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Hello!

My name is Jeremy Horn and I am a business owner as well as resident here in Sammamish.

I would like to state on record that I support the "Petition for Actions" plan that has been outlined by ENRICH & SUSTAIN.

It has been readily evident that some critical pieces of information are being omitted by the city's current "growth" plan, specifically regarding the proposed 'Sammamish Town Center'. It is my hope that this information & narrative has been made absent due to oversight rather than wilfully withheld from the public by the Sammamish City Council and Leadership. Either way, I find it to be a significant cause for alarm and concern moving forward.

Once again, as a resident and business owner in Sammamish I am truly shocked at the lack of information provided to the public as it pertains to the prospective 'Sammamish Town Center' and intend to take every opportunity to alert my neighbors and fellow residents to some rather insidious elements at play in the current city planning that may not be apparent on the surface.

1) It is pretty shameful that Sammamish is routinely voted as one of the best places to live in America, yet it has no 'downtown'. Even the smallest, struggling towns in the country have a 'downtown' where people can congregate. As a result, many events and group gatherings get scheduled in Issaquah. This not only completely undercuts business owners in Sammamish but it siphons an alarming amount of sales to Issaquah businesses as well as the city of Issaquah itself in tax revenue. Why is the city council so enthusiastic and willing to deliver hundreds of thousands of dollars directly to Issaquah while hemorrhaging it from Sammamish?

2) Businesses are being bullied out of town yearly due to out of state ownership groups dominating the commercial market. Look at the Pine Lake QFC, with 4 completely vacant spaces in the complex. It looks like a dump. A sad little stripmall in a deteriorating town. That is the image we are pushing out. And I know for a fact a few businesses that have been in Sammamish for 20 years are looking to leave. Which will only lead to more confusion and embarrassment. If it wasn't for the Met Market complex EVERY SINGLE business development in Sammamish (and a lot of Issaquah for that matter) will be owned by OUT OF STATE interests who have absolutely zero interest in the community and contribute NOTHING to it. And it is important to note that all of this occurred PRE Covid-19. It is only going to get more difficult as time progresses.

It is my understanding that the Council is looking at changes to the Comprehensive Plan. I hope and trust that these 'changes' are sincere and in the interest of making the Town Center a source of pride, community connection and financial gain. Stalling this project any further undermines the future of this area and makes glaringly apparent the steps being made to do so by people in power.

I was recently given a proposal called Enrich & Sustain. I believe it is essential that the data available in the Enrich & Sustain plan be carefully evaluated, shared with the public, and absorbed into the current Comp Plan.

I want what is best for the community and I know you do too. Right now what is being presented and shared with the public is not what is best for the community.

Thank you for your time,

Jeremy Horn
Good Health Nutrition

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Enrich & Sustain – Petition for Actions

To the Sammamish City Council,

I support the [Enrich & Sustain](#) growth platform substantially as presented. I have read the “Alpha Version” as well as supplementary documents presented to the City from March – July 2020, that have been posted as written public comments, by meeting date, on the Sammamish Civic Web.

Specifically, I agree and support:

- A. Now is the time for Sammamish to optimally alleviate these imbalances within our City:
 - ✓ Housing Supplies
 - ✓ Economic Amenities
 - ✓ Transportation Systems
- B. To modestly optimize these three imbalances, these temporal perspectives must be evaluated:
 - Prior to Incorporation (About 1960-1999)
 - After incorporation. (From 1999 to 2019)
 - Present day
 - The future – from the “7-generation” approach.
- C. Obtain the “missing” information* as described in “The Chew” and “Single-Family Buildout”.
(*See article 2 of alpha version [Enrich & Sustain](#) and civic web written public comments by Paul Stickney on 5.19.20)
- D. There are seven fundamental parts to optimize called for by [Enrich & Sustain](#), summarized here:
 - 1) Lessen the amount of additional large single-family homes allowed in Sammamish.
 - 2) Quickly increase the amount of different, diverse and smaller housing supplies in our City.
 - 3) Plan to sustainably meet cycle-of-life housing demands for those living and/or working here.
 - 4) Suitably size desirable and convenient economic amenities, based on parts 1, 2 and 3.
 - 5) Determine city-wide transportation and transit systems, based on parts 1, 2, 3 and 4.
 - 6) Effectively manage and leverage the wealth and benefits enabled by parts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
 - 7) Do major lane capacity road widening projects in the future – only if they are needed.
- E. All seven city council members should wholeheartedly support the specifics above. There may be differences of opinion, that will need collaboration and compromise, with the points below.
- F. > With the sufficient “missing” information* in hand – as a community we need to determine specific policy and numeric changes for each of the seven fundamental parts of [Enrich & Sustain](#). This will include optimally altering all the elements in our Comprehensive Plan, Sub-Area Plans, Zoning, Programs, Plans and Development Regulations. (*“The Chew” and S-F Buildout”)
- G. > *(Rephrased, the specifics to optimize the seven fundamental parts of [Enrich & Sustain](#) need to be discussed by our community first, then have our elected City Council make legislative decisions.)*

My Ask: Make [Enrich & Sustain](#) one of the alternative solutions the City seriously considers to balance, remedy and alleviate past, present and future growth issues within Sammamish.

Enrich & Sustain for Sammamish

Community ♦ Neighborhoods ♦ Lifestyles

Seven Generations ♦ Diverse Cultures ♦ Six-Sectors*

*The Environment – Transportation – People – Money – The Region – Community Character