as well.
- Being a construction company they should be well versed in Shoreline's municipal code, getting permits, and getting business licenses.
- Business licenses and codes are very clear about where businesses can operate.
- It is not fair to other business^{es} that operate according to the rules as it puts them at a competitive disadvantage for having to pay for business zoned property and pay business property taxes.
- I moved to Shoreline for a place to raise my family in a neighborhood and close to parks.

- I bought a home with a residential parcel buffering me from the business along 15th Ave. If this rezone is approved I will no longer have that buffer and will be at the whim of whatever type of business moves in next door to me.
 - Businesses (whether the current business or a future business) creates traffic, parking, and environmental impacts that are not compatible with a residential neighborhood.
 - If these properties are rezoned my property and my neighbors will be immediately impacted financially as well as our property values will decrease and there will be much less demand for a residential property next to a business properties (not to mention the environmental impacts already mentioned). If these two parcels are rezoned, then ^{Shoreline} you should
- Consider → rezone all of the residential lots in this area to Business so that our property values are not affected.
- ~~Rezoning to fix code violations is a bad precedent to set and is unfair to all of the other businesses.~~
 - Please enforce existing rules instead of changing them for a select few.
 - I want to raise my family in a neighborhood, not in a business zone.
 - There has been many comments from Shoreline citizens against this rezone proposal. Please consider the general welfare and preference of the community to keep our neighborhoods residential.
 - Thank you for your time.

"Of all the questions which can come before this nation, short of the actual preservation of its existence in a great war, there is none which compares in importance with the great central task of leaving this land even a better land for our descendants than it is for us." - Theodore Roosevelt