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Sorry I cannot be there in person. My comments are attached.

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## **Comments to RCM 06/11/24**

### **Dear Seatac City Council (33<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Delegation, et,al)**

Our legislative delegation has failed us by supporting and implementing policies/laws that are detrimental to the City of SeaTac (and others). Affordable housing issues have been around since the 1960's as well as illegal drug use, and crime. By their policies, they have turned manageable and inevitable problems into crises by lack of foresight, incompetence, and a failure to learn from history.

#### **Housing**

To start, HB 1110 effectively eliminates single family zoning in our and other cities. The quality of life suffers when the density increases, access to home ownership is compromised, and the desire to make all of SeaTac's diverse residents renters forever. This will be the long term result of this law.

HB 1110 is an un-funded and/or underfunded mandate and places the burden of implementing this massive change on our City's staff, planners, and budget. The "savings" of course will be passed on to the few remaining homeowners left after this law is fully implemented. Welcome corporate landlords.

New renter protections implemented locally and statewide will reduce the availability of the most desirable rental properties and reduce the rental property inventory. Increased costs to evict the most troublesome and deserving tenants will deter persons from renting their properties and/or create an underground market where the most desirable properties will not be publicly advertised or available to those who need/deserve them. The result will be even more discrimination, racial bias, or whatever you want to call it.

#### **Policing**

Thank goodness the non-pursuit laws were effectively repealed. After the rash of smash and grabs we finally figure out the thieves and criminals will not just surrender after yelling at them and waving. Who would have thought?

De-funding attempts and lack of political support of law enforcement personnel have created the recruitment "crisis" across the state. Can't wait for the social worker to show up (or not) when someone has a gun pointed to my head. Pretty much on my own thanks to our politicians. Hopefully I can talk them down. :-)

Property crime is a joke. Agenda driven stats say its going down. No accounting for people not bothering to report them anymore. Nobody cares and the "deserving" thieves have a drug habit and a dog to support. Easier than a yard sale I guess.

#### **Drugs**

Speaking of drugs, how many are you on right now? Just kidding? We legalized marijuana yet we made it a cash business. What did you think was going to happen? Remember when liquor stores were a cash business? Same thing. Smash and grabs no surprise to me.

Lets talk about fentanyl and meth. These drugs can cause permanent brain damage with very little use not to mention death (“side effect” for lots of prescription drugs too). Involuntary commitment may be the only solution because of the extreme addictive nature of these drugs.

## **Homelessness**

Homelessness is another one of those one size fits none terms. We have drug addicts, mentally ill, poor people, unemployed people and the list just goes on for those living on the streets and in tents. To put them all in the same basket and treat them the same has been ineffective. Those who refuse shelter, assistance, and INSIST on continuing the vagrant lifestyle do not deserve our compassion/empathy (see involuntary commitment above).

The “homeless” are a very small percentage of the population as a whole. Somewhere around .05 percent of the total population (or less), yet we seem to have no clue how this relatively small group cause so much heartache and problems. It has become politicized and profitable for non-profits so no viable long term solution/prevention is being sought or proposed. Sharon Lee/LIHI and the rest of the Homeless Industrial Complex are getting rich off the homeless issue pushing overpriced tool sheds, pallet homes, and formerly non-profitable hotel/motels. Just great. Cook the books if you like, you are not fooling anyone.

## **In Summary**

The one size fits none policies and laws imposed and voted for by our legislative delegation have been mostly shortsighted, detrimental, and ineffective to any sane problem solving for local jurisdictions. Meddling in local zoning laws, ADU regulation, policing, and even food selections is way overreaching for people that are not as smart as they think they are. See the Dunning–Kruger effect.

Personally I think these detrimental policies are with the absolute intent of the bad results and continued inaction/ineffectiveness I have noted. You simply can’t be that stupid, can you?

Sorry I do not have more time to express my disappointment.

Sincerely,

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