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From: Public Council Inbox
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2010 9:38 AM
To: 'Tony Halstead'
Subject: RE: comments on Shoreline Master Program

Thank you for writing to the Burien City Council. Your message will be included in the Correspondence for the Record for an upcoming Council meeting.

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City Manager's Office

From: Tony Halstead [mailto:tonyhalstead@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2010 5:01 PM
To: Public Council Inbox
Subject: comments on Shoreline Master Program

Dear City Council:

In Burien, most of the waterfront homes are several decades old; thus, over the next few decades houses would be torn down and rebuilt. However, under the SMP's current proposal, the normal course of upkeep and protecting property values will not happen because owners will not have an incentive to invest much into a flawed structure. This would result in our waterfront slowly becoming a shantytown whose residents would have little concern about that which we're trying to protect and be appealing for everyone's enjoyment. It would result in lowered property values and a shifting of property tax burden from waterfront owners to other Burien residents. So, who would benefit from this SMP proposal?

If the City proceeds with this extreme "down-zoning" would homeowners be compensated? The only fair option is to retain the allowance of existing homes to be rebuilt as long as it does not exceed their current footprint and height. We also urge Burien City Council to actively involve Burien Marine Homeowners Association to help ensure that all aspects of this problem are considered in order to optimize the long-term future of our waterfront.

Sincerely,

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