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Public Comment

Amending the City's Comprehensive Plan must not derail conservation and sustainability goals established in the existing Comprehensive Plan (2015). I am deeply concerned and frustrated that this EIS non-project will have the unintended consequence of unrecoverable environmental damage to the Sammamish Plateau.

1) The City must set more aggressive targets to fund parks and open space. Land acquisition for public use should be prioritized for parks, greenspace, multimodal transportation over roads designed for single occupancy vehicles. Add \$2M to the parks land acquisition budget with an expiration date of 12/2021.

The fact that our current City Council members are more focused on making our community a place where only those affluent can afford to live here is disturbing and does NOT represent the majority of our residents.

2) Any new concurrency calculations (V/C) must include transit and rideshare service vehicles. Add a Transportation Master Plan to the SOW. Additionally, Sammamish concurrency calculations and service levels must include regional statistics and projected levels of service.

This is absolutely necessary to make our environmental impact reduced and improve the traffic issues our rapidly growing town is experiencing.

3) Enforce LEED-Silver-certified or above development in Town Center and all new public use buildings.

This should be a given, not an exception. It is the ONLY direction our Town Center and public use building should be going.

4) A core component of conserving our environment is to strategically place residential density into the proposed Town Center. Conduct a geological survey and determine impact on wetlands by single-family home developments and McMansions vs. multifamily.

I am disheartened by what our city government continues to do, that they ignore the environmental impact single family residential construction is doing, especially given that all new construction seems to only be focused on expensive homes, virtually eliminating any chance for low and mid-income families to purchase homes here.

5) View the Statement of Work through an equity lens. Equity is fundamental to the community we want to build and leads to a more dynamic and resilient community. A key driver of equity is the creation of more affordable housing options that become available through concentrating and planning growth. After all, Sammamish is built on stolen Indigenous land. As people who have benefited from privilege, we have the responsibility to design new systems that are equitable and inclusive.

This cannot be stressed enough. It is time to face the facts that our culture is changing and that to improve our community, we must be inclusive of ALL, not just the affluent people who can afford to be here. Sammamish should not be a bubble, it should represent what our global community has become.

I moved my family here in 2015 because of the neighborhoods and schools, and people. But in the last five years, I have felt anger, frustration, sadness, and disappointment in how the City Council members have disregarded the

subjects of health and social services for its residents. They have been wearing blinders to what their inaction is doing to other people. The majority of city council members do not have my respect in regards to how they allocate funds and behave.

I truly hope that by following the suggested guideline above, we can improve our city by making forward thinking decisions and allowing a more environmentally friendly and equitable city.