

July 15, 2017

City of Longview
Steve Langdon, Planning Manager
1525 Broadway
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It has come to our attention that the Planning Commission is preparing a draft proposal recommending the rezoning of several vacant properties located directly off Ocean Beach Highway. Those properties are on 38th, 40th and 42nd Avenues.

The rezoning would allow “low-barrier” housing on these parcels. Low-barrier meaning a tolerance of drug and alcohol use.

We must adamantly object to this proposal. These properties are located adjacent to residential neighborhoods, a daycare, a liquor store, school bus stops and a church.

We realize the enormity and complexity of providing housing for active drug and alcohol abusers. However, this rezoning would create a myriad of serious problems.

We respectfully request the Planning Commission reconsider any decision that includes this recommendation.

Signed by the residents of Jathom Lane (attached)

cc: Longview City Manager

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July 17, 2017

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Dear Mr. Langdon:

We are writing as a group of concerned citizens in reference to a meeting that was held on June 14, 2017, in which a motion was passed unanimously by the Ad Hoc Planning Commission to draft zoning code amendments regarding emergency homeless shelters. It is our understanding that this amendment would make available several locations in West Longview along Ocean Beach at 38th, 40th and near 42nd.

We are unable to realize one positive benefit to the residents in these and adjoining neighborhoods if this change would be approved and this type of facility would be built.

Our concerns are many, but simply stated; this is mainly a residential area, with a few commercial structures. Along those lines, there are many objections for allowing this type of facility into our environment with unknown but documented risks. The safety for our families and property is the number one concern. On 38th for example, there is a church with day care and Mint Valley School where children walk to and from school. Also, the loitering problem, area cleanliness, and of course the property values being affected by such a decision.

We would encourage you to reconsider the zoning change, and choose another location, not residential, to accommodate the homeless, which we certainly hold no ill will towards.

Our Community House has done a remarkable job for years and is a good example of a proven track record and is an asset to this community.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Residents at Champ Place, Longview, WA

cc: Don Jensen, Mayor