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**Public Comment**

As a young citizen of Sammamish and of this planet, two of the most important issues to me are protecting the environment and equity. Too often I feel policymakers make shortsighted decisions that ignore the upcoming, deadly impacts of climate change and benefit a handful of people while disregarding the needs and values of others. I hope to see the voices and values of young people heard more, as we are the future who will deal with the consequences of today's policy.

As the city with the highest median income in the country, I feel it is the responsibility of people in our position to do as much as we can to solve global issues. I hope to see Sammamish set an example for how communities like ours can do their part for the environment. I also hope to see more people given the opportunity to enjoy the beauty that I have loved growing up in Sammamish. Things such as multi-family buildings have much lower footprints than single-family homes and will allow more people from other financial situations to live here. More transit options will reduce the number of cars on the road and therefore reduce emissions while making it easier for people to travel on and off the plateau to work. Preserving and adding park spaces and trees is important as well for preserving the environment and the beauty that comes with it. These are just a few things I feel must always be considered.

I hope to see Sammamish join the cause that other cities and organizations have taken up to provide more opportunities to all people and to eventually become carbon neutral or negative. I offer my voice today as a young and concerned voting constituent wanting to see a sustainable future that is accommodating for all.